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# FOREST OWNER

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

This month NYFOA begins its venture in Woods Walks. The Woods Walk idea is aimed to provide members with enjoyment, enlightenment and inspiration, while building the woods wealth of New York State for both beauty and utility.

# STACKS

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## OUTSTANDING TALKS FEATURE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

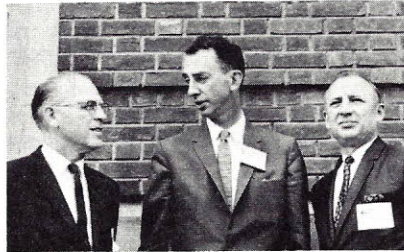
As reported by Alex Dickson Part I

New York's hardwood timber is among the best in the world and commands top prices in the market place. By contrast the softwood timber of the State, once widely used in building construction, seems to find its main use today in the manufacture of boxes and crates.

Wood generally will continue to be important in the building industry because it has a warmth and texture that cannot be duplicated by competitive materials. These statements capsulized the message given by a panel of speakers at the Fifth Annual Meeting of the New York Forest Owners Association held at the College of Forestry, Syracuse, New York, April 15. Theme of this year's meeting was "More Use of New York Woods and Forest Lands."

Exploring the sales prospects for New York State woods were Richard S. Elliott, President, Elliott Hardwood Company, Potsdam, New York, Vice President-Northeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association; Frederick S. Webster, Managing Partner, Sargent, Webster, Crenshaw & Folley, Syracuse; and Robert F. Bangert, Bangert Sales Co., Syracuse, and Secretary, Empire State Lumber Salesmen's Association.

The panelists pointed out that almost all of the hardwood species of New York that are in sound condition can be marketed for one purpose or another. Management decisions today are based on whether a particular



Webster, Elliott, Bangert

species can grow on the site in question rather than whether or not it can be sold.

They also indicated that while timber in larger sizes was used in house construction generations ago, today's methods of building are more efficient and the narrower boards and beams make a given quantity of lumber go much farther. While houses are not built today as they used to be, perhaps this is not entirely a bad thing. A further point brought out was that both quality and methods of merchandizing have given the West Coast lumber producers an important edge in marketing. Even the local retail trade journals do not advertise the beneficial attributes of home-grown lumber.

Let's Go On A Woods Walk!

### NYFOA GROWING

Membership as of April 15, 1967

Junior	31
Regular	504
Family	222
Contributing	30
Sustaining	12
Supporting	6
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Mrs. Luella B. Palmer  
Membership Secretary

### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Along with this issue you are receiving some forest industry thinking from the Empire State Forest Products Assn.

I hope this stimulates some of the contrary thinkers among our membership to take pen in hand to express their own thinking on this and other subjects. A letter to the Forest Owner may keep the pot boiling.

We have a new chairman of a new Forest Industry Committee. His name is Frank LaDuc of the St. Regis Paper Co., Deforiet, N. Y. 13628. He is a fine gentleman and quite a diplomat.

His committee considers NYFOA matters that pertain to the forest industry, and forest industry matters that pertain to the NYFOA. So write some nice nasty letters to Frank LaDuc. Then, of course, you can write directly to the Empire State Forest Products Assn.

The NYFOA is your forum for the competition of ideas and philosophies relative to the ownership and management of forest land. I hope each member will give us the benefit of his own thinking and defend it in the forum of the NYFOA.

Most of the work that is done in the NYFOA is done by committees. As we become involved in new affairs we set up new committees to perform our services in these areas.

Every member is indebted to several separate committees for services performed in his behalf. Many people give abundantly of their time and resources so that the NYFOA may grow and prosper.

# 1<sup>st</sup> Woods Walk - May 27!

"WOODS WALKS" AHEAD!

May 27 - 10 AM - Delaware County  
Forest Owner - Henry S. Kernan,  
world consultant on forestry. Area  
1200 acres. Hardwood improvement.  
See story on this page.

June 10 - 10 AM - Dutchess County  
Forest Owner - A. Scott Warthin,  
Professor of Geology, Department of  
Geology, Vassar College.

Area 130 acres, farm woods, pool,  
wildlife, pink lady slippers.  
(See story page 2 March 1967) Forest  
Owner.

June 17 - 11 AM - Warren County  
Owner - Alfred Najer, Chester-  
town, retired lumberman, Director  
NYFOA. Area 1200 acres.

