



FOREST OWNER

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

NYFOA's first Woods Walk May 27 - is now history. It was a most enjoyable occasion - as reported in these columns.

The Woods Walk can be a splendid source of satisfaction to our members! Look over the Woods Walks listed. If you can attend one of them send in your reservation to the Secretary.

Our special thanks to Henry and Jody Kernan. They ventured with us in inviting a Woods Walk to their home and forest property! - And on what a day!

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FIRST WOODS WALK RESOUNDING SUCCESS

Favored by a near perfect spring day, ten NYFOA Woods Walkers made a thoroughly enjoyable 3 hour trip to a portion of the 1200 acres of forest land belonging to Henry S. Kernan at South Worcester, N. Y. on Saturday May 27, 1967.

Although an ideal number had registered for the Walk (15) one family of five withdrew and two others failed to show but this was compensated in part by Steve Kutney, Sr. from Binghamton, bringing his son with him, and Harold Tyler, woods owner, dairyman and maple syrup producer, from nearby Worcester joining the group. The walk was delayed some 20 minutes but we were eager to have all participants there, the furthest ones having driven 180 miles that morning from Brooklyn. In two cars the ten hikers drive across Charlotte Creek which flows through the Kernan property and up to a shoulder of Quaker Hill, (elevation 2147 feet) that is wholly included in the Kernan forest.

Leaving the cars alongside a county road at an elevation of around 1700 feet, the Woods Walkers entered the Kernan property following along an old logging road. From here on there was enjoyment in a variety of experience and interest. First Henry Kernan explained that he had owned the property since 1947. In the 20 years he had made improvements in the natural woods in several tracts. He had sold a limited amount of pulpwood, some saw logs and had planted several thousand trees. At one of the stops along the trail he explained he had



WOODS WALKERS ON THE TRAIL
Henry Kernan Explains Need For
Priorities in Woods Management

found it necessary to establish priorities both in the area to be worked on and the tree species to be improved. The beech, he explained, was gradually succumbing to disease. The hemlock appearing here and there in small groups had little market value, - but no doubt was attractive to grouse.

The three kinds of trees of greatest future value were sugar maple, white ash and red spruce, - by far the majority of the timber being sugar maple. A few white pine were observed but because of weevil damage had little prospect for getting to a useful size.

At the 1700 foot elevation and due to lateness of Spring, the woods was only now showing that delicate fresh green that brings assurance that Spring is indeed on the way. Putting his hand on the trunk of a 5" diameter tree with a smooth, bluish gray bark,

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The NYFOA is on the move into the political, scientific and educational policy making bodies of the State. DO YOU KNOW WHY?

It is because the NYFOA is the contact with the PEOPLE who will be most effected by the policies developed by these bodies. They want to know how best to provide for your needs, now and in the future.

You must make your wishes known to your NYFOA directors, officers and committee chairmen. Write to them and to the Forest Owner.

What do you require in professional forestry service, silvicultural contracting, timber harvesting service, forest products marketing and new markets for forest products?

How do you feel about beautification, recreation and public conservation controls on your properties?

What is your feeling about present law, and proposed legislation that may effect your conduct or liberties as a forest land owner?

How do you feel about current assessment and taxation procedures?

Let your voice ring out loud and clear.

Henry said that it was a shadbush and that this tree was a tree he was reserving for sentimental reasons - namely, its beauty in Spring. The shadbush is also called shadblow, service berry, and Juneberry. Now it was in bloom, and the conspicuous masses of white flowers gave an artist like glow to the woods just beginning to be tinged with green.

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Along the way there were other signs of spring - - numerous wild flowers--white, yellow and blue violets, the hepatica or dogtooth violet. It was just at the end of the Dutchman's breeches blooming period and the beginning of the trilliums. Sharp-eyed John Ahern of Worcester, formerly employed by the New York State Conservation Dept., spotted some dwarf ginseng and dug some for Helen Carlson for planting which has since been made beneath the white pine at the Carlson residence on Peck Hill Road near Jamesville. Harold Tyler with a bit of digging displayed the bulb of the leek but had no takers on sampling the leek with its marked onion-like flavor. Spring beauty, marsh marigold or cowslips and numerous ferns and bracken fronds were just beginning to emerge. Henry said the bracken fern would grow to three or four feet by summer.

