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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN - William Lubinec

Our annual Fall Meeting at Lake Sebago was a success. Director Dave Hanaburgh did an outstanding job with the many arrangements and details. We had over 50 members and guests, including our newest, Mr. Frank H. McIntosh and his charming wife. When a busy industrialist like Mr. McIntosh can attend and profit from the meeting by picking up valuable information garnered from our many knowledgeable members and hopefully use it in managing his many thousands of acres of land and forest, it behooves some of our members who weren't there to think about attending our future meetings.

We had a short Board of Directors meeting prior to our Fall Meeting and accomplished two important things. The Directors decided to delete our delinquent members ~~which~~ who number at approximately 160. This is quite a drain on our treasury. The second and most important thing we did was to set up a trustee committee to accept and manage forest property for NYFOA. The trustees are; John Stock, David Hanaburgh, Allen Bratton, Emiel Palmer and Alfred Najer. The only tough hurdle we can see in our path now, is to be able to assure our grantors that we can manage the lands and woods that they will deed to us in conformation of their wishes in perpetuity. With the excellent choice of individuals on this committee, I'm sure that they will come up with the right answers.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Very Prosperous New Year.

MINUTES of the 72nd MEETING - BOARD OF DIRECTORS - NYFOA
22 September 1973, Farm & Home Center, Binghamton, N. Y.

President Wm. Lubinec presided.

Present: Lubinec, Strombeck, Hanaburgh, Parsons, Bratton, Tyler, Palmer, Ridings

Minutes of the 71st meeting were read, corrected & approved.

Treasurers Report: \$4364.45 Balance. Dir Palmer was able to have the Hilton Inn, Syracuse meeting room fee deleted at the last meeting and apparently for the future.

Committee Reports:

Accreditation: Dir Hanaburgh explained that this committee concerns itself with the accreditation of logging contractors. He has had some discussion about uncooperative loggers.

Archivist: Dir Palmer said Dir Koon has begun working this job.

Budget & Finance: Dir Ridings presented a tentative budget for the 1973-4 fiscal year.

Editorial: Dir Strombeck said a new masthead is in the works for F. O.

Fall Meeting: Dir Hanaburgh has only a few reservations so far.

Heiberg Memorial Award: Dir Bratton said he will soon invite nominations.

Land Acquisition for NYFOA: Dir Bratton said he determined from our By-Laws that NYFOA has the right to own real estate.

Natural Resources, Land Use & Planning: Pres. Lubinec appointed Dir Ken Parsons as chairman. This is a temporary committee.

Nominating Committee: Dir Ridings will seek nominations for directors for next fiscal year soon. Two names were suggested at this time by Pres. Lubinec. (Mark & Dave Cook)

Printing & Mailing: In absence of Dir Campbell, Dir Palmer reported that the membership applications cost \$200 for 2,000 copies.

Spring Meeting: Dir Strombeck will soon meet with his committee comprised of Pres. Lubinec appointed comm. mbrs: Wertheimer, Palmer, Mark & Ridings.

Timber Harvesting & Marketing: Pres. Lubinec appointed Harold Tyler chairman. Dir Tyler will attempt to come up with some sample timber contracts or clauses with which to construct a custom contract from the sellers point of view.

Trespass & Condemnation: Dir Hanaburgh said he will check with NYS on progress of condemnation studies.

Old Business:

A letter was sent on behalf of NYFOA to Dir Ford's widow.
Letter sent to American Wildlife Federation, updating directory.

New Business:

Dir Strombeck moved NYFOA appropriate the \$76 youth expenses as itemized for youth participation in the Fall Meeting '73 and that this be not charged against the F M but rather an educational category of expenditures. Passed.

A motion was made by Dir Palmer and amended by Dir Parsons that the F O budget for this fiscal year be a maximum of \$1500 and was passed.

It was agreed that a copy of the director's meeting minutes be sent each director.

Dir Tyler suggested we have a minimum of 1 article per year in the NYS Conservationist magazine.

Dir Palmer said a woods walk will be held 6 Oct. Camden a repeat of last year's on harvesting practices to see how 1 year has affected it.

It was agreed that our membership secretary is to have copies of all printed forms prepared by NYFOA. This to centralize their storage and provide for ready availability.

Dir Ridings moved that Dir Steinfeld's resignation from the board be accepted with regret and the hope that sometime in the future he may be willing and able to serve again.

Pres. Lubinec appointed Mrs Dean Betts (subject to her acceptance) an

architect to fill the Steinfeld vacancy (expiration of term '74).

It was decided that committee chairmen should submit a written report to the president covering their activities etc. prior to each board of directors meeting, regardless of whether they plan to attend such meeting. The report should be either positive or negative and should consider recommendations or policy decisions rather than the finer details since these occupy too much time at directors meetings. Dir Ridings to so inform committee chairmen.

It was suggested that absent directors at board meetings be listed as well as those in attendance. Those absent at this meeting: Barton, Cook, Koon, Sand, Steinfeld, Lennox, Stack, Wertheimer, Campbell, Hansen, Kernan, Maag, Najer.

Next board meeting: Oct. 20, 1973 9:30 a.m., Sebago Cabin Site at Harriman State Park, N. Y.

