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## Your President Reports:

It is my sad duty to report the passing of our First Vice-President, Harold (Red) J. Evans. Of course our first thoughts go to his family. But what a loss to all. English words do not come fluently enough to describe this friendly, intelligent, energetic, characterful gentleman who will be missed by all who knew him.

With a most respectful thought of gratitude for having known this wonderful man, let "Red" speak for his modest self as follows (with an editorial note from Secretary Carlson):

AMONG OUR DIRECTORS - Harold J. Evans 1893-1964 (Editor's note: The Forest Owner has carried biographies of Directors Austin, Buckley, Carlson and Palmer. Although it was not his turn but would be soon, I reminded "Red" that we would be wanting his biodata soon. On May 20 he wrote me as follows on Empire State Potato Club stationary of which he was the Executive Secretary. No changes have been made in the letter. F.F.C.)

"Dear Floyd:

Here is data for my write-up if it must be written. Somehow it seems like it was unnecessary. There are much more important biographies than mine that should come first. Born 1893 Fulton Co. N.Y. - Farm reared. Problem child but made it thru High School. - Graduated Cornell 1917 B.S. - County Agr. Agent 1917 to 23 - Horticulturist Niagra Sprayer Co. 1923 to 1930 - Manager N.Y. Coop. Seed Potato Assn 1930 to 1956 - In meantime bought a farm in 1927 and farmed it until 1952 when I sold it to my son Norman. (Who is a Tree Farmer) - Also in meantime bought other land, mostly wooded and practiced timber stand improvement, tree setting etc. - Over the years have served as Pres. of Empire State Potato Club; served 12 years as North East member National Potato Advisory Committee to the R.M.A. USDA; N.Y. Rep. on National Potato O.P.A. Com.; N.Y. Rep. on National Seed Potato O.P.A. Com.; Various World War II committees; Pres. local Voluntary Firemen; Pres. Madison Co. Firemens Assn.; Various offices in church, lodge and community; presently Executive Secretary of the Empire State Potato Club; Chairman of the N.Y. Soil Conservation Committee; Director of the N.Y.F.O.A.; Supt. Horticultural Building, State Exposition; Sec.-Treas. Central N.Y. Potato and Vegetable Council.

Hastily,  
Red

## WHAT'S BEEN ACCOMPLISHED

Report by Floyd E. Carlson, Secretary New York Forest Owners Association, Inc., at Second Annual Meeting April 25, 1964, at State University College of Forestry, Syracuse, N.Y.

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## WHAT'S BEEN ACCOMPLISHED (continued from page 1)

To get a starting point from which to measure accomplishments of this past official year of the New York Forest Owners Association it is necessary to go back to October 8, 1962, here at the College of Forestry when Assemblyman Harold Peet, Chairman of the Second Forest Land Owners Forum called upon Dean Hardy L. Shirley to outline services and objectives of a proposed forest owners association. With these proposals before them the more than 100 forest land owners and others, voted overwhelmingly to establish an association. Theodore T. Buckley of Cambridge, Washington County, was elected President Pro Tem and Mrs. Barbara S. Pittenger, Marcellus, Secretary-Treasurer Pro Tem.

Under the able leadership of Ted Buckley, Mrs. Pittenger served as Secretary-Treasurer until May 11, 1963, when she asked to be relieved of this rapidly growing responsibility. On August 3, 1963, the Board of Directors acceded to her wishes but asked Mrs. Pittenger to continue to serve as Treasurer, and appointed Floyd E. Carlson as Secretary.

In her ten months as Secretary-Treasurer and nine months as Treasurer Mrs. Pittenger has devoted an immense amount of time providing service to members, recording minutes of meetings and maintaining a careful accounting of the Association's finances. At this time I would like to ask Mrs. Pittenger who today retires as our Treasurer, to stand and receive our enthusiastic endorsement of her splendid service to our Association.

For the benefit of many of you who have just joined our Association you will be interested to know that our Association grew out of two Forest Land Owners Forums, one held November 9, 1961, and the other October 9, 1962, both at the New York State University College of Forestry. These meetings were sponsored by the New York State Forest Practice Board, with backing by the Conservation Department, the College of Agriculture, the College of Forestry and some 200 forest land owners. Out of these two meetings came the Association's formal organization a year ago on April 27, 1963. At this First Annual Meeting of the Association at the College of Forestry your first official Board of 15 Directors was elected, who in turn elected Theodore T. Buckley as President; Harold J. Evans, Jr., of Georgetown as First Vice-President; Harvey H. Smith of Auburn, Second Vice-President and Mrs. Barbara S. Pittenger, Secretary-Treasurer. Later on another important step was taken when our Association became incorporated on August 12, 1963. However, it is from our First Annual Meeting on April 27, 1963, that we have a base line from which to measure our progress.

How do you measure progress of an association? By increase in membership? If so, we have doubled our membership within a year as the report of our Membership Chairman, Gus Miller, will show. Do you measure progress by attendance of members at meetings? If so then we must claim marked success, with 100 in attendance at our First Annual Meeting, and 127 at our Pack Forest Meeting at Warrensburg in September 27-28, 1963. Do we measure progress by tangible production of printed material? If so, the Forest Owner was born in July of '63 and has continued as a lively, growing monthly newsletter ever since, with our President Ted Buckley setting a fine, friendly constructive spirit in his contributions. We got out a questionnaire which 190 of our members filled out. Furthermore we have a new membership directory, the second one to be made.

