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RECORD ATTENDANCE EXPECTED APRIL 30 AT FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

Publicity being pumped into news media channels through Alex Dickson's direction as Chairman of the Committee on Publicity augmented by new helpers to some twenty members, - more acceptance and interest on the part of national forestry, conservation and natural beauty-minded organizations in the Forest Beauty Clinic, - more energy being plowed into the Program Committee as a result of additional meetings, - a strong panel of participants on the theme "Forest Beauty and Timber Harvesting", - plus a current state-wide and nationwide interest in the general subject of natural beauty, all adds up to one conclusion - that with Edward P. Cliff, Chief U.S. Forest Service, heading the list of program participants this Fourth Annual Meeting will have a record attendance! So mark April 30 as a red letter day on your calendar.

The New York Forest Owners Association, Inc., is proud to present this program to every man, woman and teenager in its membership!

FENCE POST COSTS

Often thinnings from plantations can only be used for fence posts, small poles or other related material. The Extension Service of North Dakota State University at Fargo has issued a circular on comparative costs of fence posts, pressure treated and untreated using hand labor and power digging.

The figures show that one can't afford untreated non-durable fence posts in permanent fence lines even if the posts are a gift.

Pressure treated posts have a life of 30 years as compared to three years for an untreated non-durable post.

Home treated posts have about the same level of durability as Northern White Cedar.

Total construction costs for a mile of fencing using power digging and hand tamping were \$461.31 using 7-foot, 4-inch top diameter pressure treated posts. The costs using non-durable untreated posts were \$180.95 per mile. (Labor costs per post per year of 0.01 cents and a post cost per year of 0.03 cents.)

Source: American Nurseryman, September 1, 1965. Reported by NYFOA Member, Stuart S. Hunt.)

MEMBERS ASKED TO CONSIDER ENLARGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

One of the main items of business to be considered by NYFOA members of the Fourth Annual Meeting will be enlarging the Board of Directors from the present 15 members to a proposed 21. The proposal to have this plan presented to the membership on April 30 was approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting on March 5, 1966.

This news item serves as notice to the membership so that they may be prepared to vote on the proposal at the Fourth Annual Meeting. If approved two of the new members

CONSIDER ENLARGING BOARD (continued)

will serve for one year, two for two years and two for three years. Should the Board of Directors be increased to 21, - in two years from now, seven candidates would be elected every year to the Board of Directors each for three year terms.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S MESSAGE
ON NATURAL BEAUTY - PART XII

(Editor's note: This is the final part of a history making message on Natural Beauty.)

CONCLUSION

"In my thirty-three years of public life I have seen the American system move to conserve the natural and human resources of our land.

"TVA transformed an entire region that was 'depressed.' The rural electrification cooperatives brought electricity to lighten the burdens of rural America. We have seen the forests replanted by the CCC's, and watched Gifford Pinchot's sustained yield concept take hold on forestlands.

"It is true that we have often been careless with our natural bounty. At times we have paid a heavy price for this neglect. But once our people were aroused to the danger, we have acted to preserve our resources for the enrichment of our country and the enjoyment of future generations.

"The beauty of our land is a natural resource. Its preservation is linked to the prosperity of the human spirit.

"The tradition of our past is equal to today's threat to that beauty. Our land will be attractive tomorrow only if we organize for action and rebuild and reclaim the beauty we inherited. Our stewardship will be judged by the foresight with which we carry out these programs. We must rescue our cities and countryside from blight with the same purpose and vigor with which, in other areas, we moved to save the forests and the soil."

FACTS ABOUT CHIEF CLIFF

There is so much to be said about our headline speaker for April 30 at our Fourth

Annual Meeting that we decided to share with you a full page on the big background story of the Chief Forester of the Forest Service. While Ed Cliff hails from way out west, you can see for yourself that he's got what it takes to direct the work of 154 national forests located in 39 states and Puerto Rico with a combined area of approximately 182 million acres. That's a sizable job in any country!

