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1,468,010 acres were planted in the United States during the year ending June 30, 1968. Of these 603,889 acres were owned by forest industry. 268,878 acres of National Forest land were planted. Four states planted more than 100,000 acres — Florida, 170,339; Oregon, 160,208; Georgia 126,338; Alabama, 116,231.

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October 3 & 4, 1969

Hamilton & Kirkland Colleges

The event was preceded by the directors' meeting on Thursday night. Luella B. Palmer submitted her resignation, for health reasons, from her position as secretary-treasurer. Emiel Palmer was appointed to the office of treasurer and the writer of this agreed to act as membership secretary.

Looking forward to the transfer of the membership files, the mailing of dues due notices and publishing this paper, I feel no obligation nor qualification to serve as reporter for this meeting. However, my family and myself enjoyed the two days so much, that I just have to get some message to those who stayed home.

Since incompetence and arrogance make a perfect team, I also chose the top spot for my deliberations. The picture on the front page tells you about the size of the gathering and indicates the weather for the weekend. The man with the yellow hat, "Piet" von Loon, took us for a quiet walk through the 60 year old plantation, interrupted only by some expert discussions and what should have been done or what should or could still be done, the demonstration of two trailbikes by young riders as well as the capabilities of the tree monkey, a mechanized climbing pruner. Of course, some of us were equally impressed by the beauty of nature's architecture in a stand of unimproved woods.

There was ample time for a rest and a change of clothing to be ready for the "Happy Hour" and Dinner at the Bristol Campus Center. The evening proved that Piet knows how to do more than one thing well. We were joined by the Assistant to the President of Hamilton College, Gilbert Grout. Miss Julie Beinecke, a student at Kirkland College, who had handled the the registrations, graced the President's table. After dislocation to the College Chapel, Professor David Ellis, Chairman of the Hamilton History Department, brought the rich history of the area and its colleges alive in his talk "Land of the Oneidas".

I am not aware of the hour of retreat, since we had to leave early and bring a babysitter home.

Most everybody was on time for the start of the Campus tour on Saturday morning. The weather had turned chilly and the hour from breakfast coffee to the midmorning coffee break seemed long. The short rest at the Root Art Center was the last chance to chat with your friends and to warm up for the final part of the program, a walk through the Root Glen, an inspiring place for the landscape designer and garden club member.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Maag

A CASE OF LOG STEALING

John A. Lennox letter of June 27th, 1969, to David H. Hanaburgh reads:

Dear Mr. Hanaburgh:

Due to you and others - including an interested District Attorney and County Judge - Hutzel now has a criminal charge on his record for log stealing.

I followed up your ideas of his past exploits. The County Parole Officer collected the data so that it was ready for the Judge when Hutzel appeared at court and said in effect that he had never done a thing like this before.

The Judge smiled and said, "I have your past record". An Ulster County charge of \$1000.00 has never been completely settled, according to reports.

I quote from the Oneonta Star of May 6th:

"Wolfgang Hutzel, 34, Halcott Center, charged with grand larceny in connection with the alleged theft of logs from the tree farm of John Lennox in Kortright, pleaded innocent to the charge in an earlier appearance April 28.

On motion of his attorney, Richard J. Thomson, Walton, the accused was permitted Monday to change his plea. Hutzel pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of first degree criminal trespass, a class A misdemeanor.

He was sentenced to a conditional discharge; the condition being that he make restitution of \$1980.00 to Lennox, through the Delaware County Probation Office."

I appreciated your professional forestry advice.

Sincerely,

/s/ John A. Lennox

WOODS WALKS

On Saturday, September 13th, a Woods Walk was conducted by Dan and Virginia Smiley on the lands of the Mohonk Trust; Mohonk Lake, New Paltz, N.Y. In attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Rosenfield, Mr. and Mrs. Aronson, Audrey and Morris Kwit, Antoinette Tennant, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Keal, Muriel Van Orden, Francis Olsen, Charles and Evelyn Thornton, Miriam and Victor Mincieli, one dog and David Hanaburgh.