If we measure progress of our Association by the enthusiasm of our Board of Directors in fulfilling their responsibilities, then there is strong evidence that the Board of Directors have been on the job. Since January 12, 1963, your directors have met 11 times. In addition the officers making up the Executive Committee since October 1963 have met 5 times, including a one all-day trip to Albany, and a 3 day trip to southwestern New York, to consider cooperation with forest resource development there. It is my pleasure as your secretary to report that your directors and officers have shown a keen and enthusiastic interest in the objectives of our Association, as indicated by a high degree of attendance at meetings.

Do we measure progress of the Association by committee accomplishment? If so our committees on Program and Arrangements for our First Annual, Second Annual and Fall Meetings have amply demonstrated their enthusiastic accomplishments for the Association. Generally speaking we could say that we have gone through a year of committee planning and organization so that now laying the groundwork for a number of new committees is about to



get underway. In another year we should anticipate that reports from these committees will show strong evidence of accomplishment for the Association. Let us know of your interest in serving on committees by filling out our just revised questionnaire.

### SPEAKING TO THE LADIES

Let me tell you about CONSERVATION AND USE OF LOCAL RESOURCES which I have observed many times but with a sharper eye for two weeks this past April in a very primitive inland pueblo in Mexico. This year I SAW more. Perhaps this keener awareness is a result of a different type of thinking due to close association with the NYFOA.

We take for granted the abundance of WATER available to us for use in the home and on the land. We're very casual about a good cut of MEAT, a refreshing glass of pure MILK, a golden roasted CHICKEN, all made possible by proper FEED. Let's go to the rural areas south of the Border.

Corn is not easy to raise and since it is the main source of nourishment for humans, the livestock doesn't get it. The waterless, rocky mountains of the interior provide limited planting fields and it is in these areas where the need is so great, that it is difficult to establish the country's great irrigation projects. And ample WOOD for a roaring fire ..... this would be a luxury indeed, for timber is so scarce that wood cutting, even on private property, is limited by law.

So let us drink our crystal fresh water with a more sensitive taste, having it literally at our fingertips --- not husbanding each drop which has been laboriously carried in jugs from the village well. Let's sit at our abundant tables with more awareness of the sources of our food. Let's enjoy our warming fires on these brisk summer evenings remembering that each log has had a long, protected life in some verdant woodlot before it brightens our fireplaces.

Isn't this part of what conservation of our natural resources should REALLY mean to each of us?

D.W.

### NEW YORK STATE RANKS 9TH IN CHAIN SAWS ON FARMS

According to a farm equipment listing of the American Agriculturist, Ithaca, N.Y., New York rates 9th in the number of chain saws on farms, with a total of 27,000 chain saws. Wisconsin leads with 40,000 and Pennsylvania follows New York with 23,000. Other states having one to two thousand more chain saws than New York are Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, with Missouri second, with 38,000.

F.E.C.

### BUILDING YOUR CONSERVATION LIBRARY?

Here is a paragraph from the Marketing Bulletin for May 15, 1964, - Persons interested in the possibility of establishing hardwood plantations could obtain a copy of "Hardwood Planting Problems and Possibilities in Eastern Canada" by F. W. vonAlthen from the Dept. of Forestry, 4 Yong St. S., Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada. This publication is an up to date review of hardwood planting literature. In it is also a list of over 140 references in the 40 page pamphlet.

F.E.C.

### DIRECTOR LEAHY ELECTED WHITNEY POINT MAYOR

Dr. Charles R. Leahy, Veterinarian, Whitney Point, and serving his second year with the NYFOA as a member of the Board of Directors, was voted in as Mayor of Whitney Point to fill the unexpired term of the late Mr. Fitser whose unexpired term ends May 31, 1965. Previously Dr. Leahy had opposed Mr. Fitser as a write-in candidate in the 1958 mayoral contest and lost by 10 votes. He has been serving on the village's Board of Trustees. Our congratulations to Dr. Leahy!

F.E.C.

News Item

BLACK WALNUT STOCKS CONSUMED UP TO TWICE NORMAL GROWTH

Beginning February 14 walnut log exports to all countries including Canada have been licensed against a 12 month export quota, according to the Otsego County Farm News for May 1964. Exports of walnut logs for 1963 totaled 14,347,000 board feet. Procedures for obtaining licenses for export are described in Export Bulletin No. 888 from Secretary of Commerce, Washington, D.C.

U.S. Veneer Quality black walnut stocks are being restricted to "protect the domestic economy from the excessive drain of scarce materials and to reduce inflationary impact from abnormal foreign demand".

F.E.C.

ABOUT BIRD WATCHING

"A big event occurs in late December when ardent birders forsake the Yuletide for a day to participate in the Christmas census. Christmas censuses involve thousands of observers across the nation and are coordinated by the National Audubon Society. Procedures are standardized; census areas are limited to 15 mile diameters and are the same from year to year, observers must be afield 8 hours and, most significant, individual birds must be counted as well as species. Thus it is the only nationwide scientific estimate of American bird population, even though it does miss many species that winter in the tropics." - From "In Defense of Bird Watching" by James P. Jackson, American Forests May 1964.

F.E.C.