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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN - William Lubinec

It is with deep regret and sorrow that I'm reporting the loss of our Director Robert M. Ford, who passed away recently. Mr. Ford was a charter member of NYFOA and one of its founders with Dean Emirtus Shirley. It was timely and fitting that the Heiberg Award was bestowed to him.

The Board of Directors appointed Miss M. Elizabeth Campbell to fill Mr. Ford's unexpired term. She was appointed Chairman of Printing & Mailing and is off to a flying start by updating and supplying us with a new membership brochure.

Mr. Hansen, our membership chairman would like to see every member obtain at least one new member, use brochure furnished with this publication to get your new member. Good luck.

Our thanks to Mr. Strombeck who so ably represented us at a recent N. Y. S. Timber Assoc. Inc. meeting in Booneville, N. Y.

In this era of steadily increasing taxation on forest land, I learned something from Mike Demeree that I would like to pass on. If you get a notice from your tax assessor of increased assessment, you still have time to file under the Fisher Law, but this must be done before grievance day. This can save you money, so fellow members take heed.

Most of our committee chairmen have been appointed and we are geared for action. This organization can only survive and grow with the active participation of all of its members, we need your help and ideas.

With the energy crisis upon us, our forests can not only supply us with wood and fiber but if called upon can furnish food for cattle (molasses) and fuel if need be, so it behooves each and every one of us who has forest holdings to improve their wood lots. Good forests just don't happen, you have to make it happen. Your responsibility has never been greater than in the present period of our nations history.

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THE NEW YORK FOREST OWNERS ASSOCIATION is a new and growing organization Dedicated to Serving Forest Owners and Building Better Forests in New York State.

OUR OBJECTIVES ARE:

To advance, protect and represent the 255,000 forest owners in New York State in forestry programs, planning and policy.

To unite the forest owners of New York in a common cause of improving their forest resources and forest opportunities.

To benefit forest owners by probing for problems and finding solutions.

To join with and support private, state and federal programs that strengthen forestry, such as the Forest Practice Act and Tree Farm movement.

To make ownership of forest land more attractive as an investment.

To work toward an economic climate favorable to permanent forest industry.

To maintain a needed balance between timber growth and cut to assure raw materials for industry and steady employment in forest communities and rural areas.

To encourage education and research in forest management, in marketing and use of forest products and services.

To manage forest land to enhance its natural beauty for the benefit of the owner, motorist, tourist and recreationist.

In the N.Y. Forest Owners Association WE WORK TOWARD OUR OBJECTIVES

By means of a monthly publication, The Forest Owner, providing free and friendly exchange of experience, outlook and opinion among our members.

By holding Annual and Fall meetings, tours and field trips to inform and inspire.

By mailing members helpful and instructive materials furnished by NYFOA, private, state and federal agencies.

By developing standards for timber harvesters that protect forest owners in the sale of timber and during logging operations.

By fostering the training of skilled timber harvesters and forest workers.

By working for classification of forest lands into: timber growing, recreation, watershed, wildlife, summer home sites.

By working for a forest land tax adaptable to conditions of timber harvesting.

By recognizing and acclaiming meritorious effort in the field of forestry, conservation and outdoor recreation.

By conducting "Woods Walks" to stimulate enthusiasm for: growing timber, enjoyment of outdoor living and getting acquainted with NYFOA members.



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Name _____

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(husband, wife)

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DID YOU KNOW
THAT IN NEW YORK STATE

*Forest area is nearly 1/2
the area of the state -
14,450,000 acres.

*Privately owned forest land
totals 40% of the state
area - 12,002,000 acres.

*Of total sawtimber
(hardwoods: 75%)
Sugar maple is 18.4%
Beech is 11%
Yellow birch is 10%
Soft maple is 8%
Red Oak is 6%
Ash is 4%
Basswood is 3.6%
White Oak is 3%
Hickory is 1%
Cottonwood and Aspen:1%

*Of total sawtimber
(softwoods: 25%)
Hemlock is 8.6%
Red & White Pines 8.5%
Spruce & Balsam : 6%

* Only about 1/5 of the wood
used by the industries of
New York comes from
locally grown timber.

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in the nation, and the
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The NEW YORK FOREST OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC.

