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FOREST BEAUTY CLINIC-FEATURE AT FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

Success of the Forest Beauty Clinic is now assured. Taking place Saturday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:00 o'clock in the Student Lounge of Marshall Hall we are now assured that 12 national organizations will be on hand with a small exhibit for display with two representatives at their exhibit and with information about their organization and views on the subject "Forest Beauty and Timber Harvesting."

Among the national organizations assuring us of their participation are: National Park Service, Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Boy Scouts of America, American Pulpwood Association, American Forest Products Industries, American Forestry Association, American Society of Landscape Architects, Soil Conservation Service, U. S. Agricultural Extension represented by the Onondaga County 4-H Club. And we are anticipating cooperation from the National Wildlife Federation and the National Audubon Society.

Included in the Forest Beauty Clinic will be a special display of details in forest beauty, -the work of photographer Dr. William M. Harlow, recently retired from the College of Forestry as Professor Emeritus. The photographs are from a book "Patterns of Life - the Unseen World of Plants" to be published by Harper and Row July 1966.

NYFOA members will have the opportunity to talk to leaders in the fields of forest beauty and forest utility. Through publications available from these national organizations and from talking personally to their representatives our members will have

an unprecedented opportunity to become acquainted with these leading organizations of the nation in the field of forestry, recreation, conservation and wood use.

DIRECTORS COMPLETING THREE YEAR TERMS

Among the NYFOA 15 member Board of Directors, those finishing their three year terms in 1966 are Mrs. Dorothy Wertheimer, Second Vice President Harvey H. Smith, Stanley W. Hamilton, John W. Stock (1 yr.)*, and Floyd E. Carlson.

Anticipating that the suggestion for increasing the number of the Board of Directors from 15 to 21 will be approved at the Annual Meeting, Fred E. Winch, Jr., Chairman of the Nominating Committee, has been working to secure two nominees for each office to be filled. Fred is developing a brief biographical sketch for each candidate. Be sure and be present to vote on April 30 at the Fourth Annual Meeting.

(*For last year of Ted Buckley, resigned.)

PANEL ON FOREST BEAUTY AND TIMBER HARVESTING

A four-man panel with First Vice President David H. Hanaburgh serving as moderator will kick off the morning session of the Fourth Annual Meeting of the New York Forest Owners Association.

Panel members and the varied titles of their talks are as follows:

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PANEL ON FOREST BEAUTY etc. (continued)

"The Professional Forester Looks at Timber Harvesting" - Prof. Jean E. Fisher, Chairman, Dept. of Extension, State University College of Forestry at Syracuse University.

"Forest Industry and Posterity - Our Obligation" - Norman W. Olmsted, Woodlands Manager, Finch, Pruyn Co., Inc., Glens Falls, N.Y.

"The Logging Mess - Whose Fault?" - John W. Stock, Supt., Litchfield Park Corp., Tupper Lake, N.Y.

"The Consultant Contemplates the Com-patability" - David E. Strong, Consulting Forester, Wilmington, N.Y.

Sound intriguing? Can natural beauty (or forest beauty) be harmonized with forest utility? Come, see, and hear - for yourself.

MEMBER NEWS - FROM "A" TO "Z"

A gratifying response to the recently revised dues schedule indicates that our members are firm believers in the objectives and, the future of the New York Forest Owners Association. As this is written, less than a week has passed since the new schedule was announced.

To date, we have no SUPPORTING member, or SPONSORING member, but every other category is covered. The response to the Family Membership idea and also the CONTRIBUTING membership has been especially favorable.

Among new members are:

- Mr. George A. Viele (Warren)
- Mr. Marshall A. Greene - Former accountant and office manager of the now dissolved Otsego Forest Products Corp. Assoc., Inc.
- Mr. George L. Adams (Otsego)
- Mrs. Helen W. Xanthaky (Otsego) - Every letter in the alphabet is now represented.
- Mr. Philip Boos (Dutchess)
- Mr. Oliver Stromberg (Warren) - Teacher in Binghamton.
- Mr. & Mrs. G. N. LaVeillie (Oswego) - 2 memberships.
- Mrs. Helen Kopke (Otsego)
- Mr. Robert D. Kunzman (Broome) - N. Y. Telephone engineer. Is a Certified Tree Farmer and an FPA Cooperator.