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - Oct. 20, 1973

Oct. 20, 1973 NYFOA Board of Directors met in the main lodge, Sebago Group Camps, Harriman State Park. Pres. Wm. Lubinec presided. Readings of minutes dispensed with since minutes of previous meeting were mailed to all directors. Minutes approved as received by mail.

Treasurer, Emiel Palmer reported balance in treasury 10/20/73 - \$915.29. Certificates of deposit \$3195.19. Total \$4110.48. Outstanding accounts due: Honorarium for membership secy \$134.25. Expenses for Fall meeting - not known yet. Moved by Stromberg, sec. by Tyler & carried that Treas. report be approved as read.

Dorothy Wertheimer - no report.

Archie Koon - Woods Walk Chairman - stated long term objectives - Arrange at least 3 or 4 Woods Walks in various parts of State. Publicize suitably, both within the Assoc. & more widely. Get firm commitments from participants. Make a Procedure book for guidance of future committees. Short term objectives - none. Progress - Walks scheduled for Enfield Park thru Bob Sands and Harden property near Camden (Herb Eckelberg) were cancelled for lack of enrollees. The Walk at Wilton (Dr. Orra Phelps, hostess) was a great success. Walk was held on Sept. 30th.

Archie Koon, Chairman of Archives Committee reported that in August an inventory was taken of NYFOA material housed in Moon Library. A copy of his report is attached to the minutes. Mr. Koon hopes to collect records & documents relating to Assoc. history. These will be stored in file drawers assigned NYFOA in Archive Room, Franklin Moon Memorial Library, SUNY, College of Forestry, Syracuse. An inventory will be maintained and any changes reported to NYFOA President. Items are sought from members, Especially wanted is pertinent data from officers and committee chairman. Mrs. Lucille Betts was introduced to Directors present.

John Ridings in absentia, submitted a proposed budget for Apr. '74 to Apr. '75 Total estimated budget - \$3667.00.

E. Palmer moved, sec. by Koon and carried that proposed budget be approved.

1st Vice Pres. Ridings, Chairman of Nominations Committee - Reported they are beginning to compile lists of potential nominees for directors. He would appreciate names of potential candidates.

Lloyd Strombeck reported for Editorial Board. Long term objective is to further NYFOA thru Forest Owner, our publication. Short term objectives, to put Forest Owner on a sound financial basis. He drew attention to our new logo, use of white paper instead of recycled paper for printing Forest Owner. Recycled paper did not receive print well. There is also a front page index. Mr. Strombeck was congratulated by Directors on up-graded appearance of Forest Owner. Mr. Strombeck reported that Ed Moot requested that he be mailed 15 courtesy copies that he (Moot) could in turn mail out. Consensus of opinion of Directors was that Mr. Moot be asked to furnish NYFOA Board of Directors thru Strombeck, names of those to whom he wants courtesy mailings sent. If Board approves, courtesy mailings will go from Forest Owner mailing office.

It was noted that this is the fifth absence from Directors meeting for Henry Maag. The President will contact him.

Fall Meeting - Hanaburgh - Everything under control. About 50 were expected to attend.

Lloyd Strombeck introduced Paul Strombeck, County Cooperative Extension, Kingston Office. Paul Strombeck thanked Directors for support of four 4-H members, 2 from city, 2 country environment & Dr. Kelly, prof. at Cornell Univ. They will be speakers at Fall Dinner at Bear Mt. Inn. He looked forward to a real action committee comprised of Forest Owners, 4 H and Cooperative Extension. He reported that exhibits & materials from Cooperative Extension were set up for members in Sebago Lodge. Mr. Archie W. Koon & David Hanaburgh were appointed by Pres. Lubinec, to serve on evening panel with 4 H-er's & Dr. Kelly. Lloyd Strombeck was appointed moderator.

Opinion of Board was asked re: Maag being removed as Education Chairman because he had not been performing. After discussion, Pres. Lubinec appointed Alfred Najer to Chairman, Education Committee. Mr. Najer suggested one thing everyone could do and that was to promote Arbor Day celebrations in local schools.

Printing & Mailing - Miss Betty Campbell present committee chairman. She has had membership brochures printed and has mailed them to Strombeck, Lubinec & Varian. It was suggested that she serve in another capacity as metropolitan printing costs are too high. No further action taken.

Accreditation - Hanaburgh - Have been responding to requests for accrediting loggers, members are doing business with.

Trespass & Condemnation - Hanaburgh - Attempting to accumulate unjust cases. Concerned with what landowners can do in case of condemnation. Gov. Rockefeller has appointed a commission to have hearings on present condemnation proceedings. Mention was made of a bill in Albany with \$100.00 per tree fine - see last issue Christmas Tree Growers Assoc.

Heiberg Award - Allen Bratton, Chairman. Has placed articles in Conservationist Northern Logger, N. Y. State Forester and Forest Owner. All nominations for Heiberg Award should be in by January 3, 1974.

