



FOREST OWNER

- the voice of 255,000 forest owners in New York
- representing an ownership of 11 million acres

A new mast head is an event in the life of any publication! So we hope you as a member of the New York Forest Owners Association, Inc. as well as members of your family will take just a bit more pride in the fact that you are members of this growing Association!

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FALL PROGRAM PACKED WITH INTEREST

Managing the Dynamic Forces of the Forest for Esthetic Purposes, Work of the Hudson River Valley Commission, Viewing Natural Resources in the Catskills, Dynamic Environment of Delaware County - are topics emphasizing the theme of our Fall Meeting, "THE FOREST OWNER IN A DYNAMIC ENVIRONMENT."

We regret to say the first fold of the printed program shows the dates in error. They should be, as I am certain everyone understands, Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 1966. Somehow in the exuberance of program planning, a 3 came around from behind one of those tree trunks and stepped right in front of the Oct. 1, making it Oct. 31 - our apologies! It's still a two-day program.

Beginning with our host, Dan Smiley, we are getting a lot of fine cooperation from agencies around the State for our Fall Meeting.

The setting of lovely Mohonk Lake in the midst of massive slab rock is delightful. We think you will agree that the views around Mohonk House as well as the vistas cross country from this nearly a century old hostelry on a cliff are unique.

In another column you will read a note about the experience of Bruce E. Howlett. It ranges from Harvard University to Chicago, the far West Coast in the State of Washington and back now to the Hudson River. The Hudson River has a tremendous place in our State

and national history. The clean-up of the Hudson River pollution will work wonders, stimulate a whole host of economic, esthetic and industrial changes.

Norman Richards from the College of Forestry, a long-time resident of Delaware and Schoharie Counties, has mapped out a 90 mile tour that in itself will be a worthwhile reason for going to our 4th Fall Meeting. The tour stops are based upon his personal knowledge of the area. Along the way we are getting great cooperation from personnel of the Conservation Department, Cornell University and New York City.

The luncheon stop Saturday afternoon October 1 at Delhi Tech is packed with potential interest. To begin with, Art Rasmussen, our 2nd Vice President, is also 2nd Vice President of the Delaware County Conservation Association. He will introduce Dr. William R. Kunsela, President of a growing and dynamic Delhi Tech. As evidence of this growth and forward look, John J. Vatet, Director of Planning for the well known architectural firm Sargent, Webster, Crenshaw and Folley of Syracuse, will show us what is shaping up for the future. To top it off we expect to hear from Maurice G. Postley, President of the Delaware County Conservation Association, Franklin, N. Y., who in a remarkably short time has sparked an organization now grown to 150 members. It's a splendid tribute to Maurice Postley's personal enthusiastic interest in conservation, and his ability to organize and energize this rapidly growing conservation association with its interest in water, wildlife, woods and build-

ing of private fish ponds.

Joining us at the luncheon will be 7 members of the Delhi faculty and the Chairman of the Delhi Village and Town Planning Committees.

Our committees on program and arrangements have produced fine fare for NYFOA members on Sept. 30 - Oct. 1. As a forest land owner you'll see many ways and hear of many more of how forest areas are being put to work. Let yourself in for a treat! Isn't it time you did?

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

If you have any comments, criticisms, etc. on forest legislation, contact the new Chairman of the Legislative Committee, Norwood W. Olmsted, 7855 Merritt Road, Glens Falls, N. Y. 12804.

The statisticians say that there are about 255,000 forest owners in New York State. We want them all in our NYFOA. If any member knows a forest owner who is not a member, go to work on him, or her, or send his name in to our Membership Secretary, Luella B. Palmer, 157 Ballantyne Road, Syracuse, N. Y. 13205, for expert attention. Our Membership Committee is working on a schedule of incentives (prizes, books, free memberships), for our members to go out and get new members. We hope to have something on this in a couple of months.

Let's hear some chatter in the Forest Owner. I like to hear a lot of controversial discussion going on.

FALL PROGRAM PERSONALITIES

BRUCE E. HOWLETT, Assistant Director, Hudson River Valley Commission, has had a wide experience in planning following his training at the University of Chicago and at Harvard. He has worked in planning in the State of Washington, the Chicago area and elsewhere.

COMMENTS FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

A mailbox is an interesting thing, especially if its owner is membership secretary of an organization such as our NYFOA. Of course, it gets its share of "junk mail" and the usual monthly personal bills. But these are secondary to the communications it receives from old and new friends in NYFOA. Our membership consists of people from all walks of life and from scattered parts of our country, in New York state and elsewhere. Some of our new friends are:

Raymond C. Rathbun (Washington)
Tree farmer in Fort Ann

Stanley Bates (Oneida) - Rome

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Senterman -
(Greene), Valhalla

Mr. & Mrs. Frederick P. Howe -
Manager & Sec. - Treas., New York
Potato Growers Coop., Inc.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles N. LaForty -
College of Forestry

Mrs. Svend O. Heiberg - Widow
of the late Dean Heiberg, one of our
founders.

