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## FINCH, PRUYN JOINS N. Y. F. O. A.

It is with considerable pride that we welcome Finch, Pruyn Company, Inc. to membership in NYFOA. Finch, Pruynas one of the oldest wood using establishments in New York State is the first forest industry in the State to take out NYFOA supporting membership.

It is our earnest hope that many other wood using industries may become members and aid in the overall improvement of an economic climate for forestry that will be mutually beneficial to wood grower and wood user.

Finch, Pruyn began as a lumber company in 1865 with three partners operating four separate enterprises in the Glens Falls area. The partnership made its first major purchase of timber land in 1886 in the Adirondacks near Indian Lake, New York. From that purchase to the present, Finch, Pruyn has accumulated approximately 150,000 acres of land in the Adirondacks and the Glens Falls area.

During the first 40 years of operation, its woodlands were used to produce softwood for the lumber market. The company joined with other organization in river drives down the Cedar, the Hudson and Boreas Rivers, with Finch, Pruyn logs going to their saw mill at Glens Falls.

In 1904, Finch, Pruyn consolidated and incorporated as Finch, Pruyn & Company, Inc.

In 1905, Finch, Pruyn & Company, Inc. built a newsprint mill at Glens

Falls. From spruce and balsam on their Adirondack lands they manufactured groundwood pulp. Quickly, the newsprint manufacturing program became the company's principal product.

In the late 1940's Finch, Pruyn's Adirondack woodlands began to supply new products, - hardwood logs for both saw timber and veneer. It was the beginning of multiple use of the company's woodlands. Today, multiple use has reached its full concept, with many new links like wildlife and recreation, in the total multiple use complex.

In 1950, the colorful river drive on the Hudson River was discontinued. It had become more economical to bring pulpwood to the mill by truck over a company built network of all-weather roads that gave access to all parts of its forest lands.

During the 1950's, again based upon the network of all-weather roads, another major change took place. The old time, often unmarried, lumber jack began to disappear. In his place came the skilled timber harvester. He was a family man traveling back and forth each day from his home to the multiple use forest, - producing forest products on a year 'round basis.

During the late 1940's, Finch, Pruyn discontinued manufacture of newsprint and developed high quality groundwood printing papers, designed for magazines, books, and business paper use. (continued on page 2)

### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

March is Membership Month. I hope each member will bring in at least one new member. The NYFOA needs many new members before it can be self supporting. Many more new members will be needed before our present services can be expanded.

Our Budget Committee under Chairman Ralph Unger has produced 2 budgets; one for 1967-68 and an anticipated budget for about 1972-73.

Our Finance Committee under Chairman Crandall Melvin, Jr., is working on the ways and means to meet these budget requirements. Much of the required support must come from the membership. Some support is beginning to come from the forest industries. Temporary foundation support is being investigated. Most of our present support comes from the State University College of Forestry at Syracuse University but this cannot go on forever.

Our Committee on Forest Legislation under the chairmanship of Woody Olmsted is working on a NYFOA version of a bill to regulate timber harvesters. Our committee feels that the bill submitted by the NYS Forest Practice Board is impracticable and unenforceable. The pressure for some such bill is sufficiently strong to warrant NYFOA participation in its development.

Get a new member!

About one-third of the United States is forested and nearly three-quarters of this American forest grows, or is capable of growing, commercially valuable timber.

## IDEA OF "WOODS WALK" SEEMS REWARDING

Box 127, Vassar College  
Poughkeepsie, N. Y. 12601

Mr. Floyd Carlson  
College of Forestry  
Syracuse, New York

Dear Professor Carlson:

The idea of a "Woods Walk", proposed in the last issue of Forest Owner, seems rewarding. Because my woodland has an advantage in easy accessibility you might want to consider it as the site for one of these excursions.

It contains 130 acres located astride the Taconic Parkway at North Road, Dutchess Co., 1 mi. south of State Hy. 199. These rocky, thin-soiled, acid acres would be strong contenders for the title of the poorest soil in the county. Tilled agriculture ended about 1921, parts were pastured as late as 1945. Half the acreage was farm woodlot.

