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Did you ever watch a new-born colt try to get on its feet, first to his knees, then trembling straddle-legged, then the first step, then nourishment from a proud mother?

Well, that is an example in nature of the efforts of your officers and directors in getting our new association on the road since its formal establishment on April 27th. Meetings have been held, committees appointed and working, plans made, and programs built, but real progress hindered by our repeated disappointments in obtaining a permanent secretary.

Now we have good news: Floyd E. Carlson, of the College of Forestry, has consented to take over the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer. This is a most excellent choice, and a definite break-through in the further execution of our plans and program. With a secretary and an official office address, we can now proceed with formal incorporation (the papers are ready), printing of stationery and publicity material, etc.

Right here and now, let us give all the credit at our command to our Secretary pro tem, Mrs. Barbara Pittenger, whose labors have been long, arduous, competent and dedicated. We thank her, and her family, for her tremendous help.

For those of you who were not present at the annual meeting, a brief review: -after a welcome by Dean Harvey T. Shirley-

1. The President, pro tem, gave a report of activities to date and introduced Harold J. Evans for the purpose of presenting a report of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.
2. The report was adopted with some minor changes in the By-Laws which the new Board of Directors was empowered to make.
3. A chairman of the meeting was duly selected in the person of Assemblyman Harold Peet. Under his parliamentary guidance, Mr. Augustus Miller, of Utica, presented a report of the nominating committee and a 15 member Board of Directors was nominated and elected. (This Board met later and chose T. T. Buckley as President; Harold J. Evans as First Vice-President; Harvey Smith as Second Vice-President; and now Floyd E. Carlson as Secretary-Treasurer.)
4. Mrs. Barbara Pittenger, Secretary pro tem, reported that she had \$589.73 on hand with about \$175.00 accounts payable and 212 members with 47 counties represented.
5. Floyd Carlson, Chairman of the Program Committee, presented the plans for the "get-acquainted" box luncheon following the business meeting. This turned out to be a very pleasant affair and many excellent ideas were presented for expansion of our plans and membership.
6. A "getting-to-know-you" questionnaire was filled out by a big majority of those attending. Here are a few facts that came to light:
  - 65% desire an early fall family field trip and meeting.
  - 54% desire annual meeting in April.
  - 66% read "The Conservationist".
  - 28% read the "American Forests".
  - 20% read the "Christmas Tree Journals".

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Topics most desired for discussion in future meetings include:

- Forest Insurance
- Forest Taxation
- Landowner-Sportsman Relationship
- How to take advantage of available public services
- Pending legislation
- Marketing

7. A tour of the College under the guidance of students and faculty was followed by a movie, which completed the program.

The Directors have met twice for all-day sessions in Syracuse. Membership, program, planning and finance committees have been appointed, and most of them have had meetings of their own. You will hear more from them later. The big news right now is that the program committee had a meeting at Park Forest, Warrensburg, N.Y., and have definitely arranged for our Fall Meeting to be there September 27, 1:00 P.M. to September 28, 2:15 P.M. If you want to learn some Forestry first hand, if you want to see the fall colors, if you want to have some fun -- save that date!

A word to the wise: "More likely, however, is a two-thirds increase (in forest products demand) between now and 1980, and a tripling between now and the century's close." See page 253 of "Resources in America's Future" by Landsburg, Fischman and Fisher, The Johns Hopkins Press. There are only 37 years between now and the "century's close", and that is not long in the life of a forest.

Remember that even in the space age, nature is still man's greatest resource.

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