Invites YOU

To join with us in a program of rebuilding the
forest wealth of the Empire State.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Can bring you rich returns in the satisfaction of growing
quality timber, stabilizing forest industries and
markets, providing permanent jobs, increasing the
value of your woods, enlarging areas of natural
beauty across the State, and leaving behind a
monument in living trees to bless the tomorrows
for the boys and girls of today.

MINUTES of the 71st MEETING - BOARD OF DIRECTORS - NYFOA
11 August 1973, Hilton Inn, Syracuse, N. Y.

President Wm. Lubinec presided.

Present: Lubinec, Hanaburgh, Palmer, Koon, Campbell, Ridings, Werthimer, Sands, Hansen, Parsons.

Minutes of the 70th meeting were read and approved.

Treasurers Report: \$4611.84 Balance on Hand. Working on our annual tax report. Meeting room rent is now \$15 at Hilton Inn, Syracuse. Report Approved.

It was noted that director, Robert Ford had recently died and the President was asked to write his family on behalf of NYFOA. Director Najer is hospitalized at Glens Falls Hospital.

Committee Reports:

Editorial - Strombeck - The Forest Owner now has shorter articles, an index, and a shorter issue. New logo is in process. Any comments or copy should be sent to Strombeck. Again the board was asked to write or type copy and have done by the 10th of the month preceding publication. Ken Parsons suggested a "How to Do It" page giving members experiences or perhaps items furnished by Fred Winch or Alex Dickson. Miss Campbell suggested stories by members as a story box type of thing. There was complaint by members claiming that some of their news items were not published. It was noted that for the first time in NYFOA history, the F. O. is published on schedule.

Industry Participation Committee - President Lubinec appointed Bob Sands chairman.

Fall Meeting: Hanaburgh said family cabins will be available as well as motels. Programs are being printed now. Youth involvement was discussed.

Woods Walks - Koon said the 3 walks are shown in the June F. O. but due to a mix up somewhere, they were not detailed in the Aug. F. O.

Budget & Finance - Ridings - No report.

Spring Meeting - Strombeck - Discussion of a theme. Some ideas: Political & Philosophical type of meeting in line with apparent majority leanings of our present membership. Also, Environmental Training, Growth of NYFOA, & One Small Voice were mentioned. This lead into discussions on increasing our membership with many opinions given. It was suggested that the meeting be slanted toward those actually participating in FPA work, more emphasis on selling trees, consider holding meeting at location other than S. U. Discussion over getting more youth involvement in our organization. Sands stated that membership diversity was a beauty of our orgn.

Membership - Hansen - Awaits the new brochures. It was suggested that when available, some be left in the conservation offices as handouts. There was discussion on methods of obtaining members and the letter approach to certain audiences was mentioned also using members to personally contact and sell the idea to prospects. Some changes in the present brochure were discussed such as referring to some of the accomplishments of the orgn.

Job Descriptions - Wertheimer - She will assemble descriptions prepared by previous study groups and will arrange for descriptions for officers and committee chairman.

Archivist - Archie Koon agreed to handle this job for the organization.

Trespass & Condemnation - Hanaburgh - no report.

Old Business: None

New Business: Lubinec said the Assoc. of Nat. Resources want up date on our officers and he will do this.

Miss Betty Campbell, 404 E. 55th St., Apt 6E, N. Y., N. Y. 10022, ofc phone 212-489-2000, was nominated and elected a board member to fill the unexpired term of Robert Ford, deceased. Her term will expire 1976.

An allowance of \$50 maximum was voted Lloyd Strombeck as expense money for his duties at the Woodsman Field Days, Booneville next weekend on behalf of the NYFOA.

Next directors meeting will be 22 Sept. 1973, Farm & Home Center, 840 Front St., Binghamton. Those Southbound on Route 81 should use the Front St. exit.

Submitted on behalf of Mr. Lewis DuMond by John Ridings.

ANNUAL FALL MEETING

Sterling Forest - October 20-21, 1973

You should have received the program for the NYFOA Fall meeting. If you have been missed, or desire further information, please contact David H. Hanaburgh, Buchanan, N. Y. 10511.

For those who would like to come to the meeting but do not feel up to the challenge of the Sebago Lake cabins, there are some motel accomodations at the Red Apple Motel on Route 17, Tuxedo, N. Y. 10987 (phone 914-351-4747). There are a few other accomodations in the vicinity of Harriman.