Sherwood Davis (Oswego) -
Syracuse, Onondaga County Sheriff's
Department

Mr. & Mrs. Ted S. Pettit (Greene)
National Staff Boy Scouts

William D. Nugent (Oswego) -
Syracuse, Physician

Dr. Edwin C. Jahn - Associate
Dean, College of Forestry

Henry S. Kernon (Otsego) -
Worcester, World forestry consultant

Thomas F. Walsh (Cortland) -
Fayetteville

Mrs. George S. Pettit (Greene) -
Syracuse, Mother of Ted Pettit, above

Arthur C. Zilinski (Steuben),
Eastman Kodak, Rochester

Mrs. Luella B. Palmer
Membership Secretary

MOHONK'S BEVERAGE POLICY--

As Mohonk does not hold a beverage license, ice and mixes only are served to guest rooms.

OUR CAMP, BEAVER CAMP

By Rene F. Doster, Director, NYFOA. Part II

With the passing years, our trees grew and to thin them out somewhat, Daddy contracted private loggers to come in and take out some of the Cerry, Poplar, Maple, Hemlock, and Elm. This wood was taken over to Gould Paper Mill in Lyonsdale and Lyons Falls for paper pulp or over to Hawkinsville to Brandt Excelsior Company for their product.

Our Evergreens continued to grow and grow, cause they weren't being raised for commercial value, only for their beauty and fragrance. The ones we did cut were for our own personal use at Christmas time. Just twice have they been cut in a large quantity and sold as Christmas trees. This was done to help raise money for the Knights of Columbus.

This lack of cutting has produced some very tall trees, many of which are of no value whatsoever. It has also reduced the cover for the wildlife. This fact was made more apparent to us after attending the last three meetings of the Forest Owners Association, and we have since contacted the New York State Conservation Department for their assistance. During the Summer and Fall of 1965, their Forester, A. E. Richard, and the Soil Conservation Department Consultant, David Anna, inspected the land and made various recommendations for its improvement. We are now a Cooperator in the Forest Management Plan and have definite goals to be accomplished within the next ten years which will build up the stocking and growth of the woodland to the full capacity of the site and will develop and maintain favorable food and cover conditions for game and other wildlife. Mr. Richard and his associates have begun work, marking trees that have no value and deadening them with a chemical preparation. This will, after continual management and hard work, eventually give us marketable hardwoods, softwoods for pulpwood, and the beginnings of a Christmas Tree Farm. There is a lot of work to be done here and it will be interesting to see, say ten or twenty years from now just how far we have progressed.

I could go on and on about the joys and responsibilities of having a "retreat" such as ours, but I am afraid that to do so would take the whole issue of the Forest Owner and as that would not be fair to our other contributors who have submitted articles for your pleasure, I will now turn this bulletin over to Mrs. Palmer and her report on the progress of our membership program.

NYFOA Director, Renee F. Doster

A REPORT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

by Fred Najer

At the May 21 NYFOA meeting of the Board of Directors I was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Membership. Other members of the Committee on Membership are:

Prof. David G. Anderson, Assistant
Dean for Administration, College of
Forestry, Syracuse.

Mrs. Luella B. Palmer, Treasurer
and Membership Secretary, Syracuse.

Mrs. Dorothy Wertheimer, NYFOA
Director and Certified Tree Farmer,
Syracuse.

Miss Renee F. Doster, NYFOA Director,
Syracuse.

Harvey H. Smith, NYFOA Director
and Certified Tree Farmer, Auburn.

Emiel D. Palmer, Chairman, Committee
on Printing and Certified Tree
Farmer, College of Forestry, Syracuse.

Lloyd G. Strombeck, NYFOA Director
and Executive Director, Tioga County
Opportunities Program, Inc., Owego.

The Board of Directors approved a

membership committee proposal to launch an aggressive campaign to reach more members in sympathy with the objectives of our organization. From time to time you will hear more about the following projects:

We shall print gift membership forms to be mailed with the Forest Owner and used all year but to be really pushed at Christmas time.

We are starting a Social Register of New York's Champion Trees. All members are invited to report trees of large dimensions and give a description of the exact location and the following three dimensions: the circumference 4-1/2 ft. above the ground, the estimated heights, and the crown spread. The reports will be checked and the names of members submitting candidates and the dimensions of the trees nominated will be listed every month in the Forest Owner so that other members may know what they are competing against.