MARKETING BULLETIN AND SUPPLEMENT

For more than fifty years the State University College of Forestry at Syracuse University has been providing assistance and information to the wood using industries. Under the heading Wood Utilization Service the College publishes every six weeks a Marketing Bulletin. This is available free to anyone who wishes to be put on the mailing list. The Marketing Bulletin lists land, timber, lumber, forest products and machinery for sale. It also lists land, timber, logs, lumber and forest products that are wanted.

In cooperation with Thomas D. Shearer, Utilization Section, Division of Lands and Forests, the State of New York Conservation Department furnishes every six months a Marketing Bulletin Supplement, a Price Report re New York State forest products. Marketing Bulletin Supplement No. 7 for September 1, 1965, carried Price Reports from the Period October 1964-March 1965 in which stumpage and mill prices for all major timber species are listed by forest districts. It also included stumpage and mill prices for New York State cord wood.

NYFOA members may list items for sale or items wanted without charge. Write Professor Russell C. Deckert, State University College of Forestry at Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y., 13210, for particulars regarding the Marketing Bulletin and its service.

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FIRST ANNUAL HEIBERG AWARD
TO BE MADE AT GRAHAM HALL

One of a complex of building constituting Mount Olympus, a part of the campus of Syracuse University, includes Graham Hall

FIRST ANNUAL HEIBERG AWARD (continued)

where the luncheon of our Fourth Annual Meeting will be served. Director Dorothy Wertheimer and Chairman of the Committee on the Heiberg Memorial Award has requested Chief Forester Edward Cliff to make the presentation of the award.

Meanwhile candidates for the Award are asked to contact the Board committee members, Mr. Hendrick Van Loon, Forester, Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y., representing Districts 1, 2, 3, 6, and 8, or Mr. H. Russell Martin, 201 College Ave., Ithaca, N.Y.; Dr. C. Eugene Farnsworth, State University College of Forestry at Syracuse, N.Y. 13210, representing Forest Districts 4 and 5, or Mr. Albert S. Loucks, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Midtown Plaza, Syracuse, N.Y. 13210, or Mr. Lawrence Gordon, 119 Ballston Ave., Ballston Spa, N.Y., representing Districts 7, 9, and 11, and Miss Jane Barton, New York State Department of Commerce, 112 State St., Albany, N.Y., representing Districts 12, 13, 14, and 15. You are urged to send suggestions for candidates for the Heiberg Memorial Award to any of these committee representatives.

RESERVATION FORMS READY FOR
FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

The bright golden tone reservation form enclosed with your Forest Owner is the first step toward your guarantee of a good time, as well as an instructional and inspirational NYFOA meeting on April 30 at the State University College of Forestry at Syracuse, N.Y.

Note that the registration fee of \$6.00 per person is a package deal that includes the cost of registration, a coffee break, a luncheon, and afternoon refreshments.

It would be a great help to the committee and lots of inspiration to our overall program efforts for the big day of April 30 if you could include your reservations in an early shower of reservation forms that will bulge the mail bag of the postman who delivers the mail to Mrs. Luella B. Palmer at 157 Ballantyne Rd., Syracuse, N.Y. 13205. If you have a spare space in your car, why not bring your neighbor? And don't forget that lady in your life. She would probably be delighted to have a change of scenery. Ladies are most welcome!

CHRISTMAS TREE FARMS CAN NOW BE CERTIFIED

Acting unanimously at their January meeting in Utica, the New York Tree Farm Committee accepted a motion to recognize the managerial efforts of conscientious Christmas tree growers. Hitherto, only timber producers had been eligible.

Begun in 1941, industry-sponsored tree farming has spread throughout the land involving more than 60,000 forest acres. Its purpose is to encourage the practice of good forestry by giving public recognition to landowners who are properly managing their woodlands. New York entered the Tree Farm System in 1956 when 39 charger properties were simultaneously certified. To date 297 New York forest ownerships proudly display the distinctive, green-and-white signs.

