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YOUR PRESIDENT REPORTS

EIGHT-TO-THE-INCH. So said Dr. Heiberg while describing desirable growth characteristics of white pine; eight annual rings to the inch seems to be the optimum growth in order to maintain or improve the quality. This is no doubt accomplished by careful planning, and the persistent application of silvicultural skills and elbow grease.

What is the optimum growth rate of our Association?

January is the traditional inventory month, so let us take stock and consider for a minute where we stand. Since our membership is now in the neighborhood of 350, in the past 15 months we have therefore grown at the rate of about 24 per month. There is no question that our membership is of very high quality since we are joined with many of the great names in conservation. It is our opinion however that, if we follow Dr. Heiberg's technology, we are a little on the "dense" side and need more quantity if we want to develop a "more-workable" and effective organization.

Your Board of Directors has entertained the reasonable hope that we would have at least 500 by the time of our next annual meeting in April. We may have to do a little "trimming" and open up a few "old log roads" to accomplish this. Will you help?

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MET JANUARY 11th. Many interesting subjects came up. Emiel Palmer of the Program Committee made a report and we give you fair warning - you have another great day coming up at our Annual Meeting for Syracuse, April 25th.

The Planning Committee gave us the "needle" again by giving us another list of activities for the future.

Director Harvey Smith brought in the names and the cash from 16 new members. His approach: "Take my word for it that this is a good organization or I'll take ten minutes and tell you about it." But, of course, he was excusably all steamed up over his part of obtaining a sugar beet allotment and a sugar refinery in Cayuga County.

In case you have mislaid your list, the following are members of your Board of Directors whom you elected April 27th, 1963:

Elected for one year:

- Mr. Asa B. Cheney, Bemus Point
- Mr. J. Lewis DuMond, Cobleskill
- Mr. Harold J. Evans, Georgetown
- Dr. A. B. Hatch, Petersboro
- Mr. Alfred Najer, Chestertown

Elected for two years:

- Mr. Earl Austin, Bath
- Dr. Eugene Klochkoff, New York City
- Dr. C. R. Leahy, Whitney Point
- Mr. Augustus Miller, Utica
- Mr. Emiel D. Palmer, Syracuse

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Elected for three years:

Mr. T. T. Buckley, Cambridge
Prof. Floyd E. Carlson, Syracuse
Mr. S. W. Hamilton, Saratoga Springs
Mr. Harvey H. Smith, Auburn
Mrs. Dorothy Wertheimer, Syracuse

Although we are concerned about new members, we would also like to remind our present members that our fiscal year ends March 31st. Will you save us a lot of trouble and postage expense by sending in your \$3.00 dues anytime now? Thank you.

BUILDING YOUR FOREST LIBRARY? The 1963 year book of the U.S. Department of Agriculture entitled "A Place to Live" is very much worth-while. Write to your Congressman for it.

DIRECTOR Harold J. Evans (our vice-president) spoke on "Forest Land Use and Districts in New York" at the N.Y. Soil Conservation District Association meeting at Rochester on December 6th.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED - Your Secretary is pleased to report that all members of the program committee recommended to the Board of Directors for appointment for this significant service have accepted. Members of the program committee are: Svend Heiberg, Emiel Palmer, William Rutherford, Lloyd Strombeck, Dorothy Wertheimer and Fred Winch, Jr. It is a strong and experienced committee and bodes well for another outstanding annual meeting in April at the College of Forestry. Members of the program committee will elect their own chairman and secretary at a meeting expected to be held early in January 1964.

DEAN SHIRLEY ON WGY JANUARY 6 AT 12:30 PM (DIAL 810) - Your Secretary interviewed Dean Shirley on the subject "What's Ahead for Forestry in 1964". Those of you who may have happened to tune in about 12:30 on Monday January 6 were interested to learn of Dean Shirley's appraisal of the forestry situation and the topics of special interest at the Federal, State and college level. You also heard an enthusiastic comment regarding the New York Forest Owners Association.

RING-NECKED PHEASANT BOOKLET - The latest of the annual game booklets prepared by the by the Olin-Mathieson Chemical Corp. is called "The Ring-Necked Pheasant". It is informative, well illustrated and in the 104 pages gives an accurate discussion of pheasant life. Single copies are free as long as the supply lasts. Write Conservation Dept., Olin, East Alton, Illinois.

WOODS ECONOMY - Proof of the Economy of Pressure Treated Fence Posts comes from the Lake States Forest Experiment Station in St. Paul. In technical note 341 published by L.S.F. E.S. 1950 it was pointed out that preservatively treated wood fence posts "are the most economical obtainable". Their annual in-place cost, the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Research Unit stated "ranges between 3 and 4¢ compared with 5¢ for steel posts. From Wood Preserving News Nov. 1963.