This woods walk took us over the undercliff road which was built by the first Albert K. Smiley in 1903. The road follows a line generally along the top of the tarns and the foot of the cliffs of the escarpment that can be seen for many miles on the west side of the Hudson. We passed many rock climbers, who pay \$10 a year to the Mohonk Trust for permission to climb these cliffs. Individual hunters pay \$5 per year to hunt on the lands of the Mohonk Trust.

A "Natural History of Undercliff Road" written by Dan Smiley and Frank Egler is available for \$1.00. At about 17 stations along the road, this publication describes the geology, plant life, animal life and their ecological relationships. We had the opportunity and privilege to take advantage of the broad scientific knowledge of this environment that has been accumulated over many years by Dan and Virginia Smiley.

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Mt. Terpening and Mt. Wharton bound this valley on the south and west. Three main eastern seaboard water sheds start around the two mountains; the Delaware flows southward, the Charlotte Valley creek flows westward to the Susquehanna and the Beargulch Creek flows to the Cobleskill Creek, to the Schoharie River, to the Mohawk, thence eastward to the Hudson.

Beargulch Creek, with its seven dams in a short space of $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, from the Bear Gulch pond, supported the water power for 14 of the earliest industries in Schoharie County. The stream dropped over 800 feet on its short run of $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to the village of Richmondville which was an industrial center, powered by water, long before Cobleskill had emerged from its small village crossroad status.

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The buyer recognizes that the seller wishes to preserve the natural beauty of the site and agrees to conduct his operations to protect these values.

The Gutchess Lumber Company was considered as a possible buyer for this timber because they had cooperated in a semi-aesthetic harvesting in the Palmer forest during the previous month and had carried it out according to contract and to our complete satisfaction.

At this time, Mr. F. A. ("Mike") Demeree, chairman of the New York State Forest Practice Board, was instrumental in implementing the concept of a timber agent as being an useful addition to the present method of supervising timber cutting in the state. This seemed to us the logical way to combine aesthetic logging and adequate supervision.

With this timber agent idea, Mr. Palmer, with the able backing of Mr. Gethmann, a fellow member of the camp development committee, presented this new approach at two meetings of the Girl Scout Council Board of Directors. Mr. Palmer was appointed timber agent with authority to sell and supervise the cutting, lopping and hauling operations. The harvesting was done according to contract specifications. Maximum monetary return was not considered the object of the sale. Rather, the Girl Scout Council was willing to accept less money provided that the entire operation was performed with care so that minimum damage would be done to camp facilities and the remaining trees. It took the logging crew much longer that way but they were paid for the extra time by a reduction in the price paid.

Mr. Dennison, manager of the camp, was present during the entire operation and reported complete cooperation from the logging crew. Mr. Palmer made frequent trips with various independent inspectors to analyze the effects of this controlled type of timber harvesting. About 70 thousand board feet were included in the first contract. The net price was \$2500.00.

The conclusion of this story will be in the next issue of Forest Owner.

SEVENTH FALL MEETING



GETTING STARTED



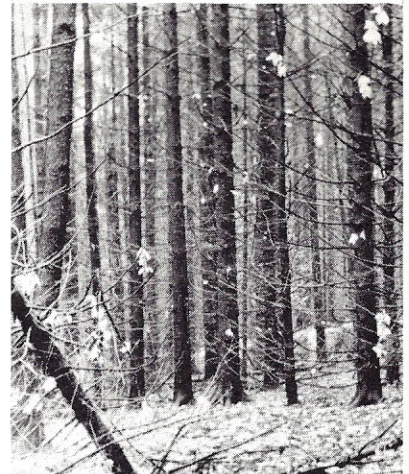
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UNIMPROVED PLANTATION

WOODS WALK AT PINEWALD

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