Bring own lunch boxes.

"Barbecue for first twenty people  
who send in reservation - lamb cooked  
over an open fire on a spit, spiked  
with garlic, and all the trimmings."

July 8 - 2:00 PM - Columbia County  
Owner - Arthur J. Weinheimer,  
Consulting Forester. Area 98 acres.  
"Rocky Knoll Woods." "A real hard  
working forest with an annual yield  
of a variety of forest products.

Sign up for these two hour Walks  
under the guidance of NYFOA and pro-  
fessional forester. Here are trail-  
ways for your enjoyment.

Send your reservations to:

Floyd E. Carlson, Secretary  
College of Forestry  
Syracuse, N. Y. 13210

Let's Go On A Woods Walk!

Forest Owner  
College of Forestry  
Syracuse, New York 13210

Dear Sir:

We have read with interest your  
article entitled "Woods Walks" ---  
New Proposal in the January issue of  
Forest Owner.

Our land is not yet improved enough  
to be shown this year, but you can put  
us down on your list of those who  
would enjoy going on an informal walk  
through the woods of a fellow NYFOA  
member.

Very truly yours,  
(signed) Alf L. Carroll

Delightful Delaware County will be  
the setting for the New York Forest  
Owners Association's first Woods  
Walk. As an NYFOA member you are  
invited to join with those who will en-  
joy a two hour hike along forest trails.  
You will see some splendid hardwood  
forest and how one of our members  
has taken great pleasure in improv-  
ing his woods.

Down in Delaware County in the  
Catskills, nearly 20 years ago, Henry  
S. Kernan, a professionally trained  
forester and formerly on the staff of  
the American Forestry Association,  
came across some forest land in the  
town of Harpersfield that to him proved  
irresistible.

In his book The World is My Wood-  
lot (1962) Henry says "It was 12 years  
ago that I first came over South Hill  
from Worcester in Otsego County,  
N. Y. and saw the lovely valley of the  
Charlotte that was to become my for-  
est farm..."

My forest farm covering about  
1200 acres in all, lies principally on  
Quaker Hill (elevation 2147') over-  
looking the Village of South Worcester.  
Altogether it has some 50 species.  
Basically it is a northern hardwood  
type - birch, beech, maple with a  
strong tendency for hemlock to enter."

Charlotte Creek referred to, joins  
with other streams to form a portion  
of the Upper Susquehanna River.

In the nearly two decades that Hen-  
ry Kernan has owned the property he  
has made several trips abroad serv-  
ing as forestry consultant to many  
lands, the Far East, Middle East,  
South America. Presently he has an  
assignment on the Ivory Coast of West  
Africa.

But between consulting work Henry  
has taken to managing his hardwood  
timber. With pride he says he now has  
one of the best stands of hardwood a-  
round. In this he is backed by Ronald  
Bernhard, Conservation Department  
forester working out of Stamford.

While Henry has planted many thou-  
sand trees, principal emphasis on the  
May 27 Woods Walk will be upon the  
importance of his hardwoods. This is  
in keeping with the great preponderance  
of hardwoods and natural forest area  
in New York State that present such a  
great challenge for improvement.

The Woods Walk is planned for the  
enjoyment of small groups, - not more  
than 15 or 20 adults at most.

The Woods Walk is aimed to pro-  
vide inspiration and encouragement  
for growing better forests, by seeing  
what's been done by NYFOA members.

The Woods Walk is also intended  
to provide NYFOA members a chance  
to get better acquainted and to have  
prospective members join with us on  
these Walks.

At each Woods Walk the Associa-  
tion will be represented by a member  
of the Board of Directors. It will be  
the Director's duty to assist the host  
forest owner, to introduce all those  
on the Woods Walk, and to arrange  
for a report on the Woods Walk to be  
made to the Forest Owner.

If you like the idea of the Woods  
Walk May 27, just send a note to  
Secretary Carlson at the College of  
Forestry to reserve a place on the  
walk. Tell him how many will be in  
your party. If, in the case of the Woods  
Walk in the forest of Henry Kernan,  
the group totals more than 20, the  
first 15 or 20 will go on the Walk at  
10 a. m. Others will be assigned to a  
2 p. m. afternoon Walk.

As soon as the Secretary hear  
from you about going on any Woods  
Walk, he will send you a sketch show-  
ing the location of the property, where  
you are going to meet the owner and  
where you are to park your car.