Land Acquisition - Allen Bratton, Chrmn. No progress. Committee seeks 30 or 40 acre parcel of land to use as demonstration forest. Seeking bequests. Jens Hansen, Membership Chairman, announced that members in arrears for dues should be dropped. Membership secy to note this fact. N.Y. Forester is a new publication to most Directors. Dave Cook is editor. Motion made by Palmer Sec. by Najer & Carried that we take a full page ad in N. Y. Forester. Mr. Tyler suggested membership brochures be placed in Forest Dist. Offices & A.S.C.S. offices. He suggested that we talk to Dist. Foresters and ask them to push N.Y.F.O.A. more. It was also suggested that Chairman of Forest Practise Board be contacted. Jens Hansen & Harold Tyler appointed to work on above project. They are to get list of ASCS & Forest Practise Board addresses and forward list to Strombeck.

Note was made of a reply to Strombeck from Ronald D. Baldwin, Pres. N.Y. Timber Producers Assoc.

Natural Resources & Land Planning - no report

Publicity & Public Relations - Pres. Lubinec praised press release which Jane Barton, Publicity Chairman & Edith Meserand, her assistant mailed to 83 papers. Miss Barton hopes to inform general public of NYFOA & what organization hopes to accomplish. Motion made, sec. & approved that Miss Barton be compensated for postage & Stationery expense connected with NYFOA publicity.

Lloyd Strombeck on Spring Meeting: He announced Palmer, Wertheimer, Ridings, Mark on committee as well as Miss J. Barton doing publicity.

Harold Tyler Chrm. Timber Harvesting & Marketing Committee reported that timber sales contracts had been received. He suggested that a summary of contract be put in Forest Owner. He also suggested that contract source be made available for members' attorneys, as many are not specialists in forestry matters. The Timber Producers will be contacted for suggestions too.

New Business - Motion made by Palmer, sec. by several & carried that at dinner at Bear Mt. Inn, Dir. Hanaburgh be publicly thanked for arranging the Fall Meeting.

Mr. Tyler had "second thoughts" & suggested we send Forest Owner as courtesy mailing to Extension Offices instead of ASCS offices. O.K'd by Directors. It was also suggested that a blurb about NYFOA appear in Extension news. Have Miss Barton O.K. copy & then send copy to Strombeck for mailing. A reciprocal agreement between Extension Offices & Forest Owners aim of above plan.

Old Business - Mr. Najer reported it will cost \$100 legal fee to change name of organization & that is only the beginning of costs. There was no further discussion.

Mr. Lloyd Strombeck moved, sec. by Tyler & Koon that NYFOA appoint five Trustees to accept and manage forest property for NYFOA. The trustees to hire a professional forester when needed. Mr. Najer proposed amendment to motion- That Trustees have the right to sell securities and to buy others. Sec. by Koon.

Mr. Palmer proposed second amendment - That these 5 Trustees be appointed for terms running 1-2-3-4-5 years to start, each succeeding year appointment be made for 5 year term. Motion passed as ammended. Motion made by Strombeck, sec. by Najer & carried that Board of Trustees elect their own officers. Names

suggested to serve on Board of Trustees - Najer, Hanaburgh, Stock, Bratton.

Lloyd Strombeck announced deadline for copy for next issue of Forest Owner is Nov. 10th.

Strombeck moved, sec. by Palmer & carried that we adjourn. Next Directors Meeting after Holidays.

Present: Directors, Lucille Beets, Jens Hansen, Emiel Palmer, Archie Koon, Harold Tyler, Alfred Najer, Lloyd Strombeck, David Hanaburgh, President Wm. Lubinec. Respectively submitted Helen W. Varian, Sec. Pro Tem

1973 Fall Meeting
Sterling Forest & Bear Mountain Park

With the beautiful cooperation of the weather everybody in attendance seemed to think we had a good meeting. A few people got lost temporarily but didn't seem to suffer much from the experience. Those hardy souls that slept in the Sebago Lake cabins did not complain of the cold. Many of those who were too soft for the cabins managed to find scarce accommodations at motels in the vicinity of Sterling Forest

Early Saturday morning Mrs. Varian set up refreshments at the recreation hall at Sebago Lake Family Camp. The Ranger there had a fire going in the fireplace and set some heaters around the room. I picked up 45 box lunches at the Bear Mountain Inn and brought them out to the camp along with 120 mixed doughnuts. With several assistants we soon had registration going full blast mixed with coffee, doughnuts and conversation. After a while President Lubinec arrived (he got lost) and called a meeting of the Board of Directors.

After lunch we took off for Sterling Forest where we met Jeff Hutchison (one of the Foresters). He conducted us to a logged over area where a fire-wood cutter was cutting dead & down wood under a cutting permit. He explained how Sterling Forest managed hunters, fishermen, trail bikes, snowmobiles, timber harvesting, mining of peat bogs, the charges and regulation of permits. He took us to Sterling Lake and explained the Sterling Iron mines and furnace. He explained the management of Sterling Lake where a fishing permit costs \$120.00 per year. He took us to a going logging operation and then to a cluster housing development in the woods.