IN SORROW WE REMEMBER

In deep sorrow we must report the death of Robert M. Ford, the recent winner of the New York State Forest Owners Association Heiberg Award as reported in the June issue of the Forest Owner.

Mr. Ford was 76 years of age. His life was marked by service to his fellow man. As we reported in the previous issue he had been active in the political area of Broome County, and was President of the New York State Supervisors Assoc. He was a member of the N. Y. State County Officers Association Legislative Committee. He served on the District 2 Board of the Forest Practice Act body, and was its chairman for 22 years. He was on the Taxation Committee of the State Board. He was a member of the New York State Forest Owners Board of Directors. He was active in forming a Volunteer Fire Department in his village. He was a member of F. & A. M. #1001 of Binghamton, the Elks Club; the Rotary Club; and the American Legion. He was a World War One veteran.

We wish for his wife and his sons and daughters a replacement of sorrow with a sense of pride for his accomplishments, and a strong realization of the value that their husband and father had in the minds and hearts of his associates. He is now at peace and in our memories, for as long as we, too, may serve mankind.

JOHN STOCK APPOINTED TO BOARD OF ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

John Stock Appointed by the Governor to Seat on 9-Member Governing Board of Adirondack Park Agency, for 3-Year Term

John W. Stock, Country Club Road, Tupper Lake, has been appointed by Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller to a newly-created seat on the Adirondack Park Agency's 9-member governing Board, for a three-year term.

He is the first Franklin county resident to sit on the board. Reappointed to the Agency were Mrs. Mary Prime of Lake Placid and Whitman Daniels of Delmar.

Mr. Stock is superintendent for Litchfield Park Corp. which owns some 28,000 acres of timberland in this area. He is a past president of the New York State Forest Owners Association and is serving his second two-year term on the U. S. Department of Agriculture national advisory committee, which counsels that department and the U. S. Forest Service on matters of state and private forestry. Mr. Stock was the winner of the 1972 Heiberg award of the New York State College of Forestry for "outstanding contributions in forestry and conservation".

He has indicated his support of the general thrust of the master private land use plan approved this year by the State Legislature for the Adirondacks, but has been outspokenly critical of the agency's "failure to pay enough attention to the needs of the forest industry" and of its apparent lack of consideration of the tax problems its land use restrictions are causing for local government.

He also feels that restrictive zoning guidelines force down real estate assessments, and in a telephone interview told the Associated Press that "if it is good to have open space for everybody in the state, some way has to be found for everybody in the state to help pay for it", --logically, by increased state subsidies for local governments in the Adirondacks.

Excerpts from the Watertown Daily Times, Saturday, June 16, 1973.

EARL D. GARDINER'S FOREST PRACTICES ACCLAIMED

By Edward R. Gammon, Senior Forester, N.Y.S. Department Environmental Conservation
Lowville, N. Y.

A Watertown man, Earl D. Gardiner, 143 Bishop Street, has been selected as the "New York State Tree Farmer of the Year" for 1972.

The National Tree Farm Program is administered by the American Forest Institute, Washington, D. C. and is sponsored in New York State by the Empire State Forest Products Association.

The actual selection of Mr. Gardiner was made from a list of candidates submitted to a Tree Farm Committee working within this association.

Recently a field ceremony was held at Earl's 320 acre Rodman forest to commemorate this occasion.

The American Tree Farm Program is one of cooperation between industry, public employed foresters and private landowners. Its objective is to give public recognition to those private timberland owners doing outstanding jobs in the management of their forest lands. The nature of the New York State Forest Practice Act, which provides free technical service to private landowners, enables state foresters to fit the tree farm program into their work schedule.

Tree Farm certification standards are high. The woodlot must be privately owned; it must be managed for the growth and harvest of repeated forest crops; it must be adequately protected from fire, insects, disease and grazing; and harvesting practices must assure perpetuation of a desirable stand.

In 1926 he began his acquisition of 468 acres of abandoned farm lands in the Towns of Rodman, Watertown and Pinckney. He has personally planted 546,000 trees on the plantable portions.

Within the natural hardwood areas of his woodlots Earl previously operated a sugarbush. In his pulp cutting operations, slash reduction to speed decay and reduce fire hazard is performed. Other improved management practices include: Culturing Scotch pine and balsams for Christmas trees; maintaining fire trails; applying controls for insect and disease infestations; pruning selected potential sawtimber trees for quality; and planting wildlife shrubs. Local Boy Scout troops have been exposed to Earl's stewardship through conducted field trips.