One early spectacular observation was a scraggy trunk of a 30" black cherry tree. In the cool early morning sunshine the bees, nevertheless were active. The huge trunk could easily have been storage for a hundred pounds or more of honey. What a big temptation to any bear happening along that way! Cherry blossom honey? Sounds good!



BEWARE! - IT'S A BEE TREE!
30" Black Cherry Houses Honey

Looking up some 20 feet high, a freshly cut 8" deep trough, 30 inches long, had been made by the pileated woodpecker, right to the heart of a heavily decayed beech. The fresh cut trough was brilliant in the morning sun.

Nearing the lower portion of the ridge sloping down from the top of Quaker Hill, a good sugar maple grove showed up - trees of 6, 8, 10" in diameter. Harold Tyler surmised this area had prospects for a sugar bush.

DAVID H. HANABURGH REELECTED AS NYFOA PRESIDENT

At the 31st meeting of the Board of Directors held in Syracuse on May 13 the Board of Directors reelected David H. Hanaburgh, Buchanan, as President and reelected John W. Stock, Tupper Lake, as 1st Vice President.

Emiel D. Palmer, Syracuse, was elected 2nd Vice President, taking the place of Arthur E. Rasmussen, New York City, who resigned as 2nd Vice President because of the press of business.

Other officers reelected were Mrs. Luella B. Palmer, Syracuse, Treasurer, and Floyd E. Carlson, Jamesville, Secretary.

NEW NYFOA DIRECTORS ELECTED

Elected for the first time to serve on the Board of Directors at the New York Forest Owners Association 5th Annual Meeting in Syracuse April 15, 1967 were Mrs. Alberta Lee Best, 305 Hamilton Rd., Corning; Adelbert G. Eberley, 7 Pine St., Whitesboro; Robert M. Ford, 1001 Chenango St., Binghamton; Crandall Melvin, Jr., Balsam St., Liverpool, and Kenyon A. Parsons, Sharon Springs.

Reelected to the Board were Lloyd G. Strombeck, 7 Main St., Owego; Alfred Najer, Chestertown; and Emiel D. Palmer, Ballantyne Rd., Syracuse.



PORCUPINE UP A TREE!
Woods Walkers Take A Look

While observing this stand of sugar maple a porcupine was discovered 50 feet above the ground, in the upper branches of a sugar maple. Then a scarlet tanager paid a visit to the maple grove, and at the same time a pair of rose-breasted grosbeak frankly curious, came and perched directly overhead, wondering what all the noise was about.

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WOODS WALKS COMING UP

NYFOA is pleased to set up the following Woods Walks for your pleasure and enlightenment:

(If you are planning to go on a Woods Walk please send your reservations to Floyd Carlson, Secretary, New York Forest Owners Association, College of Forestry, Syracuse 13210. On each Woods Walk there will be the host, a member representing the Board of Directors and a professional forester. In addition to these three, a minimum of four reservations are necessary, if a Woods Walk is to be scheduled. Any Woods Walk with less than four reservations will be postponed and the one to three who may have made reservations will be so notified.)

June 10 - 10:00 a.m. Dutchess County.

Forest Owner Dr. A. Scott Warthin, Professor, Dept. of Geology, Vassar College.

Woods is composed of 130 acres astride the Taconic Parkway at North Road, Dutchess County one mile south of State Highway 199. Plantations of larch, jack, red and white pine, white and Norway spruce. Christmas trees harvested for 15 years. Pond for swimming. Grouse and deer populations. Of interest to both urban and suburban visitors.

June 17 - 11:00 a.m. Warren County.

Owner - Alfred Najer, Chestertown. Retired lumberman, director of NYFOA. Owns 1200 acres of natural woods, plantations and Panther Mountain.

Director Najer says: "There will be a barbecue in the late afternoon for the first 20 people who send in reservations, - lamb cooked over an open fire on a spit, spiked with garlic and all the trimmings. For the noon meal, - plan to bring your own box lunch."

June 25 (Sunday) - 2:00 p.m. Columbia County.

Owner Blair Smith of Stuyvesant has 320 acres forest land. Operates a fruit farm. "Woods is right near the Hudson River south of Albany."

July 8 - 2:00 p.m. - Columbia County.

Owner, Arthur J. Weinheimer, Consulting Forester.

"Rocky Knoll Woods," now 19 acres, has been under professional management since 1941. With nearby markets, a wide variety of items have been or are being marketed, including hardwood and softwood saw

logs, veneer logs, pulpwood, birch novelty wood, poles, posts, fuelwood, charcoal and Christmas trees and greens.

