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## THIRD FALL MEETING DEMONSTRATES GREAT SPIRIT!

It was gray skies and dark clouds in Saratoga in the early morning of October 1, 1965, in Saratoga Springs, New York. Then it came - an all day downpour! As rain makers, the New York Forest Owners Association, Inc., were superb. We should have had our meeting the early part of July! - so we were told.

Headed for the Saratoga Forest Tree Nursery with windshield wipers working vigorously as a steady rain drummed on the car tops, the caravan of early NYFOA arrivals parked at the Conservation Department's packing sheds just off Route 50 near the city limits of Saratoga. There in plastic helmets and raincoats we were met by Conservation Department representatives Charlie Baar, Elmer Terrell and NYFOA members Dave Cook and Everett Eliason. With the nursery staff assistance, in view of the rain, all plans for an outside tour of the Saratoga nursery had been cancelled and everything brought under cover. The adjustment to the pouring rain outside was excellent.

With the aid of a transistorized public address system (the best I have heard anywhere) Charlie Baar welcomed the visitors and introduced members of his staff. Talks by Manager Terrell and Research Leader Eliason revealed a surprising variety of activities and scientific advancement in present day growing of quality nursery stock with important tree orchard seed sources now developing.

Ushered into the packing sheds, there was an orderly placement of benches, making it possible for those assembled to be seated during the talks. The number of Association members coming in continued to swell from 50, to 60, to 70!

The talks over, a tree nursery crew demonstrated the packing of seedlings for shipment. After many questions there was a chance to examine the several exhibits of planting stock, the damp excelsior used in packing the trees for shipment and in another room, specialized machines used to sterilize, fertilize, cultivate and lift nursery stock as a part of the yearly operation of growing millions of tree seedlings for reforesting the idle acres of New York State. There were many expressions of appreciation for the efforts of the Conservation Department's leadership and staff. Then it was out into the downpour, into the cars, and on to Walley Brown's place.

The rain? Why it was needed! It would have little or no effect on attendance for the rest of the program. Such is the spirit of NYFOA!

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## NEW LAW BENEFITS LANDOWNERS

Governor Rockefeller on June 16, 1965, signed into law a bill which adds "hikers" to "hunters, trappers, fishermen, and trainers of dogs" as those people who may be on private property with permission without making the owner liable for damages should they be injured. The bill was sponsored in the legislature  
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NEW LAW BENEFITS LANDOWNERS (continued)

by Assemblyman Charles Stockmeister of Monroe County at the request of Finger Lakes Trail Conference officers.

From Conservation Forum - Minutes - September 1965.

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WALLEY BROWN'S WOODS AND WILDLIFE

In the pelting rain the caravan left the forest nursery, cut through Saratoga Spa, turned south on the wet surface of Route 9, and then eastward along the north shore of Saratoga Lake where a stiff south wind rolled breakers on the shore. A turn up the hill and we parked at the old homestead of the Brown family going back five or six generations.

In the recreation hall overlooking the lake, and still dripping from the rain, we were met with a warming and cheery blaze in the fireplace. Stan Hamilton introduced Walley Brown, owner of some 600 acres of farm land now mostly woods, about 470 acres - northern hardwoods, birch, beech, maple, along with white pine. Walley Brown soon provided to be a charming but rugged individualist. He has been carrying on a one man pulpwood operation since 1950. Presently he cuts up to 200 cords of hardwood a year. All of it goes to West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company at Mechanicville now, - ever since they converted 100% to using hardwoods.

To get a better picture of the farm layout James A. Moredock, Soil Conservationist for Saratoga County, accompanied by Meredith A. Peters, Woodland Conservationist State of New York, Soil Conservation Service (both NYFOA members) distributed to all those present a farm plan for the Walley Brown property. Here step by step Jim described the farm and woods situation in detail. Meredith Peters later said that some 25 to 30 copies of the plan were still available if NYFOA members would like them. Write your secretary and he will forward requests to the State Office of the SCS (here in Syracuse). The Walley Brown farm plan is an outstanding example of SCS work.

On the wildlife side, Walley reported numbers of deer in the area. But of special interest are two ponds, the first constructed in 1947 about a third of a mile long and covers perhaps 12 to 15 acres. Here Walley has discovered he can raise trout.

To cut the cost of stocking his pond Walley purchased 15,000 eggs from the private Paradise Hatchery at Carco, Pennsylvania, and hatched an estimated 10,000 fry in February. When freed from the egg after a month, they were fed liver and since have thrived and grown to 5 to 6 inches after seven months on a standard fish pellet. He experienced some loss before Walley discovered some sharp eyed heron and kingfishers were helping themselves to the fish. Screening the hatchery took care of this.

Answering questions, Walley forthrightly stated that as far as he could tell, planting trees to make a profit was out of the question. He felt it had been a mistake to give people the impression there was money to be made from growing trees from plantations under the economic conditions prevailing in the Saratoga County area.

Out into the rain again, some 75 NYFOA members tramped along the woods road, stopping midway to see the hatchery, the brook and rainbow trout soon ready to go into the pond. At the pulpwood demonstration site, tractor and pulpwood handling equipment of a size and design suited to a one man operation developed further interest. A pile of fresh cut pulpwood showed just what is meant by "a cord" 4 feet wide, 4 feet high and 8 feet long. The questions brought out evidence of Walley's skill in adapting tractor equipment to his particular needs in handling and transporting pulpwood. In Walley's mind the questions labeled NYFOA as a group of thinkers, seriously interested in what they were about. With this discovery he decided to become an NYFOA member! Walley, we thank you for serving as host!