The county in parenthesis indicates the location of forest land. In most cases this information is on the original application blank. All other facts were obtained from questionnaires which have been returned.

Your membership secretary welcomes interesting bits of news and information concerning members. Our file cards need more than bare statistics. Individuality and personality can only be supplied by you.

Total membership to date is 666.

Luella B. Palmer
Membership Secretary

DEAN SHIRLEY TO WELCOME NYFOA ON
APRIL 30

Dr. Hardy L. Shirley, completing 21 years as Assistant Dean and Dean of the State University College of Forestry at Syracuse University, will be on hand to welcome NYFOA members to the Fourth Annual Meeting in the Auditorium of Marshall Hall.

When NYFOA members visit the College of Forestry at the Fourth Annual Meeting they will see marked changes on the College of Forestry campus. Bulldozers have been at work sweeping the main forestry campus free of all shrubbery and trees to establish grade lines accommodating the new Biological Science building and new library building on which construction will soon begin. Ground breaking for the new Biological Sciences building took place at noon on March 18.

Dean Shirley retires from the College on September 1 of this year. A steadfast and staunch supporter of NYFOA, Dean Shirley strongly supported the late Prof. Svend O. Heiberg of the College of Forestry in his long time effort to bring the Association into being.

DOROTHY WERTHEIMER - CERTIFIED TREE FARMER!!

"Being city-born and city-bred, the idea of ever becoming a TREE FARMER was a remote possibility. We started buying land at Little Point on Cayuga Lake at Interlake, Seneca County, mainly for a summer home. As the years went on and our interest became whetted we kept adding pieces until we now have 112 acres directly on Cayuga Lake, with 65 acres in woodlot, 24 acres in a larch

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DOROTHY WERTHEIMER (continued)

plantation, and the rest in landscaped home area.

"I have been an FPA Co-operator for many years, and have participated for seven years in the ASC program of woodlot management by cutting and thinning. Last year we started a pruning program in the hemlock stands and are delighted with the aesthetic results.

"My own private project each year is the production of raspberries from a one acre field, processed right on the place. Last year our output was 444 pints of luscious preserves. I also take berries to the Ithaca Nursing Home and to the Tompkins Co. Hospital.

"We are doing a waterfront improvement job along the lakefront and in the creek outlets leading to the Lake. For this purpose we have utilized treated locust made available by the thinning and cutting program. The latest portion of our cordwood has been given to the Seneca County Welfare Department, for fuel use by the needy.

"So, you see, what started as a summer home, for fun and boating, and fishing, has now become a full-fledged farm project with full-time help necessary.

"Now - my greatest thrill in regard to our work at Little Point - the day (after three years of trying) I received notice I was accepted as a CERTIFIED TREE FARMER! That was in 1964, and I'll bet there isn't one in the state prouder of the certificate or that beautiful big sign I'm privileged to display."

Director Dorothy Wertheimer

FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING
LUNCHEON WILL FEATURE AWARDS

Theodore T. Buckley, a Cornell graduate in forestry and now sheriff in Washington County, served two years as first President of the New York Forest Owners Association until forced to resign for reasons of health. On April 30 at the luncheon in Graham Hall, NYFOA President, Dr. Eugene Klochkoff will present Ted Buckley an award in appreciation for his pioneering services as first President from April 1963 to March 1965.

H. Dyer Phillips, Chairman, New York Tree Farm Committee, St. Regis Paper Co., Deferiet, N.Y., will award Tree Farm certifi-

cation certificates to NYFOA members Samuel and Dave Markle.

Climaxing the recognition by awards will be the presentation of the first Heiberg Memorial Award. It will be made by Chief Edward P. Cliff in honor of Professor Svend O. Heiberg whose persistent influence brought about the formation of the New York Forest Owners Association.

KNIFE SHEARING OF CHRISTMAS TREES

Highlight demonstration of the Maryland Christmas Tree Growers Association, Inc., at the Anchor Nursery, Unionville, Maryland, was knife shaping evergreens for Christmas trees. This method may be of interest to NYFOA members.

The demonstration pointed up the superiority of using long, narrow-bladed knives over both hand pruners or hedge shears in shaping Christmas trees.

