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DAVE HANABURGH, NYFOA PRESIDENT BOARD ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

At the 24th Meeting of the New York Forest Owners Association Board of Directors Meeting held in Syracuse on May 21, 1966, the following officers were elected:

David H. Hanaburgh, Consulting Forester, Buchanan, Westchester County, N.Y. - President. He succeeds Dr. Eugene Klochkoff, physician of New York City who continues on the Board of Directors.

John W. Stock, Supt., Litchfield Park Corp., Tupper Lake - 1st Vice President. He takes the place of Dave, who is now President.

Arthur E. Rasmussen, Financial Vice President and Director of Avco Corp., New York City - 2nd Vice President. He succeeds Harvey H. Smith, farmer and secretary and treasurer of Finger Lakes Sugar Beet Growers Association, Cayuga County. Harvey has served three years as 2nd Vice President.

Re-elected was NYFOA Secretary, Floyd E. Carlson and Mrs. Luella B. Palmer, Treasurer. Mrs. Palmer was reappointed as Secretary of the Membership Committee.

Fred Najer, Lumberman, Chestertown, N.Y., was appointed new Chairman of the Membership Committee, succeeding David G. Anderson, Assistant Dean of Administration at the College of Forestry, Syracuse.

Other chairmen of committees will be named or reappointed in the near future.

CAMPER TRENDS

The soft life of modern America has shown up in still another way -- the 1965 outdoor survey of Camping Guide Magazine shows that of all people who camp: 33% are folding trailer campers, up from 26% 4 years ago; 29% are travel-trailer campers, up from 7% 4 years ago; 4% now own motor homes; and 29% are tent campers, down from 67% in 1961. Perhaps such restful camping habitat and habits will preserve more of our hunters' and anglers' energies for "the chase" (or will it?).

(Source: The Wildlife Society News, April 1966)

NEEDS OF OUR ASSOCIATION NOW

The objectives of our Association as stated in our brochures, are to advance, protect and represent the interests of forest land owners of New York State.

This is a sizable responsibility!

More than a hundred years ago we had a treasure house of timber in New York State. We moved into this treasure house and proceeded to take the timber. It went into the building of the foundation of a great Empire State. We brought the saw logs out of the woods at such a rate that from 1850 to 1860 New York State was the leading lumber producing state in the nation.

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We cleared the bottom lands; we cleared the slopes; we sent lumber west through the Erie Canal to Tonawanda and to the prairie states; through the Erie and the Barge Canal east to Albany. We drove the logs down the Susquehanna, the Hudson, the Allegany; we cashed the checks from timber, built bank deposits, and when too much daylight began to appear among the tree tops, woods workers and the mill workers moved south and west to the Lake States and then on to the Far West.

For a century we mined the second growth and the remainder of our original treasure house until on the whole it had mere remnants of the virgin forest.

In the spring new leaves came out among the twigs of the hardwoods as the do every spring. But as of recent years too many leaves by far have been showing up on bulky branches of wolf trees, on rejected, ill formed, hardwood trees or on the branches of inferior species.

Taking the woods of New York State as a whole, only here and there are there bright lights of improvement from the kind of management and ownership that brings pride to the owner as he points out to visitors and friends and relatives, the results of his guiding hand in growing new and improved small segments of the state's treasure house of timber value.

To aid in the renewing of the timber treasure house of New York, after a century of exploitation we have had 20 years of the Forest Practice Act program, only now being implemented with personnel to the point where its services can more fully meet public needs and public demands.

When we say this Association has a fundamental objective in the advancement of forestry in New York State we talk in terms of 11 million acres in the hands of private management. We are indeed talking about a huge task.

Another objective of the Association is to protect the interests of forest land owners in New York State. In my opinion the number one protection which this Association must strive to offer is that of an improved harvesting service. For this we need to have a list of reliable, reputable timber harvesters, county by county, available for our members.

Of what value is there to prevent forests from fire, from insects and from dis-

eases if in the most critical point of timber management, the harvesting of timber, the forest owner finds that the timber harvester is out of sympathy with the whole idea of continuous harvest. Instead of an improved woods for the future, he has his sights set only on gaining the biggest possible harvest of dollars with little regard or concern of how the welfare of an uninformed or inexperienced woods owner may be affected.