Elevation ranges from 800 to 1140 feet. Forest contains red and chestnut oak, white pine, ash, maples, birches, basswood and hemlock with southern forest representatives such as tulip tree, black gum, dogwood, sassafras and yellow birch.

July 15 - 10:00 a.m. - Onondaga County.

Owner - Dr. John H. Hamel, 3843 Sweet Road, Jamesville.

125 acre forest, ponds, natural woods, plantations, Christmas trees. Woods Walk planned for Central New York Girl Scouts Council for the Girl Scouts and their adult leaders.

Woods Walks are scheduled for your enjoyment and inspiration, and as demonstrations of better management of woods.

All Woods Walks are scheduled to go on, rain or shine, so come prepared for whatever the weather! All Woods Walks (with two exceptions) are scheduled for period of two hours, to be followed by a half hour of discussion when the Woods Walk has been completed.

Check over the Woods Walks listed here. Then send your reservation to Secretary Carlson to secure suggested routes to take and the place to meet. Here's to your enjoyment of a Woods Walk!



HENRY S. KERNAN, HOST
For First Woods Walk

NEWS OF YOU

Alex Dickson, Cornell Extension Dept., had an article in the N. Y. Times Garden Section on Sunday, April 30. In it, he outlines the history of the N. Y. Forest Practice Act and discusses how a forest owner may become a cooperator and receive assistance in various projects.

Hendrick van Loon will be on leave from his duties as forester at Hamil-

FOREST OWNERS - BEWARE OF DEVASTATING HARVESTING, - AND FUZZY, HAZY PROPERTY LINES!

(Note: This series of articles by a professional forester, Stanley W. Hamilton, NYFOA member presently employed by Finch Pruyn Company - also an NYFOA member, reveals some hard facts regarding failures in forest ownership.)

In my last article I described my experience in Timberland Acquisition by pointing out lack of interest on the part of the ordinary woodlot owner in the welfare of his forest. I continued by saying that it is the responsibility of the forest owner, much more than the operators, to see that the trees are harvested in a sensible manner. The devastation that inevitably occurs on most small ownerships we should never allow to be repeated on his lands.

In the past month, I have seen much more of the lack of forest owner responsibility. I am more firmly convinced than ever that forest owner interest and control of the operation, be it in a stumpage sale or in his own woods work, that he should apply much more personal interest and exercise extreme care in the harvest.

To assist in the process of harvesting he should secure the advice of a qualified forester before he allows the resource to be destroyed. I hope the time may come that wholesome community interest in the individual small forest will grow and develop to the point where this community concern will inspire and assist the owner in the control and treatment of his woods. In fact this is the situation today in European countries, in Germany in particular.

By and large, I have found that most woodland owners are very negligent in several other ways, almost as serious as permitting the savage cutting of his woodlot.

Many of the owners I have consulted seem to know very little about the extent of their ownership except in a casual way. When asked to show forest property lines they will point out that they have not been around the tract in years. Most owners are not inclined, or they are now unable because of ill health, to show line locations or identify the corners, especially if the going is at all difficult. Instead, these folks explain in a general way as follows:

"There was an old fence between me and farmer Jones on the east side of my lot. I imagine it is still evident in places at least. At the northeast corner near the top of the mountain there was once a stake and some stones. Whether or not they are still there, I don't know. I haven't been up there in twenty years.

"An old stone fence is the line along the north end, but there are several of old pasture fences up there, so you will have to be careful to select the right one. I do not believe there ever was a real northwest corner. I more or less agreed with the abutting owner, who died years ago, about that location. I believe we marked a tree as that corner. They have cut over the line to some extent, thus obliterating most of the land marks in that area.

"The owner west of me is very difficult to deal with. I never could get along with him, therefore, there is no well established line between us.

"A brook runs along near the line most of the way for about a mile. Perhaps you can follow it. The brook and the line between us corners on the highway but I have never taken the time to drive an iron pin at that point.

"Finally, the property fronts on the same highway for about a half mile. You will find the southeast corner of my lot is a stone monument which is tipped over in the corner of the field. I have never set it upright."

ton College next year to pursue graduate studies at the College of Forestry.

Some of our new members are:

Allan L. Mosely (Jefferson), Office Manager, Northern Timberlands Div., St. Regis Paper Co., Deferiet.