To date, expenses have exceeded income.

Earl's accomplishments are recorded in the U. S. Congressional Record of August 18, 1972 as submitted by Senator Jennings Randolph of West Virginia. It is entitled "One Man's Commitment to a Better World".

AND A LETTER FROM MR. GARDINER

Mr. Lloyd B. Strombeck
57 Main St.
Owego, N Y. 13827

Dear Lloyd,

Thanks for your recent letter congratulating me on my award.

I read in the last issue of the "Forest Owner" about Ed Moot's description of his activities at Pinewald. It sounds very interesting and Ed's description of the way a retired person can adapt himself to the leisure work of developing a forest and improving it, is truly the best description of this subject that I have read.

My Tree Farm of 333 acres is conducted along the same ideas, only I am a cooperater with the Environmental Conservation Department and also a member of the National Tree Farm System, having been awarded the honor of the New York State Tree Farmer of the year for 1972.

Ed also suggested the Tree Farm name be sent to NYFO Association. My Tree Farm is called "Happy Valley" and it is indeed a happy valley for me when I am there watching my trees improve the environment.

I hope this letter gives you some idea of how I spend my time in retirement.

Yours very truly,
Earl D. Gardiner
143 Bishop St.
Watertown, N. Y.

PIANT TREES

According to Ed Moot, the Penner of Pinewald, a bill signed by the President provides \$25 million in a new incentive program to encourage farmers to plant trees to augment the dwindling lumber supply. Ed questions the feasibility of this type of program because it takes a full century to grow a forest, i.e., the timber crop would not develop soon enough to meet the crisis. Ed proposes an alternate plan to HELP the individual forest owner as follows:

"See that each state receives a certain grant, based on the acreage now owned by private forest owners, to bolster the seedling growth in state tree nurseries. Suggest that hard wood tree seedlings predominate over conifer seedling growth as a hard wood log of equal diameter and length to any conifer log is worth about three or four times more on the open market today. The hard maples will reproduce themselves if proper brush cutting management is applied.

"Reduce the cost of seedling trees to \$3.00 to \$5.00 per thousand IF the Forest Owner goes to the nursery to secure his own trees. No mail or delivery service will be provided. This will bring out those really interested in planting

trees. Set a goal fo from three to five thousand trees per year on each cooperating farm owner forest land. MOST private forest owners KNOW how to supervize and plant seedlings. Their organizations both extension folks and their own organization have educated their members well in tree planting.

"This brings up one sociological phase of the entire farm problem which has been ignored since before World War 1. We have seen endless numbers of aged farmers, most over fifty years of age, who have sold off their land and livestock. We should do everything possible to KEEP those good retired farmers on their land, encourage them to do systematic health giving work but at a slower pace. Each farmer, who now is intoxicated with the BIG money offered by speculators, could allow some bright young man, newly married, from a nearby town, to put a mobile home on his land, under a formal legal agreement, whereby the farmer would receive a certain amount of MOON LIGHTING work from such a tenant on his land if he gave the young couple free rent for the use of an acre of land. The young tenant would sink his own well and pay for electrical service to his trailer.

"Each farmer could keep a few cows for his own butter and milk, raise two or three head of beef each year, have a large garden and fill the DEEP freeze with food which he would ordinarily obtain from the food market. A TURN ABOUT in our rural technology MUST take place now. Government programs must assume a new pattern. Most city folks think the farmer is continuously on "THE GRAVY TRAIN". The farmer is NOT to blame for the high cost of your beef, your vegetables, your protein supplements."

"The government incentive programs designed for the benefit of farmers during the depression years should be reviewed. Planned to limit food production they have outlived their usefulness. The effect on our economy of the sale of American farm products to Russia, China and Japan should be studied with a critical eye.

"Supply and demand should determine what the consumer pays at the market. It is time the farmer speaks his mind."

DO IT YOURSELF! - Helen C. Strombeck

You can make an inexpensive bird feeding ball by saving all of the fat which is cut from meat and drippings which otherwise would be discarded. Store in the refrigerator until you have a quart or so. Heat until the fat is liquefied. It won't matter if there are some undissolved chunks. Then mix in oatmeal, white or graham flour, cornmeal, bird seed, dry bread crumbs, etc., until it is a fairly solid mass. Pour into containers with straight sides. When solidified, remove and put in the plastic mesh bag which comes on frozen turkeys. Hang on a tree limb within sight of your window so you may enjoy watching the birds' banquet.

