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SIGNS OF A SUCCESSFUL NYFOA FALL MEETING

- Adirondack autumn color delayed. We should see some of the best of this Adirondack spectacle on October 1 and 2 in Saratoga County.
- West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company putting out a special brochure for benefit of NYFOA members visiting paper mill in Mechanicville.
- Stan Hamilton smoothing the road surface leading into the fascinating Robert L. James plantation, 5 miles north of Saratoga.
- Dave Cook and Everett Eliason, NYFOA members, are all primed for their half hour talks at Conservation Department nursery Friday a.m., October 1.
- Holiday Inn sets aside block of 50 rooms for NYFOA members. If you decide to stay there, be sure and mention NYFOA. Otherwise they will tell you they are filled up!
- Cider and doughnuts on tap for the evening snack Friday night, October 1.
- Saratoga's Mayor Arthur J. Kearney will welcome us at banquet.
- Larry Gordon, with bull horn, will sound off for caravan assembly.
- Wally Brown, clearing half mile of road through pulpwood operation, fish pond and recreation area, all because of NYFOA visit!
- Letter inviting all Forest Practice Cooperators (284) in Saratoga, Warren, and Washington counties to attend Third Annual Fall Meeting.
- See you in Saratoga, October 1 and 2!

DISPENSATION GRANTED FOREST OWNERS FALL MEETING

In a letter to Lawrence S. Gordon, Chairman, Arrangements Committee, Reverend C. Howard Russell, Vice Chancellor, Diocese of Albany, writes: "His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop MRB has granted a dispensation from Friday abstinence for all Catholics attending the New York Forest Owners Association meeting on Friday, October 1, at Saratoga Springs."

SEE ASTONISHING PINE PLANTATION AT FALL MEETING

On Saturday morning, October 2, you'll stand in amazement as I did recently, when I visited the 100 acre Robert L. James plantation five miles north of Saratoga.

The plantation is composed of red, white and Scotch pines, established about 48 or 49 years ago. Planted in rows the survival has been remarkable. In spite of complete lack of thinning, the red pines especially have made surprising height growth. The tall straight trunks up to 70 feet or more, are truly an inspiration! They are a vivid demonstration of the "growing power" of forest soil.

There is also to be seen here and there the crushing result of an ice storm as it overloaded tops and caused slender stems to break - or more spectacularly, to bend into a bow, without breaking, - the tips of the tall pines touching the earth.

You'll want to hear this unusual story
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of the Robert L. James pine plantation from Stanley W. Hamilton who will be our guide on this first part of the Saturday morning, October 2, field trip. As a "retired" professional forester, "Stan" is working to eliminate damage created by the unprecedented ice storm of December 4, 1964.

HEIBERG MEMORIAL STATEMENT

Members of the New York Forest Owners Association, Inc., should know that the Memorial statement about the late Svend Oluf Heiberg sent with the Forest Owner for June 1965 was composed by Dr. Hardy L. Shirley, Dean of the State University College of Forestry at Syracuse University who presented it at a Memorial Service held in Syracuse University Hendricks Memorial Chapel on February 9, 1965.

The Memorial statement marks the high professional esteem with which Professor Heiberg, founder of the New York Forest Owners Association, Inc., was held by his colleagues and other professional foresters.

IMPORTANCE OF FOREST PRODUCTS

Thousands of years before man learned to write he was building and working with wood. Today man continues to discover new uses for wood - new ways to grow it and harvest it and new methods of blending wood with other products. No other material, natural or man-made is more widely used.

Forest products are used in many important U.S. industries: paper, pulp, pulpwood, lumber, and wood chemicals. Last year the forest products industries employed more than 1,375,000 people in all 50 states. Their earnings totaled more than \$6,760,000,000. The value of all the goods produced from the woodlands of the United States was more than 26 billion dollars last year.

Changes in the use of United States forest products are illustrated by the following figures:

In 1955 trees were producing 12% manufactured wood products, 27% paper and paper products and lumber 61%.

Ten years later in 1965 trees were producing 24% manufactured wood products, 46% paper and paper products and 30% lumber.