For those who want to bring their  
lunch, Henry says about the May 27  
Woods Walk "We can return to the  
poplar grove in my back lawn. There  
I will provide water, coffee and com-  
fort facilities as needed. If some  
would rather go to a restaurant I sug-  
gest Scotch Valley, north of Stamford,  
about 12 miles from the end of our  
Woods Walk."

The Woods Walks are planned to  
go on, - rain or shine! Plan to enjoy  
yourself in either case and come pre-  
pared for whatever the weather.

So won't you please send your note  
right away to Secretary Carlson at the  
College of Forestry if you plan to go  
on the May 27 Woods Walk, or on any  
of the other Walks listed.

Let's Go On A Woods Walk!

Americans make more than 6 mil-  
lion visits per year to the recreation-  
al facilities and commercial timber-  
lands owned by forest industries of  
the United States.

VALUABLE FREE  
FORESTRY SERVICE

There is a rising tide of disturbance about the fact that good logging practices are in the minority for small woodlot owners in New York State. One reason is the fact that the small forest owner knows nothing about good practices nor how to accomplish them.

I feel that we should publicize the fact that there is available by law a free timber consulting service through the New York State Forest Practice Act foresters in the New York State Conservation Department. By a landowner applying to the district Forest Practice Board in his area and cooperating with the board; "The Commissioner shall provide to cooperating forest and farm woodland owners technical services in connection with all phases of forest management, including, but not limited to, plantation establishment and care, the marking of timber, marketing assistance, and silvicultural treatment of immature stands." - taken in part from Article 3, Section 3-1121, New York State Conservation Law.

It is our duty to encourage all of our small woodlot owners to avail themselves of this unparalleled opportunity and put their forest ownership under the wise counsel of the professional forester. He will eliminate 99% of his harvesting and revenue collection problems through this service.

Norwood W. Olmsted  
Chairman  
Committee on Legislative Action

LET'S GO ON A WOODS WALK!

A 100 FOOT TALL ELM -  
A CHAMPION?

Twin Elms Farm  
RD 4  
Auburn, N. Y. 13021

Dear Floyd:

It is with interest that I read the monthly Forest Owner.

I would like to tell about an elm tree growing near the road in our pasture:

Girth 218" 4-1/2' above ground  
Height 100'  
Crown spread 120'

This is a beautiful tree in summer and is located on Chestnut Ridge Road about 1/3 mile south of our home near Auburn.

Sincerely yours,  
(signed) Lawrence W. Hoyt

PROFESSIONAL FORESTER OBSERVES CONDITION OF WOODS IN  
NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

89 Ludlow Street  
Saratoga Springs, New York  
January 22, 1967

Professor Floyd E. Carlson  
State University College of Forestry  
Syracuse, New York 13210

Dear Floyd:

It was some time ago that I promised you that I would write briefly about my experience in Timberland Acquisition work with Finch Pruyn and Company of Glens Falls, New York. I am extremely sorry that it has not been possible to respond more promptly. This assignment has been so interesting and has kept me so busy that I have had little time for anything else.

The responsibilities connected with the program have been a real challenge. For me personally, it has already become a significant experience in a rather long career as a professional forester. Frankly, I am somewhat surprised and certainly elated that I can get around well enough in the woods, and do the work required of me in a satisfactory manner. My working environment, both afield and in the office, is the best. I enjoy the relationship and the work immensely.

In this probably my final opportunity as an active forester, I hope to achieve more than is actually expected of me. I would like to make this assignment progressive and useful enough that it might become a permanent policy program to be continued after I have finished.

I feel sure - the forest situation being what it is - that all of the mills of this state will have to own and operate enough of the resource to supply their own needs, if they expect to continue permanently in business. The problem of acquiring timberland, though plentiful at the moment, is becoming more acute every day.

I believe we agree that on the basis of my current experience in the woods, I should be able to contribute some interesting and helpful information for NYFOA members, and particularly those who are forest owners. Perhaps I can make some worthwhile suggestions that would be helpful on their own lands.

If I do not appear to be overdoing this little review, I would like to devote two or three installments to describe the various aspects of this job, and what I have learned so far.

My instructions are to confine my attention to the area within fifty miles of the mill, which is to say north to the Schroon Lake region, east to Vermont, south to Albany, and west to Gloversville. While the distance in any direction is not great, the coverage embraces over 24,000 sq. miles, enough to keep me quite busy if I properly develop the program in the area.