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It has been suggested that a "How To Do It" column or article be added to the Forest Owner. If this is done, it requires that one or more persons submit articles that are specifically intended and marked for that purpose. If a present member would wish to volunteer as the author of such a column, then his name and address could appear in a succeeding issue of this paper, as the one to whom questions could be directed. If no questions came to him, he could still author an article for each issue, or as he willed, for such a column. Does anyone wish to submit his name for this purpose? Naturally such a column cannot be introduced without someone who is educated in this field, either by sheer study or by experience, but preferrably by both. How about it?

THE NEW YORK FOREST OWNERS ASSOCIATION - Lloyd Strombeck

The New York Forest Owners Association is dedicated to serving forest owners and building forests in New York State.

We have 500 members mostly in the counties surrounding Syracuse, in the Binghamton area and along the Hudson River from Westchester county to Albany.

The principal occupational categories of the members are professional, technical and kindred workers, 45%; managers, officials and proprietors, 15%; retired, 10% and housewife, 7%.

Fifty percent of those owning forest land, own more than 100 acres. The membership is generally well informed on conservation matters, 75% subscribing to at least one conservation publication. Nearly three quarters have had at least some college education.

Some 40% of the membership are cooperators under the Forest Practice Act; 10% are certified tree farmers and 9% are members of the N. Y. Christmas Tree Growers Association.

The major objectives of the N. Y. Forest Owners Association are:

1. to advance, protect and represent the 250,000 forest owners in the New York State in forestry programs and policy
2. to unite the forest owners of the State in a common cause of improving their forest resources and forest opportunities.
3. to join with and support private, state and Federal programs that strengthen forestry programs such as the Forest Practice Act and The Tree Farm Movement
4. to work toward an economic climate favorable to permanent forest industries
5. to maintain a needed balance between timber growth and harvesting to assure raw materials for industry and steady employment in forest communities and rural areas.

NYFOA is developing Timber Harvester Guidelines for its membership.

We work toward our objectives by means of a bi-monthly publication, The Forest Owner, providing a free and friendly exchange of experience, outlook and opinion among our members; by holding annual Spring and Fall meetings, tours and field tours to inform and inspire; by mailing members helpful and instructive materials furnished by the organization, private, state and Federal agencies; by developing standards for timber harvesting that protect forest owners in the sale of timber and during logging operations; by fostering the training of skilled timber harvesters and forest workers; by working for the classification of forest lands into timber growing, recreation, watershed, wildlife and summer home sites; by working for a forest land tax adaptable to conditions of timber harvesting; by recognizing and acclaiming meritorious effort in the field of forestry, conservation and outdoor recreation; and by conducting "woods walks" to stimulate enthusiasm for growing quality timber, the enjoyment of outdoor living and becoming better acquainted with other Forest Owner members. A recent Woods Walk was held at Harden Farms in this area.

Major interests are problems of the forest landowner including taxation, trespass, condemnation, zoning, land use regulation, damage appraisals, regional planning and littering for which I have no solution.

The Association supports the current drive to obtain uniform assessment practices throughout the state concerned with the interests of the average forest owner and with easements on scenic and recreational land. NYFOA has distributed a 5 page statement "Forestowner - Protect Yourself" by John Stock, chairman of our committee on Forest Taxation.

The Association seeks to protect the rights of the private landowner when the State encourages public access on and in the vicinity of private lands. We are also interested in legislation, administrative regulation and law enforcement involving trespass on private forest lands incidental to public hunting, picnicking, hiking, snowmobiling and similar activities.

The Forest Owners want to be involved in the planning of programs concerned with the power of eminent domain as it is applied to wilderness and scenic areas.

We are interested in zoning as it results in restraining the normal use of private forest lands. Zoning forest lands as residential prevents the harvest of forest crops as commercial activity. We prefer to be consulted before the legitimate interests of landowners are destroyed by uninformed agencies concerned with the use of wilderness regions.

The Association is also interested in the establishment and the manner of enforcement of government regulations affecting the private landowner. There is friction over the exercise of the rights of the landowner to use his water resources, wet lands and waste materials.