In the evening we gathered at Bear Mountain Inn. The place was mobbed. Individuals (not ours) had to wait 2 hours for a sitting. There had been a West Point football game. There was an on-going October Fest. There were several other groups meeting at the time. We had, fortunately, reserved the Indian Room from 7:30 PM on. After a well served dinner of chicken breast, baked potato and other fixings we set up a discussion on Youth and Environmental training. Lloyd Strombeck was Monitor. Dr. John W. Kelly from Cornell was the guest speaker. He brought with him four outstanding young people from the 4-H program in various parts of the State. These were Terry Blew, Jon Trumble, Kathy Holroyd and Emily Wood. After describing the environmental training activities that the extension service was developing Dr. Kelley asked each of the young people to describe the activities in which they were involved. Meanwhile cards had been distributed to the tables for noting questions from the audience. These cards were picked up and Lloyd Strombeck asked the panel the questions that appeared on the cards. The panel consisted of Dr. Kelley, the 4 young people, Archie Koon and Dave Hanaburgh.

During the discussion it was requested that any Forest Landowners, who were interested in environmental education, get in touch with their county extension agent to discuss possibilities. The extension people were very much interested in our "Woods Walks".

On Sunday morning, those who did not have other engagements visited the Sterling Forest Gardens. Although technically closed for the season, the gardens were beautiful and I got kissed by a camel.

David H. Hanaburgh, Fall Meeting 1973 chairman

FALL MEETING - NEW YORK FOREST OWNERS ASSOCIATION
October 20-21, 1973
Harriman State Park, New York

Theme: The Forest Owner and Environmental Education

Results of October 20 Evening Program:

(Note: Program was planned and implemented by a joint-action committee, composed of representatives from Cooperative Extension, 4-H, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, New York Forest Owners Association).

A. Dr. John Kelley, Department of Natural Resources, Cornell University, Program Leader - 4-H Natural Resources, was keynote speaker. He acquainted the Forest Owners with the philosophies and purposes of the New York State 4-H Natural Resources Program. The program is directed to youth appreciation and knowledge of environmental values and problems and acquisition of decision making abilities in the management of natural resources. Dr. Kelley outlined how the Camp Arnot Teen Leader Training Program in Natural Resources accomplished the above purposes. He also reviewed environmental 4-H projects being conducted in county 4-H programs. Dr. Kelley suggested how the Forest Owners' "Woods Walks" activities could be correlated with the 4-H Nature Trails Project.

B. A "reaction-panel" discussion followed Dr. Kelley's presentation. Panel members included (1) four outstanding 4-H teens from the Arnot Teen Leaders Program, two Forest Owner representatives and Dr. Kelley. The teens introduced themselves and spoke of their experiences in environmental conservation projects and activities. The panel then reacted to questions from the Forest Owners (2) Panel moderator directed the questions to the panel. Questions were prepared on three by five cards.

C. Topics discussed among panel members and audience included the following Environmental Concern: 1) A consensus of opinion was voiced: a small percentage of youth and adults have a concern for their environment and environmental problems.

Back Packing: 2) More youth are discovering their natural world through back-packing activities.

Forest Trust: 3) The President of the Forest Owners challenged the teen panel members to assist the Forest Owners Association in managing a demonstration forest area in the form of a trust. The trust would provide future generations with an example of a properly managed land resource.

Camp Arnot: 4) Questions about the Arnot Program were discussed (program details, selection of youth). Forest Owners were impressed by Arnot and

recommended that additional non-4-H youth be selected to participate.

1) Dr. Kelley selected four outstanding teen participants in the 4-H Natural Resources Program, three of whom had attended the Arnot Program. The teens were representative of rural and suburban areas of N.Y. State 2) Moderator was a Forest Owner and former Cooperative Extension 4-H Division Leader. -- Lloyd G. Strombeck

Urban Programs: 5) Panel members cited their experiences with urban youth environmental educational projects (especially with disadvantaged youth).

Teens: Gave personal experiences with discovery activities for boys and girls. Concern for metropolitan areas (great need for awareness programs).

Kelley: Had success working with Putnam County Nature Center as resources consultant.

Forest Owner: Indicated his experience as consultant for Nature Study Camp Program with NY City Mission Society.

School Activities: 6) Positive attitudes were expressed on school environmental curricula: High School courses in Ecology, Science Symposians, Herpetology and BOCES Conservation; Conservation Field Days (6th grades) environmental concepts were extended throughout the school year by supplementary activities - eg- tree planting.

Joint Programs: 7) Youth audiences and Forest Owners could mutually benefit from combined 4-H and Forest Owners activities (eg - 4-H Nature Trail Project established on Forest Owners property. Trail to be used by youth groups).

D. Recommendations and Conclusions

1. Dr. Kelley recommended that Forest Owners contact the Cooperative Extension 4-H Office in their county: "Offer you and your forest lands as resources for 4-H Forestry and Environmental Projects. Offer the scheduled "Woods Walks" of the Forest Owners to participation by 4-H and other youth groups. Enable 4-H youth to establish Nature Trails (using 4-H guide) on private forest areas for use by youth groups.
2. 4-H youth (particularly teens) and Forest Owners together have a challenge to sensitize the public to environmental problems and issues.
 - a. Forest Owners can bring a sense of stewardship of the land to the public - particularly youth.
 - b. A public relations campaign is needed to educators for public education programs and to voters for environmental issues (Note: a Department of Environmental Conservation representative urged support to Ammendment #1 NYState Pure Waters Program).
3. The panel discussion demonstrated the following:
 - a. Teens and adults can openly discuss issues and arrive upon a commonality of goals and can agree to take action together.
 - b. As the discussions develop and real rapport and true fellings emerged between adults and youth.