Open areas were planted (1943-56) with larch, jack, red and white pine, white and Norway spruce. Christmas trees in small numbers have been harvested for 15 years. Red pines are being pruned, but have not been thinned, as they were planted on coarse spacing. Poles and posts of red cedar and black locust have been sold now and then, but not enough to pay taxes, which must be largely charged to recreation-swimming in pond, etc. There are good deer and grouse populations, and on Memorial Day there will be a patch of about 500 pink lady-slipper in bloom. The white pine shows fine weevil damage; the red pine is in trouble with sawfly, so we can demonstrate the bad with the good.

This is not really a tree farm; it's a multipurpose woodlot, and would probably be most interesting to urban and suburban visitors.

If a group shows interest, I will be glad to take them around.

Sincerely,

(signed) A. Scott Warthin, Jr.  
Professor of Geology  
Department of Geology & Geography

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Exposed, unpainted wood wears away at the rate of a quarter inch a century. Properly painted wood surfaces will last indefinitely.

## CENTURY OLD WOOD USING COMPANY

Finch, Pruyn (cont'd)

In 1956, Finch, Pruyn began the construction of a hardwood Neutral Sulphite Pulp Mill. This mill was built to use the plentiful supplies of birch, maple, beech and oak wood growing on company owned Adirondack and Glens Falls timber lands.

A major expansion program, begun in 1964, nearly doubled the Finch, Pruyn paper making facility at Glens Falls, New York. This modern paper making establishment now produces neutral sulphite writing, printing and converting papers, used widely throughout the eastern United States.

At this time the company employs more than 750 people in the total complex. In addition, several hundred work indirectly in the production of hardwood pulpwood for the hardwood pulp mill.

Presently Finch, Pruyn's payroll and purchasing power generate nearly \$20,000,000 in income for the Glens Falls community and the New York State area.

Finch, Pruyn Company, Inc. looks forward with confidence to continued expansion in all phases of the company's programs in the years ahead.

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### NEWS OF YOU

Hoyt S. Ackles, Marietta, (Onondaga Co.) has recently been elected to the Board of Directors of the New York State Soil and Conservation Districts Association. At the moment Hoyt is on a month-long educational trip to Australia and New Zealand. The trip, sponsored by the State Horticultural Society, includes representatives from New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and Canada in its 45-member group. One of the prime objectives is to bring an exchange of ideas with farmers and individuals in industry.

Some of our new members are:

John O. Keyes (no forest land) -  
Machinist, Valley Cottage

James P. Kennedy (Clinton) -  
Retired trainman, Albany

Howard O. Ward (Tioga)-Consulting  
engineer, Candor

Wilfred Mitchell (Essex)-Consulting  
forester, Plattsburgh

Mr. & Mrs. Laurence H. Seibert  
(Otsego & Chenango) - Engineer and  
physician respectively, Little Silver,  
N. J.



FABIAN BACHRACH

Lyman A. Beeman, President  
Finch, Pruyn & Company, Inc.,  
Glens Falls, N. Y. and member Board  
of Trustees, State University College  
of Forestry at Syracuse University.

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### INCREASING DEMANDS PRESENT INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES

Public and private forest-resource programs in the realm of protection, rehabilitation, management, and utilization have been put into effect in New York State. Although much has been accomplished, there is much more to be done in each of these fields of endeavor.

Finding ways of making more effective use of the increasing amounts of low-grade timber in New York is the greatest challenge and opportunity facing forest land managers in the State today.

(Source: Timber Resources of N. Y. State 1956)

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### News of You (cont'd)

Edwin James White (Otsego) -  
High school senior, Cooperstown  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles T. Keppel  
(Westchester) - Montrose

Kenneth R. Kabelac - High school  
student interested in becoming a  
conservationist

Robert S. Russell - A Massachusetts  
forest owner from Worcester

Mrs. Luella B. Palmer  
Membership Secretary

# "MORE USE OF NEW YORK WOODS AND FOREST LANDS" — theme for fifth annual meeting april 15, 1967

WOOD CONSTRUCTION,  
WOOD DESIGN -  
MARKS NEW CHURCH BUILDING

As millions more Americans move to the suburbs, more and more church spires point skyward, in former farm-lands and once open areas.