We want to know who will make the appraisals of lands or rights condemned. If the State exercises its right of eminent domain over the property of the forest owner, we don't believe it is equitable for the State to assess the damages.

The private forest is a factor in suburban living, outdoor recreation and as a valuable farm asset. We believe that forest landowners or their representatives should be consulted by regional planning boards when decisions are to be made involving the designation of land use categories. The forest industry of the State is deprived of some of its sources of supply from private lands because of the arbitrary actions of some government agencies.

The NYFOA unites with other organizations with common goals to reach its objectives. They include the N. Y. Soil Conservation District Association, the N. Y. State Conservation Council, the N. Y. State Fish and Wildlife Management Board, the N. Y. State Forest Practice Board, the N. Y. State Grange, the State Soil and Water Conservation Committee and the Empire State Forest Products Assoc.

We will be pleased to explore ways in which our organization may cooperate with the N. Y. State Timber Producers Association.

(The above was an address given by LLOYD G. STROMBECK, NYFOA Director at the Landowners and Forest Industry meeting at the N. Y. S. Timber Producers Field Days in Booneville, N. Y. August 17, 1973. It is re-printed for your information.)

RENSSELAER COUNTY WOODLAND IMPROVEMENT MEETING - Dave Cook

August 4th was a fine summer day - appropriate for the Second Annual Rensselaer County Woodland Improvement Meeting. There was a goodly showing of NYFOA members. Some fifty of us ranging in age from seven to seventy but mostly of land-owning age..assembled at the Game Refuge near Cherry Plain. The sponsors were both public and industrial people.

The first stop was in a stand of mixed hardwoods from which the marked trees had been removed this spring in a commercial cut that yielded something like 3M per acre, leaving an adequate residual stand. Skidding was with a rubber-tired rig which made minimal marks on the very rocky soil - no compaction, and no erosion even after a couple of recent gullywashers. While the logger made no great effort to lop down the heavy tops, the area was not unsightly.

Next pause was in a fifty-sixty year hardwood stand that had come up in an abandoned pasture. Species composition reflected seed transport - mostly easily-moved seed like Maple, Ash and Cherry; few Red Oak. Many were multiple sprouts, Here Jim Phillips of the W. J. Cowee Company of Berlin ably discussed "what to do with what we have - and why and when and how", within the framework of the needs and desires of the small private landowner. Considering that this land has been publicly owned for half-a-century, that the area is within easy walking distance of the old C.C.C. Camp and that the silvicultural needs were, even then, quite obvious, the present stand does no credit to the managerial skill of the State agencies responsible.

As was pointed out, there might be difference of opinion, even among the professional foresters, as to just what to do. In the absence of a workable market for pulpwood, about the only possibility would be a wasting thinning to get rid of small trees that are interfering with bigger, more promising neighbors. That could almost be "too late", as even the better Ash have restricted crowns.

Then down into the valley to see the new mill of the Berlin Lumber Company, operated by Earl Phillips. This mill is almost completely automated. The logs are marked, cut up on an almost-automatic carriage where the boards are sawn off and edged all in one pass, move on to the sorting dock. Slabs and edgings go directly to the chipper and so into waiting trailers for transport to Ticonderoga.

The mill cannot efficiently use logs smaller than 10 inches, which means working in mature timber and leaving the big tops. We bitterly regret the loss of the hardwood pulp market at Westvaco at Mechanicville, which used to take our tops and our cull logs.

IS WOODLOT OWNER ON SHORT END OF STICK?

To the Editor:

On Aug. 17, I attended a meeting at the Adirondack Central High School, which was sponsored by the New York State Timber Producers Association. A question and answer session was held. I mentioned the fact that the price of just about everything had doubled and tripled and yet the price of saw logs has remained just about the same. Today we are getting \$10 less per cord for pulpwood than we got 30 years ago. The panel could not come up with an answer.

On the stage was a large sign reading "Welcome Landowners." Yes, the small woodlot owner is down--right on the the bottom of the totem pole.

We all know that the price of lumber is sky high and the price of paper is high. Yet the woodlot owner can not get enough for his logs to pay his taxes.

I am a member of the New York State Timber Producers Assoc. and the New York Forest Owners Assoc. I am going to suggest that these two associations ask their members to unite and withhold their logs from the market until a fair price for logs is reached.

