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FALL MEETING AT COOPERSTOWN, N. Y.

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NEW YORK FOREST OWNERS ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 98
Castleton on Hudson, N.Y. 12033

I N V O I C E

This is your invoice for the 1972 membership dues.

According to by-laws the membership dues are to be announced in February and are due and payable by March 31. Any member who shall fail to pay association dues for one year shall be automatically dropped from membership.

At the present time there are about 150 members with dues unpaid for 1971. We urge you to check your records and make it possible for our organization to celebrate a successful anniversary this year.

Schedule of annual dues:

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| Junior Member (under 21) | \$ 1.00 | Contributing Member | \$ 11 - 24 |
| Regular Member | \$ 6.00 | Sustaining Member | \$ 25 - 99 |
| Family Members (husband and wife, 2 votes) | \$ 10.00 | Supporting Member | \$ 100 - 499 |
| | | Sponsoring Member | \$ 500 and up |

Please return the lower half of this invoice with your check or money order, payable to the New York Forest Owners Association.

To: Henry Maag, Membership Secretary
New York Forest Owners Association
P.O. Box 98
Castleton on Hudson, N.Y. 12033

Enclosed is my remittance for:

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| Junior Membership | \$ 1.00 | Contributing Membership | \$ _____ |
| Regular Membership | \$ 6.00 | Sustaining Membership | \$ _____ |
| Family Membership (husband and wife) | \$ 10.00 | Supporting Membership | \$ _____ |
| | | Sponsoring Membership | \$ _____ |

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N.Y.F.O.A.'S FIRST VICE PRESIDENT IS ACTIVE CERTIFIED
TREE FARMER

Our First Vice President William Lubinec and his wife, Eleanor, are busy people with over 20 acres of Christmas trees. We heard about a dog belonging to them. On inquiry, we found that "Gusty" is a three year old thoroughbred Weimarer who helps them raise Christmas trees by pulling the weed trees. Those he can't pull up, he digs with his front paws. "Gusty" was scheduled for an on location appearance on WNBC-TV. A feature article about "Gusty" and the Lubinec Christmas Tree operation appeared in the October issue of The Bulletin, the official organ of the N.Y. Christmas Tree Growers Assoc. Mr. Lubinec is President of the Broome County Growers' Association. He should try raising some more of those dogs! Could be a new sideline!

The Lubinecs are Certified Tree Farmers on two of their forest holdings. A third operation was to be inspected by Harold Best for Tree Farm Certification.

They have Timber Stand Improvement work done on over 50 acres of hardwoods. They have pruned 10 acres of Red and White Pines to a height of over 17 feet.

Mr. Lubinec has been experimenting with Black Walnut tree planting. He has over 500 young Black Walnuts growing hopefully on favored sites. Two older bearing trees provided nuts for planting of over 1,000 trees - providing the squirrels don't get them. One Thomas Black Walnut growing in their backyard in a compost pile has reached a height of 14½ feet in just four years, with a caliper of 2 inches, waist high. The last season it grew over 60 inches, although he does fertilize this tree. The Black Walnut should only be grown on the very best land. They should be pruned for quality lumber. The results are good. At the present, there is a good market in the state for walnut for furniture making.

THE HARVESTOR ACCREDITING COMMITTEE
David H. Hanaburgh, Chairman

One of the problems for which the New York Forest Owners Association has sought a solution is how to find and/or select a suitable timber harvester for the timber on the land of an individual forest owner.

The Accrediting Committee has been set up by the N.Y.F.O.A. to gather the experiences that individual landowners have had with individual timber harvestors. This means that N.Y.F.O.A. members who have had any dealings with timber harvestors should write up their satisfactions and complaints and send them to David H. Hanaburgh, Box 122, Buchanan, N. Y. 10511. By contacting the N.Y.F.O.A. Accrediting Committee, we will be able to advise interested landowners concerning the assets and liabilities that he can expect through dealings with any specific harvester.

Forest landowners who are not in the business of selling timber do not speak the same language, nor do they have the same established customs, as the timber harvestors who are in the business. It is the special desire of the N.Y.F.O.A. to provide this particular advisory service to those inadequately informed members who feel a desire or need for it. We are particularly desirous of hearing from landowners who have had satisfactory timber sales experiences with timber harvestors.

REFORESTATION

January marks the 45th anniversary of the death of Clifford R. Pettis, characterized as the Father of Reforestation. To a marked degree, he receives credit for development of State Forest Nurseries and building strong public sentiment in favor of reforestation throughout N. Y. State. We again remind you that trees are available from the State for \$20.00 per thousand. That's 2¢ a piece! You must have an acre of land available for each 1,000 trees ordered. Orders will be filled on a first come, first served basis. 1,000 tree lots are available in the following species: Fir - balsam and Douglas; Pines - Austrian, Japanese black, red, Scotch and white; Spruce - Norway and white; Larch and Black Locust. Wildlife shrubs are available in less than 1,000 lots and need less land. Order blanks are obtained from Regional Offices or Soil Conservation offices plus some other State offices. Partial reimbursement for tree planting expenses may be available from REAP. Consult your local County Agricultural Stabilization Service Office before planting is started. Do it now!

BULLETINS AS HELPMATES

Planting Forest Trees in Rural New York, Extension Bulletin # 1161 by Morrow, Hamilton and Winch, Jr.

Care of Forest Plantations on Farm Lands, Extension Bulletin # 867 by Fred E. Winch, Jr.

Influence of Soil and Site on Red Pine Plantations in N.Y. Bulletin # 977 by Richards, Morrow, Stone.

