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FALL MEETING AT PACK FOREST, September 27 & 28. That is the big news this month. Palmer's committee has done an outstanding job of making arrangements. The program is just great and conducted by the best in the business, such as Heiberg, Winch, Farnsworth, Potter and Kline. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 2:30 P.M. on the 27th, but the Directors will meet at 9:00 A.M. Details and reservations are on

separate sheets - read them and reserve early.

OUR NEW MEMBERSHIP PAMPHLETS are off the press. At our last Directors meeting it was suggested that if each one of us could bring in at least one new member, we could double our membership quickly. The material will be released as soon as our incorporation proceedings are completed.

NEW YORK STATE FOREST LAND USE CONFERENCE. You have all been invited to this conference on September 6th at the Ten Eyck Hotel in Albany. The Board of Directors has requested your President to make a statement there outlining our NEW VIEW of the NEW CONSERVATION in considering "the growing role of forest lands of New York State in serving the economic, social and spiritual needs of our citizens". Our Planning Committee, headed by "Red" Evans, is meeting to consider the important points we would like to present there.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS met in Syracuse, August 3, for an all-day session. Floyd Carlson was formally elected Secretary and Mrs. Barbara Pittenger, Treasurer. So we have a staff of three now to tackle the ever-increasing work load. The Program Committee reported their plans for the Fall meeting, which were approved. Yours truly was requested to continue the job of editor of "Forest Owner" until we get better acquainted with our members. Secretary Carlson was asked to propose a schedule of Board meetings for a year so that all of our busy Directors can plan their calendars more effectively. Many ideas are in the "works" but they take time to develop.

Your President has been attending other meetings. One was a Joint Conference of the executive committees of the Forest Practice Board, Fish-Wildlife Management Board and Soil Conservation Service at Warrensburg, N.Y. (We were disappointed to find that the imposing new regional headquarters of the Conservation Department was constructed entirely of West Coast lumber, aluminum, glass and plastics.) The meeting marked an important beginning of a new spirit of cooperation between these agencies toward our common goal.

The next event was a two day trip to New Jersey where we met with the N. J. Forestry Department. We observed the "Forest Agent" procedure now practiced there, whereby the State Forester, the timber owner, the logger and the "timber agent" cooperate in the marking, selling and cutting of timber in order to get good Forest Management to the advantage of all concerned. Comments will appear later when agreed on by the Special Committee of the New York Forest Practice Board which consisted of Robert Ford, chairman; Assemblyman Harold Peets, Mike Demaree, Ed Huber and self.

KNOW YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS. We are asking each Board Member to say a little about himself for the benefit of our members. Right now meet EMIEL D. PALMER, chairman of the program committee who says he is a "chemist and electronics technician, owns 150 acres in S.E. corner of Onondaga County, where he has lived for the past 16 years. This includes a 40 acre woodlot and a planting of over 100,000 trees in a combination reforestation and Christmas tree project. His interest in forests began with interest in youth organizations, progressing through Boy Scouting-Camping - Girl Scout Camps - culminating in his chairmanship of the camping committee of the G.S. Board of Directors.

One of the Conservation affairs that we could not attend this spring was Cornell's Agricultural Leaders Forum which discussed Rural Resources Development in New York State. Cornell has published a bulletin which re-prints the speeches and proceedings which are of great interest to rural land holders. Write to N.Y.S. College of Agriculture, Ithaca, N.Y., if you wish a copy.

MARKETING BULLETIN. Supplement #1 was issued by the Wood Utilization Service of the College of Forestry, which gives the current stumpage prices on cordwood and sawlogs in the various districts of the state. If you wish a copy, write to Professor Russell C. Deckert at the College of Forestry in Syracuse.

"New York forest land is increasing - New York forest industries are decreasing", so says Dr. Hardy Shirley, Dean of the College of Forestry at Syracuse, in calling attention to the coming Land Use Conference in Albany. "Improved plant technology and encouragement of forest users in improving their woodlands can help the situation."

A good market for timber is dependent upon prosperous forest industries, but forest industries cannot remain prosperous without a good market for their finished products. We personally suggest that our state and local governments lead the way by supporting New York State forest industries with their purchases of construction materials and furniture. (This copy of "Forest Owner" is being written on a wood desk made in Herkimer, N.Y., which is admired by all who see it.)

Let's "practice what we preach", FIRE INSURANCE FOR PLANTATIONS. Of course you should plan for fire protection. In case of fire do you have equipment and tools of your own - do you know the local fire warden's number - local fire department? Now - would you be interested in forest fire insurance? At present the Midland Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Juneau, Wisconsin, is thinking about asking the New York State Insurance Department for permission to establish rates for New York. Write direct to them for information.

"How much more delightful to the mind is the task of improving the earth than all the vain-glory which can be acquired from ravaging it."George Washington.