In our objectives of the NYFOA we declare that one of our objectives is to represent the interests of forest land owners in New York State. At the present time the census figures indicate that there are more than 250,000 forest owners in New York State. To date as our records show, we have more than 700 NYFOA members. From a statistical standpoint this is less than 3/10 of 1% of the forest owners of the State. For us as an Association to represent the forest owners of New York State, in all fairness it would seem that we could honestly not feel that we were actually representing the forest owners of New York State, unless as a minimum we have at least a 1% representation of this ownership, or 2500 members.

We hear the expression "the past is prologue." So, let it be with our New York forests.

With only a minimum of care, mainly in the phase of fire prevention, we have helped to guarantee the mere existence of some sort of a present forest resource. Now we are aware of new glimmerings of conservation concern. We want to add beauty as we count on the utility of managed forests. But there is a beauty of vitality as when you see a well cared for thriving garden, a fine herd of dairy cattle, a lush crop of alfalfa, the ruddy glow of unblemished apples about to be harvested, the golden glow of a well-filled ear of corn.

All over New York State we need to have this glow of vitality, this psychic sense of satisfaction that comes with teaming up with nature to produce healthy, thriving timber.

There is an opportunity ahead of us to rebuild this treasure house of timber. Think of what a prodigious market we would have right now, if we had quality timber trees in New York State at this time!

Our Association's task is a big one. We need new members. We need to tap financial resources to back the employment of a full time Executive Secretary.

There is an immense growing power out there "in them thar hills". To channel that growing power in the right stems, into the

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right trunks, - to bring the forest back to producing full harvests of quality timber, will take time, patience, persistence and a basic conviction that this is the right thing to do! Other countries have restored their treasure house of timber. Surely we have as much foresight, as much of a sense of stewardship, as countries of western Europe.

By sharing our experiences, pooling our problems, and demonstrating to each other what can be done in the woods add with the woods, this Association can be a power house of encouragement to our own forest members and to forest owners who are not members of our Association.

By our interest we members of the NYFOA can encourage the public agencies whose job it is to assist us in meeting our future demands for wood because 35 years from now it is estimated there will be twice the demand for wood that we have at present.

Here in the New York State area and its immediate environs is the greatest wood market in the world. This one fact alone should provide every member of our Association with strong motivation to advance, protect, and represent the interests of forest land owners in New York State.

(Report of the Secretary, Floyd E. Carlson at the 4th Annual Meeting, NYFOA, April 30, 1966, at State University College of Forestry.)

ELECTED SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Arthur E. Rasmussen, Residence 125 Lorraine Avenue, Upper Montclair, New Jersey. Mr. Rasmussen is the owner of 5,500 acres of woodland in Delaware County, where he is also vice president and a director of the Delaware County Conservation Association, a local organization with many of the same goals as F.O.A.

Mr. Rasmussen is managing the area for timber production and multiple use. He has undertaken woodland improvement practices and pond construction. Most of his woodland is leased to hunting and fishing clubs on a long-term basis.

He attended Middlebury College and received advanced degrees at the University of Chicago and Harvard. He has been associated with the management consulting firm of Booz,

Allen & Hamilton; product manager of Philco Corporation; vice president and director of Congoleum-Nairn, Inc., and at present is financial vice president and director of Avco Corporation and is a director of other companies.

Art has other interests in real estate and in breeding cattle herds in the West. He is also a member of the Delaware County (N.Y.) Chamber of Commerce and is active in the American Forest Association. He is married and has four children.

NATIONAL FORESTS IMPROVE RECREATION FACILITIES

Enjoyment of the National Forests through public recreation has been enhanced by the improvement and expansion of developed facilities. Capacity of camp and picnic areas was increased in 1965 to accommodate in additional 419,179 persons at one time. The capacity of winter sports facilities on National Forests was also increased dramatically during the year, providing a safe onetime capacity of 269,082 persons.

