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SARATOGA COUNTY - HERE WE COME!

The welcome mat is out. A hard working NYFOA Arrangements and Program Committee have made excellent preparations for our Third Annual Fall Meeting on October 1 and 2, that should be the best ever.

Did you miss the First Annual Fall Meeting at the Pack Forest near Warrensburg in Warren County two years ago? Those who came count it as one of the greatest meetings they ever attended anywhere. And if you didn't come to our Second Annual Fall Meeting in Cayuga County last Fall you must have heard by now about the warm hospitality that permeated every event on this occasion in spite of adverse weather.

Now once again we are preparing to meet and in autumn tinged setting, this time in Saratoga County.

We are not going to try and predict what the weather will be, so come prepared for anything - maybe even rain!

Here are the highlights for the Third Annual Fall Meeting of the NYFOA. The dates are Friday and Saturday, October 1 and 2. Headquarters will be the new Holiday Inn at Saratoga Springs. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday and continue through the day. The program starts at 9:00 a.m. with a visit to the world renowned Conservation Department Saratoga Forest Tree Nursery, the forerunner of large forest nursery establishments in all forest land areas of the United States.

Next we make a visit to Wally Brown's woods to see a one-man pulpwood operation. After a fine lunch at the Colonial Tavern in Saratoga, a red letter event takes place at

1:30 in the afternoon. It is a tour through the large West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company mill at Mechanicville. The tour will start with the wood yard where thousands of cords of pulpwood are used to keep this mill running 24 hours a day throughout the year. A guide will be provided for every 10 persons to make this event outstanding! (Remember, that the paper industry is the fifth largest in the United States.)

Back at the Holiday Inn by 5:00 o'clock we will have a rest up period, then a motion picture on pulpwood handling at 6:00 p.m., a cocktail hour beginning at 6:30.

Our banquet will take place at 7:30 at the Holiday Inn. In addition to introduction of guests and entertainment there will be a Tree Farm dedication ceremony honoring three of our NYFOA members. The banquet feature will be an illustrated talk by William E. Cooper, Executive Director, Virginia Forests, Inc., a forestry association of the State of Virginia with approximately 1000 members. Mr. Cooper will tell us about the work of this progressive Association and its lively program and importance to the advancement of forestry in Virginia.

The next day, Saturday, October 2, our Membership Chairman of Saratoga County, Stanley W. Hamilton, will guide us around a 100 acre forest plantation, a part of the James property, to show us a horrible example of what not to do with a forest plantation - through neglect. We will see the fearful damage created by an ice storm in toppling these conifer "toothpicks", many not more than 4" in diameter, yet 50 or more feet high.

The morning program will be completed by a visit to a Saratoga County forest with examples of some inspiring forest plantation and hardwood

management in contrast.

For Saturday afternoon there is an optional tour to the interesting forest properties owned by member Robert Eaton, a Christmas tree grower and hardwood forest owner near Galway in western Saratoga County.

You'll discover that Saratoga Springs is a city that has become alive! The main reason? It's the Saratoga Performing Arts Center now under construction and scheduled for completion on July 5, 1966. (See the Saratoga County brochure regarding this extraordinary development.)

So circle October 1 and 2 on your calendar for our 3rd Annual Fall Meeting of NYFOA. Plan to attend this outstanding event and join up with your fellow forest owners in Saratoga. Then please send us your reservation form right away so we can plan for your coming.

PROBLEMS, CHALLENGES, - SOLUTIONS

"... the problems and challenges (of our age) are more sociological than technical -- it is time all of us together were looking for answers. And we cannot procrastinate. The problems won't wait for us.

"... They will not be solved by the Congress or by the directives of ... government... They will be solved by small groups of intelligent men and women thinking about them, discussing them, and gradually distilling, in their intellects and their imaginations, the approaches that will ultimately yield success. This is not the easy way. There is no easy way. But it is a way that at least promises success, and I know of no other that does."

Lamnot duPone Copeland, Pres.
E. I. duPone de Nemours & Co.
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WHAT'S BEEN ACCOMPLISHED - Part II

(Report by Floyd E. Carlson, Secretary, New York Forest Owners Association, Inc. at 3rd Annual Meeting, April 24, 1965, at State University College of Forestry, Syracuse, New York)

Turning now to an indispensable phase of any successful association activity there is the immediate need to move ahead with strong committee organization. There is need for the strengthening of our membership recruitment efforts all across the state. One strong

committee organization effected has been that of the Committee on Legislation which has a power house of talent.