It is difficult to say how many woodlot and timberland owners there are within the circle, but it seems as if I had seen a good percentage of them so far. Actually, of course, I have scarcely made a beginning.

Although in 1966 I covered about sixty projects, ranging in area from 30 acres to 4500 acres, not all were purchased. However about half were considered acceptable, but finally not over a third were taken over. For one reason or another, we could not come down to a satisfactory agreement. By and large, though I believe we made very good progress. Possibly I should add that the average woodlot consists of 100 to 200 acres.

I learned three important things very early. (1) The tremendous amount of forest land that can be purchased, (2) the keen competition that exists for most of it, (3) the deplorable physical condition of more than half of the timberland available. The latter was to me a shocking discovery.

As long as I have been associated with forests and forestry in New York State, I was not until recently fully aware of the widespread damage and destruction that private forest owners have permitted individual sawlog and pulpwood operators to bring about in this eastern New York Area. My observations tell me that the forest owners must bear the responsibility for these prevailing conditions. (cont'd on page 4)

NEWS OF YOU

Tommy Sommers became our youngest member in January at the age of 1 year. He and his mother are staying with Tommy's grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. T. C. Peebles (NYFOA charter members), while his dad is in Viet Nam with the U.S. Army.

Dr. Herbert Tepper, a professor at the College of Forestry, has been elected president of the new Syracuse Ballet Theatre, Inc.

Some of our new members are:

Arthur T. Williams representing Agway, Inc. with offices at Dewitt.

Francis R. Lamb, Vo-Ag teacher at Cato-Meridian Central School.

Daniel Lyons, Clinton

William C. Craig (Chenango and Otsego), recently appointed Director of FPA District No. 2 with offices at Sherburne.

Emil Votava (Columbia), Geology Dept. at City College, New York.

H. Dunham Hunt, M. D. (Saratoga), Saratoga Springs physician.

Paul D. Leonard (Oswego), Shipping checker at Sealright Corp., Fulton.

Donald D. Foley (Warren), Wildlife biologist with N.Y.S. Conservation Dept.

Everet M. Mulkin (Allegany), Friendship.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Stievater (Erie), Eden.

Fred V. Kitson (Allegany), East Aurora.

Mrs. Luella B. Palmer  
Membership Secretary

California and New York are the greatest users of wood in the nation, and the greatest centers of wood use in the world.

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Their failure to take any interest in their timber or to set up any kind of rules as to the conduct of the operator, or to inspect the operation on occasions to enforce sensible regulations, is, I think the first and probably the worst offense the owner can commit. Obviously much depends on his personal attitude towards his woods.

I am sure the owner must bear much of the blame for the bad reputation created by the small time operator.

The owner initiates the project when he willingly sells the stumpage without cutting specifications, so he helps to create the awful image of the operator which later develops.

Failure to mention this problem and to provide ways and means of correcting it, is, I believe, a very bad feature of the new proposed bill to "License Timber Harvesters." While there is surely such a need, the bill as written by its authors, the State Forest Practice Board, has many weak spots. This is one of them.

Very little research on the problem is indicated. The bill directs severe attention at the operator. It in no way attempts to help him with solutions to problems that are not wholly his fault. In my opinion, the bill should be carefully redrafted to include many alterations, and adjustments.

So much for now.

Cordially,  
(Signed) Stanley W. Hamilton

(Editor: We shall be looking forward to other articles by Stan Hamilton, professional forester and past director of NYFOA.)

Stuyvesant, N.Y. 12173  
Jan. 26, 1967

Dear Mr. Hanaburgh,

In reply to your letter of Jan. 2 and also in reply to your question "What would you do if you were the chairman of a timber services committee?", I wish to say the first thing I would suggest is to raise the "dues" to at least \$5.00 and probably \$10.00 per year. This would enable us to hire a full time secretary.

The secretary could line up insurance for us. I think forest fire insurance would be a big sale point in membership drives. It is appealing and since the risk is relatively small an

insurance company could co-insure with us at a small premium.

The profit from this could help us cross the next hurdle of higher risk insurance, such as workmen's compensation type and hospitalization. If a fairly large income could come from insurance, it would be relatively easy to set up our own log concentration yards and saw mills, even our own logging crews.

A full time secretary could also set up a legal counsel system, with a lawyer representing us on an annual fee basis.

Sincerely,  
(signed) Blair Smith



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