Leo M. Manning (Warren), Rensselaer.

Carl Haasper (Oswego) Commack.
Mr. & Mrs. Claude C. Marin (Erie), Grand Island.

Paul M. Strombeck (no forest land), Owego.

James T. Rooney, Jr. (Lewis), Utica.

Peter L. Kogut (Oneida), Utica.

Abbie A. Royce, M. D. (Westchester), Brooklyn.

Miss Beatrice E. Larsen (Westchester), Brooklyn.

Eugene Bernald (Essex), Ossining.

Mr. John B. Rooney (Madison), Syracuse.

Mr. & Mrs. David S. Vaughan (Chemung), Horseheads.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert D. Harper (Rensselaer), Pleasantville.

Mrs. Luella B. Palmer
Membership Secretary

**"KEEP NEW YORK GREEN"
PROGRAM GETS NYFOA SUPPORT**

The Board of Directors, meeting at the home of Secretary Carlson April 14, voted \$50 to back the Keep New York Green program sponsored by the Empire State Forest Products Association, Inc.

Recent NYFOA member, Robert J. Hampson, Forester, National Lead Co., Tahawus, N. Y. and Chairman, Keep New York Green Committee invited cooperation of NYFOA membership in alerting New York citizens to the danger of forest fires.

The Board of Directors welcomed Bob's suggestion to mail Keep New York Green bumper strips and decals to all 800 plus NYFOA members in the near future.

**CHRISTMAS TREE GROWERS
SUMMER MEETING**

The Summer Meeting of the New York Christmas Tree Growers' Association, Inc. this year will be held at Eddy Foster's Plantation in Alfred, N. Y. on August 19, 1967.

Fran Wroblewski
Executive Secretary

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
JOHN SMIGEL**

John Smigel, NYFOA charter member of Preston Hollow, N. Y. was presented a certificate in recognition of outstanding accomplishment as a cooperator under the Forest Practice Act for the conservation and improvement of his woodland in Albany County.

The certificate was presented by Mr. Buell Morse, President of the Board in District No. 12 on behalf of the New York State Forest Practice Board, at Red's Restaurant, Coxsackie on November 30, 1966.



**DAVID B. COOK WINS
HEIBERG MEMORIAL AWARD**

Feature of the April 15, 1967 5th Annual Meeting of the New York Forest Owners Association was the Heiberg Memorial Award Luncheon held on the campus of Syracuse University. This year the honored guest was a well known professional forester and owner of Cooxrox Forest.

Dr. Edwin C. Jahn, Acting Dean of the State University College of Forestry at Syracuse University made the presentation of the silver and black walnut plaque on behalf of the Association. This is the second award. The first was made to Dean Hardy L. Shirley last year.

David B. Cook was born in Albany, N. Y. October 24, 1901, the youngest son of the late John H. and Elizabeth R. Cook. From his father, he inherited a flair for writing and from his older brothers a sound background in natural science and outdoor craft.

He was educated in the Albany Public Schools and at Cornell University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Forestry in 1924 and is now employed by the Conservation Department as a Senior Forester.

During his professional career of

more than forty years, Cook has worked for private, Federal and State agencies in the fields of both wildlife management and forestry.

Dave is a fifty-year veteran of the Boy Scouts of America and an Eagle Scout. His principal Scouting effort has been as a teacher of Conservation and Forestry, and a number of the young men who have been trained under him have gone on to professional careers in forestry.

He is a prolific writer of both scientific and popular articles, with a bibliography of more than a hundred titles, and a minor radio personality.

Dave is best known as the owner and operator of Cooxrox Forest, an area devoted to research and demonstration in silviculture and in forest and wildlife management. His work with the growing of Larch trees has earned him an international reputation.

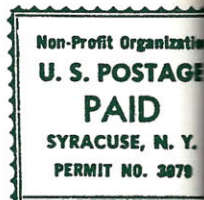
**1967 CONSERVATION DIRECTORY
AVAILABLE**

The 1967 Conservation Directory, a listing of 900 or more organizations and thousands of persons concerned with natural resources, is ready for distribution by the National Wildlife Federation, 1412 16th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036. Listings include official agencies in the U. S. and Canada, international and interstate organizations, national and regional non-government organizations, and state agencies and citizen groups, the Wildlife Management Institute reports. Copies should be ordered directly from the Federation at \$1.00 each. New to the Directory this year is a rapid name locator and indexing system.

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