It is hoped the official champions will be designated at the annual meeting in April.

For the time being I shall act as a one man clearing house for these nominations. The trees nominated do not

Dear Mrs. Palmer:

Thank you for your inquiry about my work in Korea and your interest in publishing a brief story in the monthly bulletin "Forest Owner."

During 1962 to 1964, I acted as the Resident Engineer/Officer on a \$30 million Power Project in the Pusan area. This consisted of a 132,000 KW Electric Generating Station together with site improvements, electric transmission lines, harbor facilities, housing, etc. Currently I am the Chief of the Power Branch of the USOM AID Program in Korea, and as such have responsibility for the general guidance of the US AID Program in the power field in Korea.

We may expect to return to the United States in January or February of next year and I will be stationed initially in Washington.

This very happily places me within a very short distance of Ellicottville, New York where our property is located. During this interim my wife and I will be spending a great deal of time in Ellicottville; and we will be either rebuilding an existing farm house or building a new home there and putting our roots a little deeper into that area.

The property we now own, consisting of about 200 acres, was acquired in four parcels. The first two parcels were acquired in 1960 just prior to my going abroad. The third parcel was acquired in 1962 during home leave; and the fourth parcel, in which the farm house and barns are located, was acquired in the fall of 1964, during our second home leave.

This total now comprises a rather regular and square area of, as I said before, about 200 acres. We are very fond of the Western New York area and like the rolling country. Of our total property, about 120 acres are in woodland, the balance in meadows and "scrub" timber.

We are eagerly looking forward to meeting some of the kind friends in the New York Forest Owners Association; and again I appreciate your sending me the bulletins by Air Mail.

Cordially yours,

Alf L. Carroll
Chief
Power Branch

have to be on the member's property, but can be in a park or on State land, or any place within New York.

Since there are one hundred thirty-three kinds of trees, exclusive of the thorn-apple in New York State we should be able to assemble a large list.

The American Forestry Association has conducted a Register of Champion Trees for many years. They are listing now 288 champion trees throughout the nation. Only three of the National Champions are in New York. If many of our members get interested in this project we might find some more trees that would make the National Register.

The Empire State FM Network operating stations WDDS Syracuse, WVR Rochester and WBUF Buffalo has offered us an evening hour of classical music once a week giving us four half minute to one minute spots to report news of interest to forest owners or interesting developments in the field of forestry. We are now searching for a volunteer Radio Editor who would tape these recordings a few weeks in advance. We hope we may hear from members interested in undertaking this task.

FALL PROGRAM PERSONALITIES

JOHN J. VATET, Director of Planning, Sargent, Webster, Crenshaw and Folley, Syracuse, has the overall responsibility for the execution of a large number of "701" urban planning assistance projects in the States of New York, West Virginia and Vermont, together with urban renewal and other related planning work. From November 1960 to March 1963 he was Director of Planning for the city of Ashland, Kentucky. From April 1957 to November 1960 he was Associate of Russell Vannest Black of New Hope, Pa. Mr. Black has been a Planning Consultant for over 40 years and is a Past President of the American Institute of Planners. Mr. Vatet served in World War II in the USAF attaining the rank of major before the end of the war. He was engaged for the duration in airport planning and programming. Prior to the war he was associated with the United States Housing Authority for three years as Project Planner. He is a member of the American Institute of Planners and member of the American Society of Planning Officials.

YOUR TAXES ARE NOT TOO HIGH (OR ARE THEY?)

A recent meeting on Forest Taxation held at the College of Forestry was attended by two members of your NYFOA committee on Forest Taxation. A State official ventured the opinion that the average forest land owner was not dissatisfied with the amount of taxes he had to pay on his forest land.

We took issue with him on this statement, but he said, "They never complain, so therefore they are happy." Is this the case? We don't think so, but we have nothing to back up our opinions.

Do you feel your forest is taxed on an equal basis with other lands in the town? Do you complain to the assessor? Does the fact that you may be a non-resident land owner mean that you are assessed more than the resident voters?

If this is the case, write to the Forest Owner and let us know. Maybe we can do something about advising you of steps to take, or relief that is available. We would like to make "Tax Fax" a regular feature of the Forest Owner. If there is enough interest in the subject, we will try to find answers to questions of a general nature on forest taxation, and discuss some of the broader aspects of this for your benefit.

Remember what Edmund Burke said "The power to tax is the power to destroy."