Shaping starts with a vigorous slash downward, from the tree top to the bottom, cutting off all surplus new growth extending beyond a 60-degree angle of the sides of the tree to the ground. Done in mid-summer the knife cutting stimulates growth of new buds on the cut off branches. The end result is a compact, full foliated tree as new growth develops the year following. Extra long terminals and side branches are cut back, even into second year wood. This avoids snow weighing down long branches, creating undesirable open areas and a degraded tree.

Knife cutting of second year wood is confined to Scotch Pine, spruces and firs. White Pine should not be cut back beyond the present season's growth as new foliage rarely develops on second year branches and such branches will die back to the next whorl, causing an unsightly tree.

Knife blades used in shearing are narrow 12 to 16 inches long. The blades must be kept razor sharp and honed about every 20-100 trees. In cutting, move clockwise around the tree and hold the knife loosely to give a wrist action snap. Keep the leg closest to the tree as far back as possible to avoid injury on the downward stroke. Knife shearing is dangerous work and it behooves the worker to wear gloves and leg guards. Workers need to be carefully trained.

(Source: American Nurseryman, September 1965, Author, Harry William Dengler; reported by NYFOA member Stuart S. Hunt.)

FARM WOODLAND PICTURES ON DISPLAY

Shown for the first time in New York State will be a collection of Kodochrome enlargements of farm woodlands from all parts of America. The display is to be a part of the United States Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service exhibit at the New York Forest Owners Fourth Annual Meeting in Syracuse April 30.

The SCS will be one of a dozen national organizations which will exhibit on the theme "Forest Beauty and Timber Harvesting" at the Forest Beauty Clinic, a unique feature of the NYFOA afternoon program held in the Student Lounge of Marshall Hall of the State University College of Forestry.

Representing the Federal agency locally will be Meredith Peters, Woodlands Conservationist, State Office of the Soil Conservation Service with headquarters in Syracuse, and Richard Howard, Conservationist of the SCS from Western New York.

Many of the farm woodlands scenes are especially striking. They were taken by SCS Information men and other employees of SCS.

THE KEY FUNCTION OF MAN

The philosopher Alfred Korzybski characterized plants as energy-binders, animals as space-binders, and men as time-binders.

Converting solar radiation to chemical energy and moving from place to place to find food and escape enemies are, indeed, key functions of plants and animals respectively.

Learning is the key function of man.

Man must learn from the past, for now is but a series of ever-fleeting moments the impressions of which mostly fade with equal swiftness. But some must be seized and reflected upon, for such is the woof of learning.

The creative man is he who stores in his mind the significant event of the moment and relates it to past experience constructively.

Dr. Hardy L. Shirley, Dean

(Source: Honors Convocation, State University College of Forestry at Syracuse University, March 16, 1966.)

OPEN SPACE TAX LAW - IN CONNECTICUT

"Connecticut Woodlands" reports on a law passed by the 1965 General Assembly in that state. Called the "Open Space Tax Law" the measure was "an Act Concerning the Taxation and Preservation of Farm, Forest, and Open Space Land." The purpose of the Act is to encourage the preservation of farm, forest and open space land for the benefit of all people in the state. The key provision of the Law states that for assessment purposes, the present value of farm, forest, or open space land, "--shall be based upon its current use without regard to neighborhood land use of more intensive nature,---." Additional restrictions apply to the open space category.

This a fundamental change in the taxation of land in the United States; a change from the ad valorem to use values. If continued, no longer will vast areas be shifted from one specific use to another simply by the pressure of taxation. The Connecticut legislature has specifically stated that the public has a vested interest in preventing the forced conversion of land brought about by high land valuation and resulting taxes. Orderly growth of the state's communities is one thing; but forced, aggravated growth is quite another.

This law is concerned with the vast majority of the land in the State, since only 11% of Connecticut is urban.

(From Forestry Work Tools, October 1964, Vermont Extension Service, University of Vermont)

PRESIDENT FOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

President Lyndon B. Johnson on January 24, 1966, sent his Annual Budget Message to the Congress. In it he said, "Clean and sparkling rivers ought to be a part of every American's environment. I intend to propose a new and expanded program to combat the problem of polluted water. This program will call for the improved enforcement authority needed to conquer pollution. It will also provide for large-scale cooperative efforts of federal, state and local governments to show how pollution can be eliminated throughout entire river basins."