Your Association has been represented at important discussions with the Wood Utilization Sub Committee of the Northeastern Loggers Association on how to better present the importance of forestry and the contributions made by the wood using industries of New York State to the great public of New York State.

The Forest Owner, our monthly house organ has been published once a month during the past year and has changed to a two column format and introduced several new features. We welcome your written comments and would like to hear from more of you at any time regarding suggestions on how to improve our Association and also to have you share with other Association members your experiences in forestry that might prove helpful to them.

On the subject of harvesting and marketing we have a significant service to perform for our membership. One aspect of this service is represented in today's program with the theme "Marketing." The specialists appearing here today on the panels and the wood using industries represented in "The Forest Market Place" provide a splendid opportunity for our membership to become acquainted with the outlook on marketing, the current developments in marketing and an unusual opportunity to meet with many of those who are developing the exhibit feature in "The Forest Market Place" as a part of today's program.

On March 21, I made a ten day trip to the Southern States to meet and talk with executive directors of state forestry associations in Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas and to meet with two Regional Associations, the powerful Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association, and the Forest Farmers Association which has 1700 members and serves 15 Southern States. In meeting with these executive directors I made five half hour tape recordings and a 12 minute interview for our College of Forestry's regular first Monday of the month broadcast, this time for April 5, 1965, over Station WGY.

I secured a sizable quantity of literature from these several organizations. In each instance the organizations mentioned are developing forestry information and educational programs. This is true of the Forest Farmers Association and of the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association. It is a key activity of every state forestry association that I contacted. All of these, as you would expect, have a vital interest in improving forestry co

ditions as a major objective of their association.

I came back with a very healthy appreciation of the skill with which these organizations are working to help forestry move ahead in their respective areas. In this free enterprise system under which this nation operates I came to realize also that these forestry associations are significantly building the competitive position of forestry in their state in relation to other parts of the nation.

These state forestry associations are effective in establishing favorable forestry policies within their own states. They are also highly effective in influencing national forest policy. In particular, the regional forestry associations are effective in securing federal funds for the development of regional research and other type programs, calling not only for an outlay of federal funds but in some instances for the establishment of federal structures and institutions of a permanent nature to implement regional goals of forestry.

It is my plan to present the half hour tape recordings made with directors of forestry associations, one at a time, at future meetings of the Board of Directors, along with the literature used by that association. In the next few months, through the columns of the Forest Owner, I hope to share with all of you, some of my findings in these Southern States.

To repeat a statement that you will find in the financial report, we are indeed pleased to tell you that as of April 15, 1965, the Internal Revenue Service concluded that the New York Forest Owners Association, Inc. is exempt from federal income tax. As we understand it, this means your membership dues, expenses of travel, registration fees and gifts to NYFOA, are tax deductible.

One important consideration that I wish to bring to your attention is that in order to have a strong organization there needs to be an output of energy all along the line. Your secretary and his secretary, Mrs. Brenner at the College of Forestry have carried, as I say quite frankly, too great a share of the effort to bring this Association where we are today, with approximately 600 members.

In these two years we have come a long way. The time is now at hand, however, when through an increased number of strong hands and active minds, there can be a fuller sharing of the responsibilities of this Association.

Your presence here today is proof of

your interest. The challenges before us in the field of forestry are great indeed. We are not engaged in a spectator sport. Without personal involvement, you neither feel the challenge, nor share in the exhilaration of meeting the challenge, - to bring forth quality timber, and to improve the forest economy of New York State.

Through our New York Forest Association, Inc. and aided by the Forest Practice Act foresters, it seems to me there is a truly remarkable opportunity to bring forth from the run down forest areas of so much of New York State, thousands of new, well managed forests, a new pride in growing quality timber, a new pride of ownership in having quality timber, and new beauty to forest producing land, as attitudes of ownership change from one of indifference, to one of actively and skillfully guiding the growing forces of the forest.

From the growing of quality timber we generate confidence for permanent wood using industries, stabilize employment, develop new sources of tax revenue, replace the ghost towns of the past with permanent self sustaining communities. Such wood based communities will have pride in their wood manufactured products and their sustained community enterprises and the satisfaction of living amidst natural beauty, the beauty of a well cared for forest environment.