Future Forests, 4-H Club Bulletin # 90 by Fred E. Winch, Jr.
Elementary, good!

Request for publications should be addressed to: Mailing Room, Bldg. 7, Research Park, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. 14850. When you write, ask for their list of Extension Bulletins.

WINTER READING

The Soil Conservation Service by D. Harper Simms. Published 1970. Praeger Publishers. Library of Congress card # 73-101485.

Mr. Simms was for many years Director of Information of S.C.S. The S.C.S. was established in the mid 30's at the constant urging of Hugh Bennett, pioneer soil conservationist. The book outlines agency's history, organization and functions. Will be of interest to those concerned with S.C.S. complete land use programs, students, school guidance counselors and those interested in what the Service sees as future long-range programs.

WE TALK, YOU LISTEN

New Tribes, New Turf by Vine Deloria, Jr. Published by Macmillan. Library of Congress card # 72-126508.

Controversial! Pick up a copy at your local library. After you've read it, pass it around for the family to read. Have a group discussion. Bet you won't need any chunks in the old wood stove. There will be heat enough in the arguments, especially if there is more than one generation in your home.

WINTER READING (cont'd)

Directory of Primary Wood-Using Plants in New York State. Published by the N.Y. State Dept. of Commerce, 112 State St., Albany, N.Y. 12207.

Information collected by Conservation Dept. foresters stationed throughout N.Y. State. Assembled and arranged by Bureau of Forest Management and Nurseries - Marketing and Utilization Section, E Con, Albany. It is designed to assist forest landowners in marketing their various forest products. It is also helpful to woods contractors, sawmill owners, pulp companies, veneer mills, secondary wood manufacturers, equipment manufacturers, universities and etc. Inclusion in the directory doesn't constitute a recommendation of firms listed. We would hope individual Forest Owners would consider this preliminary information.

U.S. METRIC STUDY

The reports to Congress of the three year study. How will this affect you and your business? To get the report, send for: A Metric America: A Decision Whose Time Has Come - SD Catalog No. C13.10:345 \$ 2.25 Order from Supt. of Documents, U.S. Govt. Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402

WARNING! DON'T EAT!

Members should be aware that the leaves of the Poinsettia are poisonous. One leaf can kill a child. The berries of Mistletoe are also poisonous. Both children and adults have died from eating the berries. If you use Laurel and Rhododendron leaves in arrangements, be aware that all parts are toxic. Symptoms - FATAL. Produces nausea and vomiting, depression, difficult breathing, prostration and coma. Are you forcing Lily-of-the-Valley? The leaves and flowers are toxic. They cause irregular heart beat and pulse, usually accompanied by digestive upset and mental confusion. We tell you this not to scare the daylight out of you, feeling instead that forewarned is forearmed. The above information is from the N.Y. State Dept. of Health bulletin, "Poison in the Back Yard", published 1964 in Family Safety.

BILLS TO WATCH!

Bills to watch in the 1971-72 Regular Sessions in N. Y. Assembly:

Bill # 7867 - Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES - has been referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

"AN ACT to amend the real property tax law and the conservation law, in relation to acquisition of conservation restrictions by the state, to authorize the payment of state assistance to local jurisdictions."

Bill # 7068 - Introduced by Mr. Beckman - read once and referred to the Committee on Rules.

"AN ACT to amend the conservation law, in relation to clarifying the validity of certain interest in lands."

John Stock's statement on # 7867 - made at Public Hearing of Joint Legislative Committee on Environmental Conservation, held at Tupper Lake, N. Y., December 1, 1971.

"My name is John Stock, Supt., Litchfield Park Corp., Tupper Lake, N. Y. We own and operate a 28,000 acre commercial forest with saw mills, chippers, dry kilns and other appurtenant facilities.

BILLS TO WATCH (cont'd)

Because we are entirely dependent on the forest for raw materials, we are extremely interested in any legislation that would affect our use of it, or the economics of its operation.

We have some reservations in regard to portions of Assembly Bill 7867, although we agree with the basic philosophy of it.

Article 3 states that "any limitation on the future use of the burdened land imposed by the conservation restriction shall be taken into account". It makes no mention on any limitation on the use or value of adjacent lands of the same or adjoining owners. It also makes no mention of what happens to any rights, prescriptive or otherwise, that may be on the burdened land. This should be clarified.

In Section 4 the bill states that the advisory valuation "shall be considered by the assessor but shall not be binding on him." In Section 6 it says "The assessor is authorized to change the assessment" under certain conditions. This indicates a certain amount of autonomy on the part of the assessor. However, in section 12, in any action brought by the landowner to review an assessment, the "advisory valuation" becomes "Presumptive evidence of the value at which burdened land should be assessed." This apparently applies even to an action before the local assessment board of review. We do not think that the same assessment can be both advisory and mandatory.

The most serious omission in this bill is the lack of any defined appellate procedure from the valuation set by the State Board of Equalization and Assessment. Section 11 makes it possible for a State agency to get a preliminary valuation from the State Board, the private land owner does not have this same privilege. There is also no certification that this preliminary advisory valuation would be the same as the one eventually appearing on the assessment roll. In this case, we cannot see where the seller of the restriction would have any judicial relief.

We think these things should be considered before submission to the Assembly."

CLOSING DATES FOR FOREST OWNER

The Forest Owner will be published six times in 1972. The closing dates are as follows:

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| March Issue | -- | January 25 |
| May Issue | --- | March 25 |
| July Issue | --- | May 25 |
| Sept. Issue | --- | July 25 |
| Nov. Issue | -- | Sept. 25 |