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(Editors note: The approximate 50% reduction in the amount of lumber coming from trees today is accounted for by the fact that the items, manufactured wood products, include plywood and veneer in which there has been a phenomenal increase in the past decade.)

FALL MEETING ARRANGEMENTS AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE ACTIVE

Planning for the Third Annual Fall Meeting of the NYFOA for October 1 and 2 in Saratoga took a long step forward when your experienced and able Arrangements Committee members first met back on July 15. Right from the start there was an excellent cooperative spirit in evidence.

The Arrangements Committee membership includes James A. Moredock, Soil Conservationist, Saratoga County; W. D. Wrisley, Agricultural Agent, Saratoga County; William D. Scherer, Procurement Forester, West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co., Mechanicville; Robert L. Eaton, Hagaman, N.Y.; William Mickan, Chairman, 11th District Forest Practice Board, Maple Grove, Saratoga County; Norwood W. Olmstead, Forester for Finch-Pruyn Co., South Glens Falls and member of the Tree Farm Committee of the New York Forest Industries Committee; Albert Lounsbury, Saratoga County 4-H Club Agent; Stanley W. Hamilton, Director of the NYFOA from Saratoga Springs; Lawrence S. Gordon, Senior Planner, Saratoga County Planning Board, Ballston Spa, is Chairman of the Arrangements Committee.

On September 8 the Program and Arrangements Committees got together at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga. Under the guidance of Dr. Gerald R. Stairs, Program Committee Chairman, they firmed up final plans for the Association's two-day meeting in Saratoga County. The Arrangements and Program Committees have demonstrated both talent and enthusiasm. They fully anticipate a fine turnout of NYFOA members on Friday and Saturday in October 1 and 2.

CORNELL CONSERVATION COURSE AVAILABLE

Under the direction of Professor Richard J. McNeil, Department of Conservation,
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Q. All University a home study course is being made available on "Conservation of Natural Resources."

"This course is designed to give you a deeper understanding of the biological workings of your land, your woodlot, or your lake or pond. You can learn much about the changes taking place in these different environments, why these changes occur, and how they affect you."

A flyer containing an application form is enclosed with this mailing of the Forest Owner. It is the fourth time this conservation course has been given by Cornell University. The new session will begin October 1, 1965, and continue for six months. Here is another opportunity to broaden your understanding of the field of natural resources.

MARKET DEVELOPMENTS FOR NORTHERN SOFTWOODS

(Editor's note: Summary of remarks by Thomas D. Sherer, leader, Utilization Section, New York State Conservation Department, at Third Annual Meeting, April 24, 1965, College of Forestry, Syracuse, N.Y.)

The declining utilization of Northern Softwood species can be attributed to the decreased availability of merchantable supplies which has been affected by: (1) heavy utilization in the past (2) land use practices and land ownership patterns both past and present and (3) a greater percentage of hardwood forest types along with their superior ability to regenerate.

Softwood forest types occupy only 16 percent of the commercial forest acreage in New York State. Continued attempts to improve the size and quantity of softwood resources for the future must be maintained. Much of our softwood resource information dates back to 1950. A new review of forest resources is planned for initiation in 1965 which will require two years to complete.

More and more frequently the landowner reports his softwood supplies as consisting of small diameters, small acreage and often of poor quality. This frequency has led to a growing concern over ability to utilize and market trees which have been up to now at least, an uneconomical venture.

To increase the utilization of

smaller diameter and poorer quality softwoods, will require that we awaken to even the smallest opportunities in New York and develop more of our product requirements from locally-grown wood. Fencing, for example, is being shipped into the State in large quantities and we have no outstanding competitor utilizing plantation thinnings for the post and pole market. The uses for wood chips are on the increase in many states and its use holds promise in our state for mulching, bedding and pulp. Softwood laminations, panel boards and plywood as may be manufactured by joining relatively smaller pieces of wood through use of adhesives, have potential and are only developed in scattered instances in New York. Salesmanship and innovation which may be expressed on a small or large scale is lacking.