Then it was back to Saratoga to Quinn's Colonial Restaurant where Treasurer Luella Palmer says 72 fresh air whetted appetites took on a satisfying lunch. Stan Hamilton had decided to include soup in the menu. Considering the day, it hit the spot.

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JOHN RIDINGS WRITES FROM RD #2 CAZENOVIA

Dear Floyd:

Here is a list of booth workers at the New York State Exposition. All of the following put in 6 hour shifts. They deserve the thanks of all of us: Fred Najer, Emiel Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Ayers, Mrs. Doster, Ken and Del Eberley, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Betts, Mr.

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JOHN RIDINGS WRITES (continued)

and Mrs. Leslie Borland, Ralph Unger, Herbert Tepper, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Carlson, Hoyt Ackles, Philip Turner, Stuart Hunt, Arthur Norton, Michael Klysa, William Fraser, Verner Hudson, Albert Loucks, Meredith Peters, Carl MacArthur, Matt Reynolds, Russ Deckert.

In addition Arthur Norton spent considerable time at the Expo and kept a watchful eye on our NYFOA booth."

(Editor's note: John did an outstanding job getting attendants for the 14 six hour shifts (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.), arranging for parking stickers, getting out information for attendants. All 28 NYFOA attendants for the 7 day Exposition showed up - 2 attendants for each of the 14 shifts. You can count on NYFOA members! F.E.C.)

FALL MEETING FEATURES PULP & PAPER MILL TOUR

At the luncheon Friday noon, NYFOA First Vice President David H. Hanaburg, gave a brief word of welcome in the absence of Dr. Eugene Klochkoff, President, detained in New York by having to perform an emergency operation. Larry Gordon, Program Arrangements Chairman, and Caravan Leader said that on the way to visit the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company paper mill at Mechanicville time would permit a view of one of New York State's oldest and the largest private forest plantation - the Luther Plantation outside of Saratoga.

This accomplished, we were welcomed at the wood yard of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company by William H. Henchey, Manager, Public Relations, who introduced Harry Southard, Woodlands Manager, who described wood procurement operations and pointed out the current six day inventory on hand.

After this cordial company reception guides were assigned to every ten NYFOA visitors. From the eye opening power and huge size of the drum barkers to the finished product on the paper roll, the complicated technical conversion of wood fiber to paper became a clearer concept to the nearly 100 NYFOA members who went from building to building, from first floor to top story. Here chips and steam, chemicals and electrical power, together with technical direction skilled workmanship, combine to make the paper industry the fifth largest in the nation.

As a final courtesy West Virginia Pulp and Paper presented each visitor with a box of stationery with a note from George N. Hoover, Manager, saying "this souvenir of your visit to the Mechanicville mill is presented to you with the compliments and best wishes of our company and its employees. We trust you found your tour worthwhile and it is our hope that you will continue your interest in the paper industry and our company. (signed) George"

The two hour tour will have new meaning for paper and pulpwood. Our many thanks to Bill Henchey and his tour guides!

After this new and exciting experience the caravaneers returned to Holiday Inn for the banquet which we will take up in the November issue of the Forest Owner.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S MESSAGE ON NATURAL BEAUTY PART VII

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

POLLUTION

"One aspect of the advance of civilization is the evolution of responsibility for disposal of waste. Over many generations society gradually developed techniques for this purpose. State and local governments, landlords and private citizens have been held responsible for ensuring that sewage and garbage did not menace health or contaminate the environment.

"In the last few decades entire new categories of waste have come to plague and menace the American scene. These are the technological wastes -- the by-products of growth, industry, agriculture, and science. We cannot wait for slow evolution over generations to deal with them.

"Pollution is growing at a rapid rate. Some pollutants are known to be harmful to health, while the effect of others is uncertain and unknown. In some cases we can control pollution with a larger effort. For other forms of pollution we still do not have effective means of control.

"Pollution destroys beauty and menaces health. It cuts down on efficiency, reduces property values and raises taxes.

"The longer we wait to act, the greater the dangers and the larger the problem.

"Large-scale pollution of air and waterways is no respecter of political boundaries and its effects extend far beyond those who

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cause it.

"Air pollution is no longer confined to isolated places. This generation has altered the composition of the atmosphere on a global scale through radioactive materials and a steady increase in carbon dioxide from the burning of fossil fuels. Entire regional airsheds, crop plant environments, and river basins are heavy with noxious materials. Motor vehicles and home heating plants, municipal dumps and factories continually **hurl pollutants** into the air we breathe. Each day almost 50,000 tons of unpleasant, and sometimes poisonous, sulfur dioxide are added to the atmosphere, and our automobiles produce almost 300,000 tons of other pollutants.

"In Donora, Pennsylvania, in 1948, and New York City in 1953 serious illness and some deaths were produced by sharp increases in air pollution. In New Orleans, epidemic outbreaks of asthmatic attacks are associated with air pollutants. Three-fourths of the eight million people in the Los Angeles area are annoyed by severe eye irritations much of the year. And our health authorities are increasingly concerned with the damaging effects of the continual breathing of polluted air by all our people in every city in the country.

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING - A BRIDGE

"Today's accelerating and changing technology has placed man, his education, and his work in a new relationship in which education becomes the bridge between man and his work."

- Grant Venn in Man, Education, and Work.