Of the thousands of new churches built in the United States in recent years, three out of four use framing, finishing and furnishings of wood.

Today's new churches have graceful sweeping or angular lines unheard of a couple of decades ago which are made possible by wood arches and trusses in a variety of shapes.

Today, wood arches, beams and frames - graceful and slim, strong and durable - are "factory grown" in size and shape to meet imaginative designer's requirements.

"Not since the Middle Ages," says one architect, "has wood blossomed out with such abandon as an architectural and sculptured art form."

Architects and church authorities are agreed on the warmth, strength and spiritual enrichment possible with wood interiors for churches, whether in narthex, nave or chancel. In addition, the acoustical qualities of wood enhance worship, and its insulating factors are an advantage in hot or cold weather.

Outwardly and inwardly, religious authorities agree, the church building must express a warmth and sincerity that makes church members and visitors feel at home.

(Source: Wood Preserving News  
Dec. 66)

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## HIGH PRIORITY LEGISLATION FOR INTERIOR

According to the Secretary of Interior, Stewart L. Udall, the administration will seek four controversial outdoor recreation and conservation measures in the new Congress. The four are: A Redwood National Park; A National Trail Bill; A Wild Rivers Bill and the Lower Colorado River Project which includes two dams in the Grand Canyon.

(Source: New York Times 11/18/66)

PROGRAM BUILDING  
FOR THE 5TH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE NEW YORK FOREST  
OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

to be held at the State University College of Forestry at Syracuse University on Saturday April 15 has resulted in the following program developments:

1. Speaking on the subject "New York Hardwoods - the Challenging Future" will be NYFOA member Richard S. Elliott of the Elliott Hardwood Company, a Division of Litchfield Park Corp. at Potsdam, N. Y., who is also Vice President, Northeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association.

2. One of the best known firms of architects and planners of Central New York is Sargent, Webster, Crenshaw and Folley, with headquarters in Syracuse. From this firm that has won nationwide recognition for its school construction projects - Frederick S. Webster, Managing Partner, will present a subject of special interest to our Forest Owners "Architectural Uses of Our Native Woods."

3. On the general subject of making better use of forest lands, through planning, - we are most fortunate to have as luncheon speaker Vincent J. Moore, Assistant Director Office of Planning Coordination, Executive Department, New York State, Albany. We will have an announcement of his title a little later on.

The luncheon will be held, as it was last year, - in Graham Hall on the Mount Olympus portion of the campus of Syracuse University, at which time the second Heiberg Memorial Award will be made. We are anticipating an outstanding talk from Mr. Moore on a subject of the importance of forest land in statewide regional planning.

4. Following the luncheon NYFOA participants will have the opportunity to see in the Syracuse area some outstanding examples of the use of wood in design. Traveling by bus, first stop will be at a church near Syracuse University showing modern methods of using wood both inside and out. The second and third stops are planned to show modern design in use of wood in another church, a school and perhaps in home construction.

Program (cont'd)

Further details of the NYFOA 5th Annual Meeting together with reservation forms will be sent to members so the program and arrangements committees can plan for your coming.

Emphasis at the 5th Annual Meeting will be upon providing additional opportunity for discussion by members, following the speakers, during the business meeting, and for getting better acquainted during the luncheon, the bus trip, and stop for light refreshments.

Acting Dean of the College of Forestry, Dr. Edwin C. Jahn, will welcome NYFOA members to the College on Saturday morning, and no doubt will point out the presence of the brand new Biological Sciences Building significantly changing the campus of the State University College of Forestry at Syracuse University.

## MEMBER VAN ZANDT WRITES - THE CATSKILL MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Roland Van Zandt, Ph. D.  
173 Riverside Drive  
New York, N. Y. 10024

Dear Mrs. Palmer:

I am very grateful for your letter of February 5th congratulating me on the publication of The Catskill Mountain House. You are very alert to the activities of the members of the Forest Owners Association. I should be delighted to see a review of the book in some forthcoming issue of the Forest Owner.