- c. Similar feelings in b. were developed among professionals of the Forest Owners, Cooperative Extension and Department of Environmental Conservation.
- d. The teens, by their example, demonstrated the great value of the Arnot Teen Leaders Program and 4-H leadership programs in general.
- e. The moderator was very enthused about the interaction of the panel and Forest Owners.

4. To further open lines of communication the following is suggested:

- 1) Provide Forest Owners with address list of County Extension 4-H Officers in NY State.
- 2) Provide Cooperative Extension 4-H Offices with Forest Owner member directory

Submitted by: Paul M. Strombeck, Cooperative Extension 4-H Agent (Ulster County Cooperative Extension), Chairman of Joint Action Committee.

Note: 60 Forest Owners attended the Fall Meeting.

NEW YORK FOREST OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Regular Report of Committee Chairman

(Please mail to president by 10/13 which is one week before next directors meeting), even if you plan to attend.

Committee Name: Budget & Finance

Committee Members: E. Palmer J. Ridings

Long Term Committee Objectives (beyond this fiscal year):

Hopefully conserve (accumulate) some capital for back log for the day we can employ an executive secretary.

Short Term Committee Objectives (hope to complete before April):

Establish budget for 73-4 fiscal year to keep expenditures in line with income

Progress Report:

73-74 Fiscal budget as currently revised is attached - J. Ridings.

NEW YORK FOREST OWNERS ASSOCIATION - Revised 9-29-73

Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 1 April 1973-4

<u>Income:</u>	<u>Expenditures:</u>
Membership Dues...)\$3,000	Forest Owner.....\$1,500
Contributions.....)	Spring Meeting..... 220
Spring Meeting..... 202	Fall Meeting..... 345
Fall Meeting..... 290	Directors Meeting..... 24
Bank Interest..... 175	Non NYFOA Meetings..... 150
Total Income 3,667	Membership Secretary's Office.... 265
	Phone..... 60
	Membership Committee..... 200
	Stationery & Questionnaires..... 150
	Election of Directors..... 50
	Heiberg Memorial Award..... 50
	Bank Service Charges..... 12
	Educational..... 76
	Miscellaneous..... 25
	Total Expenditures \$3,127

Net Income

\$540

"SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW DIRECTORS NEEDED"

Do you know a member who would:

1. Serve 3 years as a director of NYFOA.
2. Be active on the board.
3. Attend most of the 8 or 9 board meetings each year.
4. Be the type of person to further the interests of our association.

If you know of such a person, take a minute and send his or her name and address to nominations chairman, John Ridings, R D #2, Cazenovia, N. Y. 13035."

ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

The Annual Spring Meeting will be held on April 16, 1974 at the Northway Inn, Syracuse, N. Y. at the junction of Route 81 and the Thruway. Read the Forest Owner for further developments.

NOMINATIONS FOR HEIBERG AWARD

Nominations for Heiberg Memorial Award presented by the New York Forest Owners Association in memory of Svend O. Heiberg for significant contributions to the fields of forestry and conservation in New York State are invited by NYFOA. Nominations must reach Allen W. Bratton, Chairman of the Heiberg Award Committee, R. D #1, Cooperstown, N. Y. 13326, by January 4, 1974.

A brief biographical sketch of the nominee is requested. Nominations are open and a nominee does not need to be a member of NYFOA. Selection is made by the Board of Directors and announcement of the award is made at the Annual Meeting in April.

NEW YORK BALSAM TOUR - October 2, 3 & 4, 1973

The 1973 Balsam Tour got off to an ominous start: no bus showed up to transport the participants. Due to a misunderstanding, the bus arrived at Champlain, New York, six hours late.

However, participants cheerfully volunteered to drive some of their own cars. From that point on, things went completely as planned and as depicted, in part, in the following captioned photographs.

Nearly three dozen persons travelled in a caravan of eight cars to visit balsam Christmas tree operations in Quebec and New Hampshire. The sun shone part of the time and although there was intermittent rain, it did not spoil program or "dampen" spirits.

With tongue in cheek somewhat, Professor Foulds predicted that the ideal Christmas tree in years to come would, in all probability, be a balsam fir or a Douglas-fir. It would take only seven years to grow to marketable size. It would not need to be sheared because of the large number of internodal buds developed by selective breeding. It would have the right taper because it would have been grafted that way. Because of natural resistance to insects and disease, it would not have to be sprayed for protection.

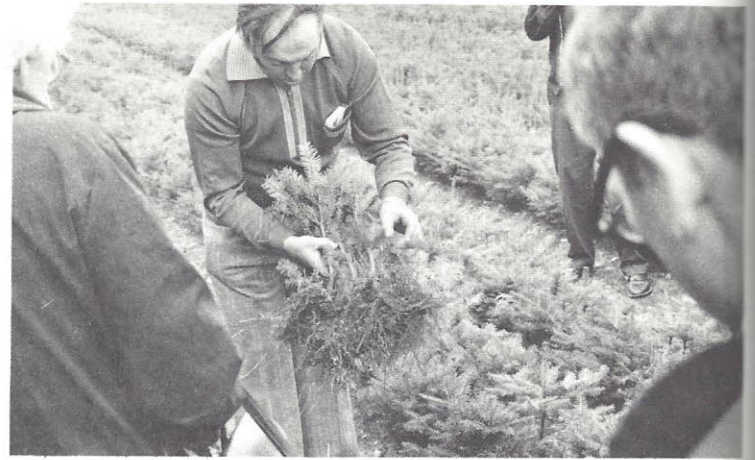
Moreover, it would be financially worthwhile: production cost - \$2.00; sale price \$12.00!

