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## FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING SPARKLES

New records were set in quality of program, numbers in attendance and participation of members in the Fourth Annual Meeting of the New York Forest Owners Association at the State University College of Forestry at Syracuse University on Saturday, April 30, 1966.

With President Eugene Klochkoff presiding, and a cordial welcome by Dr. Hardy L. Shirley, Dean of the College of Forestry, - President Klochkoff then turned to David H. Hanaburgh, First Vice President, to moderate the panel "Forest Beauty and Timber Harvesting," theme of the meeting.

Right from the start this panel gained interest, held the attention and moved to a fine climax as Jean Fisher, Chairman of the Department of Forest Extension, talked on "The Professional Forester Looks at Timber Harvesting," and Norwood W. Olmsted, Woodland Manager, Finch-Pruyn Co., Inc., Glens Falls, N.Y., discussed "Forest Industry and Posterity - Our Obligation," in finely penned prose.

Third panel member was John W. Stock, Superintendent, Litchfield Park Corp., Tupper Lake, N.Y., NYFOA Board member, whose talk "The Logging Mess - Whose Fault?" was enhanced by a number of slides illustrating both good and bad examples in logging. David E. Strong, Consulting Forester, Wilmington, N.Y., climaxed the panel offering with his intriguing "The Consultant Contemplates the Computability." Seldom have four panel members teamed up to get such effective results.

The coffee break following at 10:30 was vitally stirred with conversation based on the  
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sound sense and spirit the panel members had brought to this first portion of the meeting. Then came the widely anticipated illustrated feature talk by Dr. Edward P. Cliff, Chief, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., on "Helping People Understand the Forest at Work." With carefully worded commentary and 80 superb slides taken from a wide range of subjects and views on the 154 National Forests under administration of the Forest Service, Ed. Cliff with his straightforward fine spirit of sincerity, gave special emphasis to the fact that there is today a great need for public information and public understanding of the value and management of forests. Following his talk there were many questions. His talk had been heralded as a headline of the Fourth Annual Meeting - it was indeed!

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## HAVE YOU A TAX TALE TO TELL US?

We are certain that a number of our members have had experience with regard to handling their tax problems and that these would be helpful to other owners. One of the strengths of this Association can be developed as we share our experiences with others. If you will write us a story about your tax situation and prefer to withhold your name, don't hesitate to do so if this is your wish. The more sharing of information and experience we can provide, the more we encourage and make way for the improvement of the woods or other aspects of forest ownership. So send us your story. You don't have to polish it. We'll take care of the editing. F.E.C.



DEAN SHIRLEY WELCOMES NYFOA

Years ago when Svend Heiberg talked to me of the need of an organization of forest owners to give to forestry in New York the organized strength, clarification of objectives, and unity of purpose exemplified in agriculture by the Grange, the Farm Bureau Federation, and the Dairymens League and their combined Grange-League-Federation -- now Agway, we little realized how to mobilize the forest owners, or even who they were and what they needed.

Today I am convinced that had the State Forest Practice Board not taken up and promoted the idea, and even if Heiberg and I had not urged it upon them, there would have been others to see the need and start an organization.

The Forest Owners Association has been marvelously successful in bringing together people of kindred spirit for mutual association and exchange of experience. Ted Buckley, your first President, sensed the latent enthusiasm and need of forest owners and gave you initial impetus. Red Evans supplied the wisdom and know-how to get the organization launched. President Klochkoff, Dorothy Wertheimer, Floyd Carlson, Mrs. Palmer, and many other enthusiastic and devoted people have carried on the work. I think all of them see, as I do, your main tasks still lying ahead -- improved markets for products, better cutting practices, how to enhance beauty with utility that we are discussing today, and how to work cooperatively to build a truly magnificent rural landscape.

To me it has, indeed, been a rewarding experience to see how the Association has grown. I congratulate you heartily as we open our Fourth Annual Meeting in the room where the organization was founded.

COMMENTS FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

With each semi-annual meeting more membership cards "come alive" in my files. Talking to a member in person enables me to place a face on the individual card when I have occasion to look at it. My only regret is that the rush of registration does not allow me to have a word with all of you. Among new members are:

- Robert A. Kerr (Otsego)
- Richard Van Ry (Oneida) - Student at College of Forestry.