With such fine softwood species to work with, our opportunity for utilization expansion is by way of quality products. Quality, even though quantity may be comparatively small, will improve the public image of northern softwood products and benefit New York industries in the long run.

In New York State 375 sawmills handle softwood species. Of the total lumber produced in New York 20 percent is softwood. Approximately 1/2 of all softwood saw timber utilized is sawed in the Northeast portion of the State.

In 1964, softwood plantation thinnings made up approximately 6 percent of the total volume used by pulpmills. Nine out of 18 pulpmills utilize softwoods. 22 counties in central and southern New York harvest very little pulpwood annually.

GLEN BECK ON HUDSON RIVER VALLEY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller last June named Glen Beck, an NYFOA member from Elnora, New York, now Chairman of the State Fish and Wildlife Management Board, to the 37-Member Advisory Committee to work with the River Valley Commission in developing plans for the protection and preservation of resources of the Hudson River for its present and future use.

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S MESSAGE ON NATURAL BEAUTY - PART VI.

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

RIVERS

"Those who first settled this continent found much to marvel at. Nothing was a greater source of wonder and amazement than the power and majesty of American rivers. They occupy a central place in myth and legend, folklore and literature.

"They were our first highways, and some remain among the most important. We have had to control their ravages, harness their power, and use their water to help make whole regions prosper.

"Yet even this seemingly indestructible natural resource is in danger.

"Through our pollution control programs we can do much to restore our rivers. We will continue to conserve the water and power for tomorrow's needs with well-planned reservoirs and power dams. But the time has also come to identify and preserve free flowing stretches of our great scenic rivers before growth and development make the beauty of the unspoiled waterway a memory.

"To this end I will shortly send to the Congress a Bill to establish a National Wild Rivers System.

THE POTOMAC

"The river rich in history and memory which flows by our nation's capital should serve as a model of scenic and recreation values for the entire country. To meet this objective I am asking the Secretary of the Interior to review the Potomac River basin development plan now under review by the Chief of Army Engineers, and to work with the affected States and local governments, the District of Columbia and interested federal agencies to prepare a program for my consideration.

"A program must be devised which will:

- "a. Clean up the river and keep it clean, so it can be used for boating, swimming and fishing;
- b. Protect its natural beauties by the acquisition of scenic easements, zoning or other measures;
- c. Provide adequate recreational facilities;
- and d. Complete the presently authorized George Washington Memorial Parkway on both banks.

"I hope action here will stimulate and

inspire similar efforts by States and local governments on other urban rivers and waterfronts, such as the Hudson in New York. They are potentially the greatest single source of pleasure for those who live in most of our metropolitan areas.

TRAILS

"The forgotten outdoorsmen of today are those who like to walk, hike, ride horseback or bicycle. For them we must have trails as well as highways. Nor should motor vehicles be permitted to tyrannize the more leisurely human traffic.

"Old and young alike can participate. Our doctors recommend and encourage such activity for fitness and fun.

"I am requesting, therefore, that the Secretary of the Interior work with his colleagues in the federal government and with state and local leaders and recommend to me a cooperative program to encourage a national system of trails, building up the more than hundred thousand miles of trails in our National Forests and Parks.

"There are many new and exciting trail projects underway across the land. In Arizona, a county has arranged for miles of irrigation canal banks to be used by riders and hikers. In Illinois, an abandoned railroad right-of-way is being developed as a "Prairie Path." In Mexico utility rights-of-way are used as public trails.

"As with so much of our quest for beauty and quality, each community has opportunities for action. We can and should have an abundance of trails for walking, cycling and horseback riding, in and close to our cities. In the back country we need to copy the great Appalachian Trail in all parts of America, and to make full use of rights-of-way and other public paths."

BUILDING YOUR CONSERVATION LIBRARY?

"Trees of the Forest - Their Beauty and Use" is a U. S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Bulletin No. PA-613. It is an artistic piece of literature with a fine flavor of the forest throughout the 26 pages. Photographs are lovely and create a yen to get out on a wooded trail, enjoy the play of sunlight and shadow and draw deeply of forest fragrant zesty air.

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