He pointed out that the market for low-priced trees should not be overlooked. Everyone cannot afford high-quality, high-priced trees.

Many Vermont growers, he went on, are "giving up on Scotch pine." Difficulties with poor color, crooked stems, insects, disease, and the short shearing season are the reasons.



"SORRY, FOLKS, the bus is not going to be here in time!"



RICHARD DOWNEY shows the good root development of his balsam transplants. He lifts wildings in late summer and spring. They grow for two years in transplant beds before being planted in the field. His total annual planting program involves 100,000 trees.



END RESULT of only eight years of cultural care from time of planting.



GROUP LISTENS INTENTLY as Leighton Cree discusses a particularly fine, grafted, "blue" balsam in his seed orchard.



BIRCH LOGS are the principal raw material for the "maple" colonial furniture produced.



BY MEANS OF TRACTOR-DRAWN WAGON, the group toured Leighton Cree's Natural stand and discussed management techniques.

In the production of balsam fir Christmas trees, the trend today is away from wild trees to those raised in plantations.

Ideal beginning taper of the tree is 40%. That is, the width of the tree should be 40% of its height. This becomes 60% by the time the tree is marketed. He pointed out that the U.S. Standards for Grades of Christmas Trees had been revised in 1973. (Copies of these new grades' booklets are available free from Extension Forester, Fernow Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850.)

An important pest of the balsam fir is the balsam twig aphid. Sometimes years may pass without an infestation but, like the potato bug, it eventually finds its host and control measures have to be taken.

As was emphasized earlier on the Tour, all balsam firs are not alike. The University of Vermont has collected 32 different strains from all over North America. One particularly important feature of balsam for Christmas tree purposes is the development of at least 30 internodal buds.

In the matter of weed control, Professor Foulds referred to Bulletin 700 (1969) of The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station--Chemical Control of Weeds in Christmas Tree Plantings. (Copies are available free from the Extension Forester, Fernow Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. 14850.)

He reported that Atrazine and Simazine had been tested at rates of 4, 8, 12, and 16 pounds of the active ingredient per acre. The best results were obtained with a mixture of 4 pounds of Atrazine and 8 pounds of Simazine applied per acre. The wettable powder was found to be cheaper to apply than granular formulations, and Atrazine sprayed over the trees (still dormant) in May caused no injury. Tests also showed that Simazine is broken down by soil bacteria within four years so that no damage to the environment occurs.

Atrazine acts sooner but Simazine last longer.

Twice as much of these chemicals is required to control sedge grasses in wet locations.

While it is sometimes possible to combine fertilizer with herbicide in a single application, it should be borne in mind that frequently weekkilling alone may be all that's necessary.

It was mentioned in discussion tht Geigy's Ekko 80W contained 40% Atrazine and 40% Simazine.

EBERLEY LETTERS

Coscomb makes reply to Eberley letter concerning Wood prices

To the Editor:

In the Boonville Herald for Aug. 22, Ken Eberley had published a letter to the editor in regard to basic stumpage prices and the fact that his answers were not satisfactorily answered at the Landowners and Forest Industry Meeting on Aug. 17.

I would like to go over Mr. Eberley's points categorically and if I can't supply the answers I shall at least present the facts.

A statement was made that everything except wood prices has doubled and tripled in the past thirty years. I have been associated with logging for the past 25 years. When I first started stumpage prices of \$20 and \$25 per M were common for hard maple, birch and cherry. Today \$75 and \$100 is common, depending on the grade and accessibility of the wood.

On the other hand beech, soft maple and the poorer grades of wood could not even be sold in any quantity 25 years ago. Now they have stumpage value up to \$40 per M. In the first case, the good grades of wood have truly tripled in stumpage price to the landowner though prices have not tripled to the logger. In the second case the poorer species are worth 30 to 40 times what they were worth 25 years ago.

If Mr. Eberley refers to the price of spruce and fir pulpwood I would have to agree that it hasn't risen in price appreciatively for 30 years, but the fact remains that at that time we were engaged in the second world war and paper was in very short supply. As to hardwood pulp and pine pulp, I can only say that neither has been in general use long enough to provide a basis for price guides. We must remember that with all new manufacturing processes, the raw material naturally is in great supply. I feel confident these species will reach the point of decreasing supply and hence the price will rise accordingly.

As to the Welcome Landowners sign at our meeting, I can draw no conclusions except that it meant exactly what it said. We are sincerely sorry if the thought was projected in any manner which made the landowners present feel "On the bottom of the totem pole." Actually to any right-thinking logger, the landowner must be placed at the very top since this spot is where the action starts. Personally I can say that I have made many friends in my dealings with landowners and many of them have certainly made one friend.