William R. Fraser,
John W. Stock, Chairman

CATALYST - NEW CONSERVATION MAGAZINE

There has come to my attention recently a new publication called the Catalyst, a quarterly publication of The Bell W. Baruch Foundation. It is free, to anyone who will send their request to: Catalyst, Editorial Office, 333 E. 46th St. 6L, New York, N. Y. 10017.

In the mast head we find "The Bell W. Baruch Foundation was created in 1964 by the late Miss Baruch in honor of her father, Bernard M. Baruch.

"In means to spur education and research in conservation, development and use of renewable resources - with particular emphasis on forestry, wildlife and marine biology.

"In pursuit of these interests, the Foundation utilizes among other things its 17,000-acre plantation at Georgetown, S. C."

F. E. C.

DELHI TECH FACULTY

Eight faculty and administrative members of Delhi Tech will join with us at the luncheon Saturday October 1 at MacDonald Hall. It is one of six agricultural and technical colleges of the State University of New York (two year.) Others are at Alfred, Canton, Cobleskill, Farmingdale and Morrisville.

LEGISLATIVE APPEARANCE

On August 16, 17 and 18, the Joint Legislative Committee on Natural Resources and Scenic Beauty held a series of informal hearings at Glens Falls. John Stock, 1st Vice President, appeared before the Committee to present some of the views and problems of the New York Forest Owners Association.

Mr. Stock said in part: "... There are over one quarter million residents of the State who own an acre or more of forest land. This group is to some extent an unrecognized minority. And as it is fashionable for such minorities to organize themselves for recognition and help, so it is with the forest owners ... A farmer who works 50 acres of land has all kinds of associations he can belong to, all kinds of governmental assistance and advice he can call on. On the other hand the manager of a supermarket, who happens to own, and pay taxes on, 50 acres of forest land, has no group he can feel any identification with. He doesn't have anybody to speak for him and he doesn't know where to go for help. The NYFOA is a new, fast growing group of forest owners organized for mutual assistance and recognition."

The Committee is hearing testimony on all aspects of natural resource management, with special emphasis on the forest preserve.

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PAUL GROMMECK is one of the proprietors of the Catskill Ski Center located near Andes, - a privately owned operation. The ski lodge will be open to us for inspection on Stop 3 on our Fall Meeting tour Saturday morning Oct. 1. When I asked Norm Richards about how much land they owned he said "They own the whole mountainside where the ski development is located." We are assured of a most cordial welcome at Catskill Ski Center.

BIOGRAPHY OF A NEW DIRECTOR

Lloyd G. Strombeck, Owego, N.Y., elected for a one-year term on the Board of Directors, is Executive Director of Tioga Opportunities Program, Inc. and a former County 4-H Club Agent.

He is in partnership with Howard O. Ward of Candor, N.Y. The firm of Ward and Strombeck have a certified tree farm of 150 acres.

Lloyd has been active in civic programs in Chenango and Tioga Counties where he served as County 4-H Club Agent. He was chairman of the State 4-H Agents Conservation Committee for several years and a member of the NYFOA Program Committee and its secretary.

In 1964 he did graduate study in forest management and land use planning at the New York State University College of Forestry at Syracuse University.

Lloyd and Helen Strombeck have three children all of whom are in college - Paul, 22, a senior in soil conservation at the University of Georgia; Ann, 20, a junior in anthropology at the University of Kentucky; and Katherine, 18, a freshman in mathematics

at the State University College at Potsdam.

Lloyd has been president of the N.Y.S. 4-H Agents Association and first vice president of the national 4-H Agents Association.

THE CALL

Who among our members would like to go on record as being among those who will grow quality timber or who are now setting out as a part of their goal to grow quality timber!

Why do I raise this question?

Some of you know about and have seen the splendid Ralph Webster woods just west of Auburn and have seen Lawrence W. Hoyt's woods just east of Auburn, at the time of our 2nd Fall NYFOA Meeting held in Cayuga County October 9-10, 1964.

Here was inspiration! Quality timber, - basswood, sugar maple, tulip trees, cherry, white ash!

The presence of the trees themselves was a revelation of something more significant. They showed that these trees represented the care, the concern, the appreciation, the handing on of a conservation ideal, or conservationist spirit, if you will, - from one generation to another.

This conservation spirit, + this exuberance regarding the forest as a magnificent part of creation has been reflected in articles in the Forest Owner - Paul Steinfeld's (Nov. 1965), Dorothy Wertheimer (Apr. 1966.)

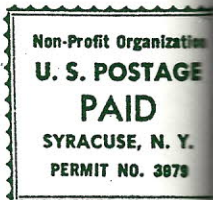
We know there are many among our members who have similar satisfactions and inspirations. Are you on the way to growing quality timber?

How about hearing from you?

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