(Source: Forest Service News)

AID TO THE SECRETARY

Remember that phrase when you started your typing - This is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country? Well, we are changing this to "Now is the time for members of the NYFOA to come to the aid of their secretary!"

Why?

For the first time in almost three years as serving as Secretary of NYFOA I am going on a trip out of the country. It came about this way. The National Association of Educational Broadcasters, Washington, D.C. was asked to get together a four-man team to develop a Rural Radio Feasibility Study for India to study the possibility of the use of low power radio network programs received by India-made transistors - programs that would provide information and knowledge regarding family planning, food production, and rural development, including reforestation.

I have accepted the invitation to become a member of the four-man team and as a result am leaving Syracuse, N.Y., June 5, for four

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days of briefing in Washington, D.C., taking off for India by way of London on June 10, arriving in New Delhi on June 13.

I'll be continuing with this 90 day assignment until September 1 when instead of returning by way of the Atlantic, my plane ticket now calls for return by way of the Philippines, making forestry contacts there for a week, then one day each in Tokyo and Ankorage, Alaska, and from there to Seattle, Washington, to attend the National Meeting of the Society of American Foresters September 12-15, returning to Syracuse September 16.

Meanwhile we are counting on members of the Board of Directors and you members generally to send in those stories you have been expecting to write but haven't done as yet. We are going to need your copy!

The Board of Directors has arranged for the following in July, August and September issues of the Forest Owner:

1. A story each month on the progress of our 4th Annual Fall Meeting.
2. Comments from the Membership Secretary on membership growth of our Association.
3. Two and possibly three biographical sketches each month of new members elected to the Board of Directors, which we have started in this June issue of the Forest Owners.
4. Stories from the new Chairman of the Membership Committee, Fred Najer, at Chester-town, N.Y.
5. News items regarding your work on your forest property this season - and this is where every member has a real chance to help out on the work of supplying material for the Forest Owner.

Direct all copy to Mrs. Golda Brenner, secretary to Floyd E. Carlson, State University College of Forestry at Syracuse University.

Meanwhile I would be delighted to hear from any of you. Address me -- Prof. Floyd E. Carlson, American Embassy - AID, APO New York, N.Y. 09675. (Do not include in this address any reference to New Delhi or to India.)

1965 FIRES ON NATIONAL FOREST

Protection of National Forests from fire marked an all-time low of 76,431 acres burned within National Forest protection

acres in 1965. This damage was caused by 9,333 fires, of which 4,083 were man caused. The average acreage burned the preceding 5 years was 208,974 acres.

(Source: Forest Service News)

COMMENTS FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

In this month's chat with you I want to stress junior memberships. Much of the future strength of our Association may well come from an interest created now in young, fertile minds

How about a gift of a membership in the New York Forest Owners Association to your favorite teenager? At the latest count, we had 270 junior members. Why not 270?

Among the latest junior members are: Mark A. Zawada, Utica, N.Y.; Jamieson Steele, Fayetteville, N.Y.; Alf Lindsay Carroll III, Connecticut; Lee Douglass Carroll, Connecticut; Anthony C. Tollner, North Carolina; Jean Urbanc Astoria, N.Y.

The response to the new schedule of dues has been most gratifying. We now have about 50 family memberships most of which have come in as renewals for a previous single membership. And also, we have 30 contributing members, 5 sustaining members, and 2 supporting members. Total NYFOA membership to date is 736.

Mrs. Luella B. Palmer

IN OTHER SPACE

After all, our sun is but an average yellow star, one among billions. And our planet is a rather pedestrian one which along with the sun is at the edge of but one galaxy among billions of galaxies. Most scientists now accept the fact that there is intelligent life elsewhere in the universe. Only the estimates of life's abundancy vary. Last September Harrison Brown of the California Institute of Technology calculated that conditions for life processes may be far more abundant than hitherto thought possible.

"If this be true," said Brown, "one might conclude with equal conviction that man is not alone - that his equivalents may occupy hundreds or even thousands of bodies within our galaxy."

(Source: Think Jan.-Feb. 1966 "Exploring the Universe with X-Rays")