And to give us encouragement we should be reminded again, that here in New York State we are in the midst of the world's greatest market for forest products.

HAVE YOU READ?

The Northern Logger for August 1965 reporting on the 11th Northeasters Loggers Congress held in Portland, Maine, on April 13, 1965, has a number of excellent articles, - one in particular, a paper presented by Lowell Besley of the Pulp and Paper Research Institute of Canada entitled "Paper from the North: Promise or Promise?" should not be missed.

For the benefit of those who do not take the Northern Logger we are quoting portions of this paper in this and later issues of the Forest Owner.
F.E.C.

NEW YORK STATE - A NATIONAL INSPIRATION IN REFORESTATION

"Our State tree nurseries and reforested

lands under the supervision and management of this department (Conservation) continue to attract wide spread attention among persons interested in the work throughout the United States. During the year 1907, as heretofore, many persons interested in the work of tree growing and tree planting have visited our nurseries and plantations and have pronounced them the very best in the United States.

"Without doubt it is advisable for the State to enter into the planting of trees on a much larger scale to the end that at least 5 million trees a year may be set out. The State of New York is the pioneer in this work, and the reports of various States indicate that the State of New York has planted more trees up to the present time than all the other States in the Union, and nearly if not quite as many as have been planted by the States and the national government combined."

From 1907 Annual Report New York State Fish and Game Commissioner, James S. Whipple.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S MESSAGE ON NATURAL BEAUTY
PART V.

(Editor's note: We continue with another in this 12 part message.)

HIGHWAYS

"More than any country ours is an automobile society. For most Americans the automobile is a principal instrument of transportation, work, daily activity, recreation and pleasure. By making our roads highways to enjoyment of nature and beauty we can greatly enrich the life of nearly all our people in city and countryside alike.

"Our task is two-fold. First, to ensure that roads themselves are not destructive of nature and natural beauty. Second, to make our roads ways to recreation and pleasure.

"I have asked the secretary of Commerce to take a series of steps designed to meet this objective. This includes requiring landscaping on all federal interstate primary and urban highways, encouraging the construction of rest and recreation areas along highways, and the preservation of natural beauty adjacent to highway rights-of-way.

"Our present highway law permits the use of up to 3% of all federal-aid funds to be used without matching for the preservation of natural beauty. This authority has not been used for the purpose intended by Congress. I will take steps, including

recommended legislation if necessary, to make sure these funds are, in fact, used to enhance beauty along our highway system. This will dedicate substantial resources to this purpose.

"I will also recommend that a portion of the funds now used for secondary roads be set aside in order to provide access to areas of rest and recreation and scenic beauty along our nation's roads, and for rerouting or construction of highways for scenic or parkway purposes.

"The Recreation Advisory Council is now completing a study of the role which scenic roads and parkways should play in meeting our highway and recreation needs. After receiving the report, I will make appropriate recommendations.

"The authority for the existing program of outdoor advertising control expires on June 30, 1965, and its provisions have not been effective in achieving the desired goal. Accordingly, I will recommend legislation to ensure effective control of billboards along our highway system.

"In addition, we need urgently to work towards the elimination or screening of unsightly beauty-destroying junkyards and auto graveyard along our highways. To this end, I will also recommend necessary legislation to achieve effective control, including federal assistance in appropriate cases where necessary.

"I hope that, at all levels of government our planners and builders will remember that highway beautification is more than a matter of planting trees or setting aside scenic areas. The roads themselves must reflect, in location and design, increased respect for the natural and social integrity and unity of the landscape and communities through which they pass."

PAPER PRODUCT MARKET POTENTIAL

"Let us look at market possibilities for a moment. Not only is today's world population of three billion expected to double in the next 35 years, but also we can look for a rapid rise in literacy.

"Half of the world's population is now illiterate and in many emerging nations less than 20 percent can read and write. Yet by 10 years after India had gained independence, it had doubled its elementary schools to 324,000.

"Other uses of paper and wood fiber such as for packaging and sanitary products are expanding rapidly, so that per capita consumption of all products, already 450 pounds in the United States, is expected to continue to rise sharply. How much of this potential market can be captured by the Northeast or by Canada depends on our ability to make irresistible products at attractive prices." Northern Logger, August 1965