MARKETING BULLETINS: YOURS FOR THE ASKING - We asked Russell C. Deckert, Associate Professor of Wood Products Engineering, who is the editor and author of "Wood Shavings" section of the Marketing Bulletin to describe what the Marketing Bulletin is. Here is his reply:

The Marketing Bulletin published by the College of Forestry is mailed to over 1600 persons associated with the wood industries and suppliers to the industry. It is also received by forest landowners, professional personnel, and other interested parties. The Bulletin is published every six weeks, and contains wanted and for sale items of land, timber, equipment, and possible job opportunities. Also included in the Bulletin are various items of information, and notes of interest to industry and the landowner. The

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Bulletin is mailed free, and all items inserted in the Bulletin are free of charge.

Editor's note: For NYFOA members who wish to receive the Marketing Bulletin, write Prof. Russell C. Deckert, College of Forestry, Syracuse, N.Y. 13210.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS - ROBERT CANTWELL, Senior Editor, Sports Illustrated, Time & Life Bldg., Rockefeller Center, New York 20, N.Y., on inquiry informed your secretary that he anticipates an article of his on New York forests will appear in the April issue of Sports Illustrated. His intriguing title is "The Wilderness Beyond the Suburbs". Much to his pleasure Floyd Carlson at the Albany New York Forest Land Use Conference Sept. 6, 1963, discovered that Robert Cantwell was also a native of the State of Washington. Bob was raised in the Grays Harbor Country of Western Washington, Floyd in San Juan Islands and Skagit Counties, both in Western Washington.

In Delaware County a most interesting conservation movement is underway under the leadership of MAURICE G. POSTLEY, RD #1, Franklin, N.Y., a member of our Association. Maurice is President of the new Delaware County Conservation Association organized Oct. 5, 1963.

Mr. & Mrs. Postley have residence at Hicksville, LI, but plan to retire to live in Franklin, Delaware County on a 154 acre farm acquired in 1956 where he has planted 40,000 trees, built and stocked a 7/10 acre pond with brook trout. For 17 years Maurice was a newspaper reporter in New York, then served in the LaGuardia administration where he was secretary of the Board of Health 1935-1938, secretary, Board of Education 1938-43, Supt. of School Supplies 1943-45 and President of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (1945) and guest lecturer on public purchasing practice at Maxwell Graduate School, Syracuse University 1947-1957. He has served various clients as public relations counselor since 1946, including the Citizens Budget Commission of New York for the past 12 years.

ARTHUR E RASMUSSEN of the NYFOA is also a member of DCCA. We learned through Maurice Postley that Mr. Rasmussen holds 4,700 acres, mostly timber, in the Walton Mountain area and has leased some of the property to hunting and fishing clubs.

Currently the Delaware County Conservation Association has 25 members, but with initial enthusiastic leadership and backing will undoubtedly become a major factor in conservation development programs in Delaware County.

The New York Forest Owners Association wishes the DCCA the best of success and looks forward to continued cooperation with this new Association in Delaware County where there is presently a half million acres of forest land, and more to follow.

AMONG OUR DIRECTORS:

Earl H. Austin - Bath, New York

Born at Avoca, New York, September 9, 1903.

Educated at Haverling High School, Bath, New York. Took a Special Course from Cornell University in Bee-Keeping.

Entered Commercial Bee-Keeping at the age of 21, and has continued in that occupation to the present time. Also, operated a Nursery and Landscape business until the beginning of World War II, then concentrated on the management of about 900 colonies of bees during that period.

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Since 1935 has been an active Cooperator in Soil Conservation Service. When the Forest Practice Board was organized was named Local Representative from Steuben County. At present is a member of the State Board. Has been interested in all phases of Conservation since school days, and particularly in the planting of trees for future forests and soil conservation. Was one of the first in New York State to perfect a tree planting machine and has personally planted about 2-1/2 million trees, up to this time with this machine. Has been certified as a member of the American Tree Farm System for several years and has the largest number of acres certified in District #4.

Member of: American Forestry Association; National Rifle Association; National Wild Life Federation; Steuben County Extension Service; Empire State Honey Producers Association; Rural Area Development Committee of Steuben County; Bath Rod and Gun Club; Delegate to Steuben County Federation of Game Clubs; Bath Grange; National Campers Association, also affiliated with Avoca Masons and Avoca-Wallace Lions Club.

Hobbies: Wood-Working; Wild Life and Land Conservation; Hunting; Fishing; Boating and Travel.

Married October 8, 1937 to Ruth Harrison, Hammondsport, New York.

Two children: Marjory Austin Conrad, Housewife

Shirley J. Austin, R.B.I. Graduate, Accountant at Eastman Kodak Company.

Two grandchildren: Sandra Conrad, Age 5

Christopher Conrad, Age 1