To quote Mr. Eberley "the price of lumber is sky high and price of paper is high." The stumpage prices have kept pace within the reality of supply and demand. Again the species of wood must be considered and it is indeed unfortunate if in particular cases an individual has only the lower-priced species to sell.

Mr. Eberley is not a member of the New York State Timber Producers Assoc. We would be happy to have his membership if he could qualify, but at this time the organization is open solely to independent timber harvesters.

As to withholding logs from market, I believe that any activity of this sort would only worsen the situation. I think more can be gained by cooperation and understanding than can possibly be gained by coercion.

The price of land must be closely associated with the price of stumpage. Timber raising for profit is and always has been a risky venture but the price of woodland has risen from \$4 an acre 25 years ago to \$100 or more per acre at the present time. Considering land as an investment I would conclude that money taken from the sale of wood more than pays for the decreased value of the land provided the wood is harvested in a manner prescribed by a qualified forester.

Sincerely
Robert H. Coscomb
Former President and Present Member of the
Board of Directors New York State Timber
Producers Association

Woodlot Owners Can't receive enough money for their wood

To the Editor:

In reply to Mr. Coscomb's letter to the editor of the Boonville Herald for Aug. 29, I wish to say that Mr. Coscomb did not answer my question, "Why can't the woodlot owner get enough for his logs and pulpwood to pay for his taxes?"

Mr. Coscomb is talking about the price the logger gets and I am talking about the price the woodlot owner gets. In quoting the price of logs, Mr. Coscomb goes back a little bit too far. In those days a quart of milk was worth 10 cents and a dollar was worth a dollar.

A cord of pulpwood is 4 foot by 8 foot. It takes a good many trees to make a cord of pulpwood. These trees take about 40 years to grow to pulpwood size.

The woodlot owner is paid \$3 a cord. This figures out to about 20 cents a tree that landowner gets. How can you pay your taxes at this price? This

is why I am suggesting that the woodlot owner withhold his logs from the market. He has been giving his logs and pulpwood away for too long a time.

In Mr. Coscomb's point by point discussion, I noticed he did not touch on the subject of the "timber agent." Was it too hot to handle? The reason why the office of timber agent was created was because the logger was robbing the 'small woodlot owner' blind.

I do not know why Mr. Coscomb brought up the inflationary price of real estate. What has this got to do with the price the landowner gets for his logs and pulpwood?

In closing, I was happy to learn that I could not qualify for membership in the New York State Timber Producers Association. You fellows do not enjoy a very good reputation. I understand that your association was organized to try to give the logger a better reputation. A few weeks ago I read in the paper that one of your top officials was involved in a lawsuit. You fellows will never change.

Yours truly,
Ken Eberley
Whitesboro, N. Y.

Lloyd G. Strombeck
57 Main St.
Owego, N. Y. 13287

Dear Mr. Strombeck:

My personal thanks for your contribution to our program at Boonville. I believe that we planted some seeds which are starting to sprout.

Enclosed you will find an up-to-date membership list of our Assoc. to use as best suits your group. Also find enclosed my personal application to your Association.

Sincerely,
Ronald Baldwin
President

Medusa, N. Y.
October 6, 1973

Editor Forest Owner
57 Main St.
Owego, N. Y.

Dear Lloyd,

I was most sorry to read that Robert Ford passed away recently. He was very instrumental with the Forest Practice Board. He was conscious of our environment - long before it came into prominence, as it is today.

Here at L-Ghorn Farm, we have completed another 25 acres of woodland improvement, and just came under the wire, on the old reop program. All told we have completed 285 acres of woodland improvement.

We have two native American Chestnut trees. Our 10 inch - DBH Chestnut is dying - the bark at the trunk is starting to warp and buckle. Last year it bore quite a few nuts - as we found the burrs on the ground. The smaller Chestnut tree is doing fine.

With our energy crisis, a greater utilization of wood, and conscious of our environmental requirements, we need the N. Y. State Forest Owners Association more than ever before.

Sincerely yours,
John Smigel

LEGISLATION AFFECTING DDT

The continuing spread of the gypsy moth in the East and the Tussock moth in the West has resulted in introduction of a number of bills intened to make DDT available for use in combating these forest pests. H. R. 9390 and H.R. 9391 would authorize use of DDT for gypsy moth. H .R. 10053 and 10347 would authorize use of DDT to control insect infestations. H.R. 10138 and S. 2435 would authorize use of DDT to control the tussock moth.

APA COMMENT

Sweden was the first country to place severe restrictions on the use of DDT. Restrictions were announced early in 1969 to take effect January 1, 1970. In December 1969 an exception was granted to permit continued use of DDT for control of the large pine weevil. Sweden couldn't afford the destruction of her forests and neither can the U. S. This legislation should provide a new opportunity to weigh the benefits and risks of using DDT on destructive insects for which no other control is known.

ITEMS FOR THOUGHT - Ed Moot

Ah, a fine issue. Keep it up. Just right. Lots of small items by everyone. First thing you know most owners will take time, sit down, use a bean thresher like mine, or even a 19¢ ball point pen and send you a written missile.

The purpose of a house organ is to MAKE folks think. You are doing just that - keep it up.