- Claude A. McGee (Clinton)
- I. P. Rodman, Jr. (Warren)
- Harry O. Sampson (Warren)
- Robert L. Bioren (Warren)
- Booth Hoddick (Columbia)
- Harry Veaser (Oswego) - Librarian
- Jackson W. Nyoos (Otsego) - Tree planter, Stump removal
- Walter Bernard (Wyoming)

The county in parenthesis indicates the location of the forest land. Addresses supplied on request. As of May 11 - total NYFOA membership is 734.

Mrs. Luella B. Palmer  
Membership Secretary.

AWARD CEREMONIES HIGHLIGHT LUNCHEON

With 2nd Vice President Harvey H. Smith acting as Master of Ceremonies some 150 NYFOA members gathered in Graham Hall on Mount Olympus to enjoy an excellent luncheon menu and program which began with an invocation by Rev. Frank A. Reed, author of "The Lumberjack Sky Pilot."

Award Ceremonies of the 4th Annual Meeting began when President Klochkoff presented NYFOA's first President, Theodore T. Buckley, Sheriff of Washington County and resident of Cambridge, N.Y., with a plaque in recognition of his services for two and a half years.

Dr. Klochkoff said "We take pleasure in presenting you a plaque of your favorite material - wood. Since you champion the use of New York State woods, the body of the plaque is one of your favorites, the yellow birch. But because of your far ranging interest, your imagination and interest in design, the plaque employs lace woods from Australia, rose wood from Brazil and obeche from the West Coast of Africa." And he went on to say "We hope you will as proudly display this plaque made from the woods of four continents as we are proud of your efforts in providing leadership for 2-1/2 years in the formative period of the New York Forest Owners Association." Ted responded in his usual warm and humorous manner.

Acting for H. Dyer Phillips, Chairman, New York State Tree Farm Committee, who was absent, Secretary Carlson awarded Dave Markle of Milford, N.Y., a Tree Farm Certificate and a Tree Farm sign. In concluding his remarks, Secretary Carlson referred to President Buckley's strong endorsement of the Tree Farm (continued next page)



movement in New York State from the very beginning of the New York Forest Owners Association's activities, and urged all forest owners to work toward the achievement of Tree Farm certification.

Following the brief but warm talk by former President Buckley and the Tree Farm Award, Harvey Smith called upon Dr. Edward P. Cliff, Chief, Forest Service, to present the first Svend O. Heiberg Memorial Award. With fine spirit Chief Ed Cliff praised the accomplishments of the recipient, Dr. Hardy L. Shirley, Dean of the College of Forestry, who is retiring from the College of Forestry on Sept. 1, 1966 after 21 years of service at the College. The handsome Heiberg Memorial Award in silver and black walnut carried the citation "For Outstanding service to forestry in New York State." Beneath the silver triangle symbolic of the tree, the name of the recipient was inscribed Hardy L. Shirley. On the back side a silver label read "New York State Walnut." Dean Shirley said he was deeply moved by being the recipient, expressed his longtime admiration for his former colleague, Prof. Svend O. Heiberg, and his appreciation of the Svend O. Heiberg Memorial Award.

fessor Forest Extension at Syracuse and Secretary Northeastern Loggers' Association, representing College of Forestry.)

#### CONSERVATION IN PUBLIC MIND NOW

"THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A TIME in history of our Nation when conservation and development of our natural resources was more in the public mind than it is today.

"We must stress cooperation as a necessity. This means that we must bring the urban areas into the total conservation picture. The city is as dependent upon sound soil and water conservation practices as the countryside. City and county officials and residents need -- desperately, in many cases -- to be informed about their interest and responsibility in the conservation effort." -- Sen. James B. Pearson (Kans.)

(Source: National Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, March 15, 1966)

#### BROWSE FOR DEER

Elwood L. Shafer, Jr., U.S. Forest Service, points out:

1. Commercial timber cutting according to either group selection or shelterwood silvicultural systems, with 10-20 year cutting cycles, is adaptable to sustained timber-browse production in the Northeast.
2. Silvicultural thinnings are pole-size hardwood stands provide maximum available browse, increase timber production, and yield a higher return on the investment than other cultural operations.
3. Deer herds should be balanced with or reduced below the existing carrying capacity of the range before browse management is attempted.
4. Browse cuttings should be aimed at creating a wide variety of age classes, densities, and species mixtures in the woody vegetation.
5. Noncommercial browse-production methods include the cut-and-bend method, aerial and ground applications of herbicides, fires and bulldozing. The cut-and-bend method is appropriate for commercial thinning operations if maximum browse production is desired.
6. Sprouting ability of hardwood stumps declines sharply with tree age and with size

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#### LOG GRADING AND BUCKING TRAINING SESSIONS

This spring in March and April the Northeastern Loggers' Association again sponsored two of these sessions in New York State in cooperation with the College of Forestry. Another is planned for late May, in central Vermont.