The book grew out of my interest in, and love of, the Catskill wilderness and its past history (I own with my wife about 900 acres of wilderness in Shandaken Township). As I say toward the end of the book, the one good thing that came out of the demise and destruction of the great hotel was the retirement of its vast landed-domain--3,000 acres of beautiful forests--as a perpetual wilderness for public enjoyment.

My wife and I are not always able to attend the meetings of the Forest Owners Association, but we follow all its activities with great interest and extend every best wish for its continued success.

Sincerely,  
(signed) Roland Van Zandt

## FARM WOODLAND INTERESTS

Perhaps some of you have already read an article from the January 1965 Readers Digest entitled "To Preserve America's Glories" by William O. Douglas, Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court.

In event some haven't had the opportunity of reading it, I would like to submit parts of it for introspection since it seems to us to sum up the philosophy of the NYFOA.

"Trees are important for their cellulose and we need managed forests for lumber and other products.

Waterways are useful for disposition of sewage effluent and for generation of electric power.

A mountain fastness may have to be invaded for an ore vital for economy.

Valleys and grasslands must be developed to accommodate our steadily growing population.

But the planning for wilderness is as essential as planning for parks and shade trees in our urban areas.

Boys and girls need opportunity to fill their hearts with affection for the mysteries of the forests.

Running fast water rivers, or exploring chains of lakes by canoe, hiking ridges, scaling cliffs, traversing a glacier with the aid of ice axes, foraging for food in Alpine basins - these are the activities that build character. The views of rivers, bays, rolling hills and ridges have esthetic values far greater than man can create on an easel or shape with his hands.

The Wilderness is the only area - the ocean apart - where one can es-

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## HEIBERG MEMORIAL AWARD

Nominations for this year's winner must be in the hands of the Award Committee no later than April 1.

Send your nominations to:

Albert Loucks, A. S. C. Service  
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture  
Midtown Plaza  
Syracuse N. Y. 13210 or to:

Eugene Farnsworth  
N. Y. State College of Forestry  
Syracuse, N. Y. 13210

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Syracuse, N. Y. 13205

## Farm Woodland Interests

cape the crush, din and smoke of civilization. Because of pollution of our waterways, needless waste of our forests, and limitless areas of excavations for minerals etc., it is necessary that the law guarantees that precise areas will be kept as wilderness exhibits forever.

Plans to preserve these islands of beauty must be made by Constitutional guarantee or otherwise. We need committees of correspondence to coordinate the efforts of diverse groups to keep America beautiful and to retain the few wilderness areas that we have left. Local groups need national assistance and that means joining hands in an overall effort to keep our land bright and shining.

We have inherited the loveliest of all continents. We should bequeath it to our grandchildren as a land where the majority is disciplined to respect the values even of a minority. Those values may be esthetic or spiritual reflecting the principle that beauty is an end in itself, and that man will find relaxation, renewed strength and inspiration in the wilderness."

Do you think present day federal legislation concerning conservation will adequately supply the needs of the nation? Will it be left to the people who do not care or will the people who are truly concerned do something about it?

Ben & Virginia Swayze  
Correspondents  
Union Springs (Cayuga County)

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Steel mills use a wooden 2 x 4 to skim slag from molten metal because a metal skimmer would melt.



## FORESTS ARE IMPORTANT TO NEW YORK

Forests cover almost half the land area of New York. In one way or another their use for timber, watershed protection, and recreation affects every one of the 18 million people in the State.

Although water and recreation are of major importance to New York's highly urban and industrial economy, timber values are also high - higher than most people realize.

(Source: Timber Resources of N. Y. State 1956)

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## NATIONAL WILDLIFE WEEK MARCH 19-25, 1967

The National Wildlife Association announces National Wildlife Week this year to be March 19-25, 1967.

Get a new member!

Our Membership Secretary, Mrs. Palmer, will keep score on the number of members you get. Any member who gets ten members by April 1, 1967 will be eligible to receive a prize to be presented at our 5th Annual Meeting April 15 at the College of Forestry.

Plan now to come to the Annual Meeting and get into the competition by getting the ten members. Good luck!

Get a new member!

And if you need extra brochures, drop us a postcard and tell us how many. They'll be on the way to you.  
Floyd E. Carlson  
Secretary  
College of Forestry  
Syracuse, N. Y. 13210



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