The more ideas you get in the TREE OWNER hopper the better all of us will be in the care and management of our forests, whether they are large or small in acreage.

Just a few ideas to keep the pot boiling:

1. Why do we sit idly by, while the State of Alaska timber gamblers hire the best woodsmen from the lower '49, with BIG wages, to come up in Seward's ICE BOX and cut all of that virgin timber - THEN SHIP IT TO JAPAN for the TOP dollar in the world trade. Is the bureaucratic process in Washington, D. C. so ossified that they can not see this process depletes our own forest reserves BUT it means your daughters and sons, when they get married can not get lumber to build a house and settle down to the one sociological bed rock policy of life in the U. S., HAPPY married life to protect and preserve our basic national heritage.

We got stung on both the grain and cotton deals, now they want to gamble away our timber resources. CAN NO ONE STOP THIS PROCESS?

2. The wood burning stove as an auxilliary heat source in case of oil or electric shortages. Ha, that is a hot issue. I'LL wager my last dollar that the smoke emission from a wood burner is far less dangerous, ecologically, than the unseen smoke emission from oil in our heating process.

A retired minister solved this issue several years ago when he planned his retirement home. I would not dare to mention his name as reporters from all over would be chasing him up as the ISSUE will be a very hot one in the next half decade. He planned his retirement house, set up his oil burning heat source, THEN he added one extra flue outlet for a wood burner stove, a small one, where the smoke would enter his chimney and fireplace flues. Boy, how foresighted can one person be, let alone a fine minister. Then he drew, in his own small car, several cords of scrap pieces, all sawed to suitable length, from a local lumber mill processor. He must have at least four farmers cords of wood neatly stored in his cellar.

Can this association not contact builders NOW and suggest they plan one extra flue outlet, for a wood burner, in all future planning for homes which are built on separate lots (it is not silly to think this might fit the small apartment complex).

I do not know about you, but I would gladly show any enterprising home owner how to get FREE weed tree wood from our forest - FREE if they did the work and were careful in the forest. This brings up the need for a formal contract, today, with any one who works on or about our private land. So many want to sue, even if they trespass and stumble over a stick in a woods. We have become SUE minded.

I have suggested that a trucker take out some of our wood pulp stock. The three I contacted wanted ME to cut the stuff to length, draw it to the road side and GIVE it to them before they would touch it! What a world we live in.

Come on folks, flood Editor Wilson with letters and ideas. We sure need a lot of chatter to survive as private forest owners.

No one in Washington is listening today - too much wrapped up with the Watergate vaudeville show. If timber is CUT in national forests it should enter the U. S. market, NOT be shipped all over the globe - write in - express your ideas.

Did you read how Russia is USING the detente idea to filch the European COMMON MARKET. It seems the Common Market subsidizes all farmers in the Common Market nations. Those who produce BUTTER get a base pay guarantee. So much butter moved into the Common Market reserves that more than 400,000 tons piled up in stock piles - yes - 400,000 tons. What did the Russians do - they bought the WHOLE stock pile for 19¢ PER LB.

Ha, laugh that one off if you will. When bureaucrats get into the economic warfare waged in commodities, that warfare is far worse than war fare on the open field of battle.

So, as forest owners let's get HOPPING MAD and insist that all lumber in Alaska and our national - state forests go into the U. S. market NOT be shipped abroad. Time to HOWL fellows.

DIRECT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH: - Ed Moot -

It pays to communicate. The article re timber being shipped to Japan. Mr. Robert E. Jones of the American Forest Institute informs me that THE JONES ACT (no relation to this Mr. Jones) provides that all merchandise going by water between American ports MUST go by American ships. Boy, does that penalize our American lumber market. Lets get our congressmen to WAKE up and amend this Jones Act now so Alaskan timber can COME to ports of the other '49. Why wait? Bombard your congressmen with letters now. Lets cut out all of this shipment of American lumber to Japan until our own market can stabilize itself and get lumber so our kids can buy some and build their own homes. This in NO way conflicts with our own marketing of our own timber from our own private forests, especially in saving the economic morale of OUR OWN folks.

The American Forest Institute has sent me an excellent up to date summary listing all state organizations similiar to our own NYFOA. If the Board of Directors want to appoint me as interstate liason man I will gladly act and not send out any material to any of the groups unless it is first approved by the officers of our own association but will accumulate material, nation wide, which I can report in our own Forest Owner if that is the wish of the organization.

AN AMENDMENT TO THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW

An Act to amend the real property tax law in relation to the assessment of certain forest and re-forested lands was introduced into the State Senate, January 15, 1973 and committed to the Committee on Taxation.

The real property tax law provides that eligible tracts of land shall be assessed separately for tax purposes and that such forest lands will be assessed upon the basis of the value of the land including the value of any buildings or structures thereon but excluding planted or underplanted trees or natural reproduction. The Act further provides that the assessment of such forest land will not exceed the valuation fixed at the time of classification on similar lands in the same town without substantial forest growth.

The amendment to the property tax law provides that assessments on forest land may be increased or decreased to reflect any change in the level of assessment of all other property on the assessment roll of the assessing unit.

This Act shall take effect on the first day of October next succeeding the date on which it shall have become law.

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