Yours truly,
Ken Eberley
Utica, N. Y.

P. S. At the Landowners and Forest Industry meeting, Aug. 17, at the Adirondack High School, Bob Bramhall spoke on the problems of the Timber Agent Program. He said that it was not working, but he did not know why. I can show Bob why a landowner cannot afford to hire a timber agent.

Logger	66 2/3%
mill price of logs	
Timber Agent	10%
mill price of logs	
Landowner	23 1/3%
mill price of logs	
Total	100%
mill price of logs	

What would you do in this case?

The landowner has been giving his logs away for a long time. Let's do something about it.

On a pulping project a landowner would end up with a minus quantity.

LOG EXPORTS

Senator Packwood of Oregon withdrew Senate Bill S1033, to control the exports of softwood logs and lumber from the United States for the next 3 years, on July 31. The Senate Agricultural Committee's Subcommittee on Foreign agriculture policy, chaired by Senator Hubert Humphrey had issued a report opposing the bill earlier in the week. The report said, in part..

"for too long we have treated symptoms not causes in meeting the growing need for forest resources....first we need facts, next we need to get some national goals, third we need to appropriate funds with a reasonable follow-through and consistency to capture the benefits....curbing logs in lumber exports is a cure like bleeding". (Sept. issue Northern Logger)

LETTERS FROM ED MOOT

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Hi you all:

What are we doing about Senate Bill No 1033?

Boy all other private forest owners in other states are VERY concerned. I am acting on my own as a private forest owner but should not NYFOA get real mad on this bill-

It should be in next issue of forest owner-get a copy-digest it-summary in Forest Owner-

Yours
Ed Moot

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Hi you all:

How they going?

Have another forest name for you - Highlands Forests
Koert D. Burnham - Keeseville

an NYFOA member.

Will gladly act as letter referral center to any members who want to write questions re forestry matters to a person who is NOT professional or hide bound on any subject. Some things are happening which all members should get real excited about. Will honestly try to answer any letter any member may care to write as he takes his or her hair down on issues which face all of us.

Wrote Lloyd Strombeck re S. 1033 bill now in Senate - every NYFOA member should write both Javits and Buckley re this bill.

Thank God, Rocky put John Stock on that Adirondack committee. He has horse sense and GUTS.

Yours
Ed Moot

WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER? - Ed Moot

You folks like the nitty gritty to come out so here is another idea which we probably should consider: Does a public utility or state power authority have a right to freely use chemicals to hinder tree growth along their lines through any part of a private forest? It is a very up to date question. Why can not the "AUTHORITY" hire the forest owner, on a fair yearly basis, to use his one recognized mechanical means to thin and trim tree growth along such right of way? Do you have the answer? One private forest owner, upstate in the NORTH country, has a long

utility line through his forest where chemical thinning is rampant. Let us hear from YOU.

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WATER, INSECTS, IDEAS AND BOOKS - Ed Moot

"What is the TRUE story in reference to the level of soil water? Do we know how much the ground water level is being lowered by the endless deep well drilling all over the United States, especially where farm land is being broking up into small segments for "OUT IN THE WILDERNESS refuge homes for city worn folks". What is YOUR OPINION?

Do we have to try and change the attitude of professionals in reference to small catch basin ponds within the area of our tree farms? Is it necessary that such catch basin ponds have a certain "inflow" before a small pond is created to attempt to hold run off water from winter snows and spring rains? It would seem that everything we can do to sustain the water level in forest areas be done. This year the forest floor, as of August 27, 1973, is as dry as a tinder box. Examples of fires, all over, prove this.

Friends who have gone west on planned bus trips bring back the news that thousands of acres of spruce are "dead ducks" now due to insect pests. The proponents of the "burn over theory" indicate that total burning is the only way to STOP this insect. Are you keeping posted on the imports of such insect invasion in our state?

Would it not be wonderful if every NYFOA member wrote editor Wilson, at least once, to indicate some idea which either bothers or encourages them in ownership of their on "HOLY EARTH" acres. Come on now, pick up that pen or go to your bean thresher like mine (which takes an awful beating all the time) and send in your favorite gripe or pleasant thought.

FOXFIRE book 2 is out. These books are the most interesting to come out of Appalachia-Eliot Wigginton, Cornerll '65 and '66 is the author. His story is interesting - write him at Rabun Gap, Georgia.

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