The purpose of these sessions is to demonstrate to loggers and lumbermen the fact that quality control in the wood-using industry begins in the woods. By following a few simple rules in the cutting of trees into logs (called bucking in the industry) better grade logs are produced which, in time results in the production of better grade lumber. Each person, from landowner through final consumer, stands to benefit money-wise by correct and careful bucking practices.

The meetings were well attended by men from industry. Several mill owners and loggers contributed generously in providing logs, full tree-length timber, their equipment and mill facilities. The College of Forestry and the U.S. Forest Service provided instruction and general direction, and the Loggers' Association handled reservations and arrangements.

(Harry W. Burry, NYFOA member, Assistant Pro-



BROWSE FOR DEER (continued)

after a stem d.b.h. of 8 to 10 inches is attained.

7. Browse grows more slowly under partial canopy or under slash than in the open.

8. Deer tend to select the available twigs of certain species that are highest in nutrient content. How they are able to select nutritionally superior browse is not known.

(Source: U.S.F.S. Research Paper No. NE-33)

AS PRESIDENT JOHNSON PUT IT in the conservation message the President sent to Congress last year, he said -

"A growing population is swallowing up areas of natural beauty with demands for living space and is placing an increased demand on our over-burdened areas of recreation and pleasure.....To deal with this problem will require a new conservation -- not just the classic conservation of protection and development, but a creative conservation of restoration and innovation."

GUIDES FOR FOREST PRODUCTS SALES

Through the cooperation of the Division of Lands and Forests, New York State Conservation Department, we are pleased to enclose with this May issue of the Forest Owner a copy of Forest Management Leaflet No. 6 - Guides for Preparing Forest Product Sales Contracts.

Here is good advice in how to proceed to sell the harvest of wood from your forest. We suggest you file this for future reference.

POLLUTION CONTROL A MAJOR ISSUE

New public interest in pollution abatement appears to be widespread, based on renewed concern with the beauty of the natural environment. Another major factor is the possibility of an impending national water crisis - widely predicted - which makes wise water utilization imperative.

In a series of newspaper articles, Sen. Gaylord Nelson (Wisc.) recently outlined the deterioration in water quality throughout the U.S. Not a single major river system has escaped pollution, he points out, estimat-

ing that the sewage discharged into our waters - treated and untreated - is equal to the untreated sewage from a nation of 75 million people. The industrial waste load is equal to the untreated sewage from 165 million people, he says.

Sen. Nelson concludes that:

"Punitive legislation and strict enforcement alone here simply failed. Technical assistance and substantial financial aids to industry and municipalities must be used.

NATIONAL FOREST TIMBER SALES INCREASE

Cash receipts from the sale and use of National Forest resources amounted to a record \$147,410,000. in fiscal year 1965. This represents an \$11,000,000. increase over the preceding year. More than 90 percent (\$138,768,000.) came from the sale of National Forest timber.

(Source: Forest Service News)

CONSERVATION LIBRARY CENTER BOOMING

A project that began four years ago with one man's housecleaning, has snowballed into a priceless collection of conservation material housed in the Denver Public Library.

Originator of the idea was Arthur H. Carhart, a conservationist and outdoor writer, who had accumulated more related material than he could house. John Eastlick, city librarian in Denver, offered a floor of the library. Offers of material came in as soon as the project was announced. And cash has been made available through a number of organizations, agencies and individuals.

The goal of the conservation library is "to show the contemporary conservationist who did what, where, and with what result. Thus the mistakes of yesterday may be avoided."

Carhart, the prime mover, has acted as consultant, and is currently directing the cataloguing and indexing of thousands of books, journals and papers. Mr. Herrington feels that the library should be of great value to writers and research students in the field of conservation.

-Conservation Education Association Newsletter Autumn 1965.