A Tree Farm is an area of privately owned, tax-paying land of at least three acres dedicated to continuing growth of forest crops for man's use. The national sponsor of Tree Farms is American Forest Products Industries, Inc., a public service organization representing the nation's forest industries. In 1966, the 25th anniversary of the Tree Farm System, special efforts will be

RACES OF SCOTCH PINE

Races of Scotch Pine is a subject of interest to all Christmas tree growers, since Scotch Pine is one of the most used trees in the Northeast. Dr. John B. Genys, research forester, National Resources Institute, University of Maryland, College Park, has made observations of 7-year old test plantings of Scotch Pine. These experiments include 81 different seed sources principally from 12 primary European sources and seven miscellaneous areas. Early preliminary results indicate that under Maryland conditions Spanish strains possess the best color for Christmas trees while seeds from Northern Germany and Belgian produce trees most promising for timber productions.

(Source: American Nurseryman, September 1, 1965, reported by Stuart S. Hunt, NYFOA member.)

CHRISTMAS TREE FARMS (continued)

made to focus attention on tree farming and its benefits.

As a result of the following clause, now an integral part of the New York Tree Farm Manual, Christmas tree growers can qualify for recognition:

"Areas specifically and exclusively devoted to growing Christmas trees may be certified as Tree Farm areas if such plantations or natural stands are being well managed. Good management involves weed, insect and disease control and thinning, where necessary, along with other recognized cultural practices to induce adequate density and symmetry. Objective of management should be to produce the maximum number of trees of the grade, U.S. No. 1 or better, as defined in the U.S.D.A. publication, United States Standards for Grades of Christmas Trees."

Alex Dickson

FRED WINCH SERVES AS
CHAIRMAN OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Well known Extension Forester Fred Winch is serving as Chairman of the NYFOA Nominating Committee. He will be presenting a slate of Directors for nomination to the membership at the Business Meeting early Saturday afternoon on April 30. If the Board of Directors' proposal that the number of directors be increased from 15 to 21, be approved by the membership, Fred will need your suggestions for at least six additional members that will then be needed to stand for election. So for the best available talent in our membership to serve on the Board, put on your most productive thinking cap and send your suggestions to Fred Winch, Jr., Extension Forester, Department of Conservation, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

WPC - NEW ATOMIC ENERGY WOOD

Five years experimental work by West Virginia University and U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, sub contractors and private enterprise, have resulted in a new product. The AEC calls it "Wood Plastic Composite."

WPC can be made from many woods, even the little used poplar. Whatever the wood, it is impregnated throughout with a plastic monomer which under a gamma ray radiation becomes a hard polymer.

Characteristics of the product are: the wood is consistent from edge to center, it absorbs water and water vapor at a rate less than 10% of untreated wood. It weighs 60 to 100% more than the original wood. It is 4 to 9 times harder. The bending strength is 20 to 40% greater. The sheer strength 75% greater and the compressive strength 60% greater. It can be cut, turned and machined, glued and otherwise handled like the original wood (except nail holes must be pre-drilled). It can be sliced in thin veneers or thick boards. The color and grain effect of WPC is determined by the chemicals added to the original monomer. Since WPC is consistent throughout, its nicks or gouges can be sanded and rubbed to the original glass-like surface finish.

"With only a four year experience period it is hard to predict how long WPC will last in chemically hostile environments but on the basis of tests performed on strength, impact, resistance and a host of other factors, WPC has definitely arrived, by comparison with untreated wood. An entirely new product suited for an already developed market not competitive with pressure preserved wood as it is now known.

(Source: Wood Preserving News, Nov. 1965)

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE APPOINTED
BY PRESIDENT KLOCHKOFF

Sam Silverborg has been appointed by President Klochkoff as Chairman of the seven member Committee on Arrangements. Sam is Professor of Pathology at the College of Forestry and served two years recently as a member of the faculty at the University of the Philippines College of Forestry in Los Banos, R.P.

Working with him on the Arrangements Committee are NYFOA members Les Borland, Harry Burry, William Fraser, Stuart Hunt, Ed Kill-
een, and Norm Richards. There will be plenty to do for this Fourth Annual Meeting - but they'll do it!