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Sagamore Lake, a scene near the Sagamore Lodge on Raquette Lake where the Fall meeting will be held August 14-15.

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Welcome Our New Members

ON THE CALENDAR

July 21

#1. Woods walk, Hartwick College, Oneonta. Directions listed in this issue.

July 22

2:00 p.m., Dedication Service — Reed Memorial Park, Boonville, NY.

August 25th

#2. Woods walk at Alec Proskine farm in Town of Hector.

August 17-19

Woodsmens Field Days at Boonville.

September 14-15

Fall Meeting at the Sagamore Lodge at Raquette Lake.

September 20-22

Forestry Equipment Exhibition and Demonstration at Cornell University Arnot Forest in Ithaca.

October 6

#3. Woods walk: The owner is **Edwin H. Atwood** located at Springwater, south of Rochester.

Empire Forest System

By Mary McCarty

After writing the President's Message the NYFOA Board of Directors met June 16 and had further discussion on the D.E.C. proposal that the NYFOA join with them to form an Empire Forest System.

Reflecting upon the consensus of opinion of the members present at the annual meeting held in April and reflecting its own judgment, the Board of NYFOA approved a motion that stated that we would not affiliate with the Empire Forest System.

However, at their invitation a member of the NYFOA Board will serve on the Board of the Empire Forest System.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since being elected the 13th President of our 22 year old organization at the Annual Board Meeting on April 28th, I have been absorbed with the possibilities, goals, objectives and the future of NYFOA.

The proposition to merge with a new organization, backed by dollars from the Department of Environmental Conservation has awakened the latent interest of many of our members. At the Annual Meeting at Cornell there were an outstanding number of members who spoke of their love of their trees, their woods, and the spirit of Svend Heiberg. Evidently our members felt threatened by the proposition and the possibility of being absorbed by a government sponsored group.

We need to remind ourselves of the new mission and objectives of NYFOA. Why don't we achieve these objectives on our own rather than accepting the merger proposition with all the complications this involves.

To do this we need to "sell" our own fine organization. Each one of us can (and should) get one or more new members to help promote our cause of better management and use of our private woodlots.

We now have close to 700 members. Can we have 1,000 by year-end?

Please read again the message from Paul Steinfeld in the May-June *Forest Owner*. He states the issues well.

Let the Board hear from you about the future course of your Association. We're trying to represent our membership and to present a positive image across the state. We need your ideas.

—Mary McCarty, June 1984



New Organization Formed

On May 16, 1984 a new organization known as the **Northern Forest Institute** came into being. Charter members of the Institute are the College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Diamond International, the Empire State Forest Products Association, Georgia-Pacific, Harden Furniture, McPhillips Brothers, the New York Forest Owners Association, and St. Regis.

The Northern Forest Institute will provide support for the gathering and dissemination of information concerning the management of forests in New York and the Northeastern United States. It is an opportunity for the college and for those who are in need of technical information to work together to secure the vital information and skills needed for the proper management of

forest lands.

Dr. John V. Berglund, Dean of the School of Forestry at the college, and a member of the institute's Executive Committee, said that he is very pleased at the prospect of working with industry in New York State in this more formal arrangement. "The creation of this institute adds to the ways in which we are currently helping industry. Our public service and continuing education programs, the publication of the Marketing Bulletin, the biennial New York State Forestry Congress, and our other services have reached various segments of the profession for several years. Now the forest products companies know that they can have a direct line to us for their research or technology transfer needs."

Anatomy of a Timber Sale

By Al Roberts

There is a farm a few miles from our home which I have known about for many years. It has been in the Sears family for 7 generations. It has a beautiful sixty-five acre woods, which I had the opportunity to walk through with James Sears, the present owner, in 1982. We saw some beautiful hard maple trees of mature size. However, since the market for hard maple was about \$100 per thousand board feet below what it had been a few years previously, I recommended that he not sell any timber at that time.

Then, by late 1983 the log market, and especially the market for hard maple, had improved dramatically. To give credit where credit is due, I found this out by talking with Bob Demeree of the Cortland office of the Department of Environmental Conservation. He said that in recent bid sales of state timber, hard maple brought over \$200 per thousand board feet. With this information I talked to Sears, and said that if it suited his financial goals, now would be the time to market his timber, and I would guarantee that he would get \$200 per MBF or he should not sell.

After some consideration he said he would sell, but he did not want to sell any trees under twenty inches in diameter at breast height, and he did not want to leave any large openings in the



Three of these trees are marked for cutting and two left for future harvest.

woods. I estimated that under those conditions, he would have about 100,000 board feet to sell and he should get at least \$20,000.

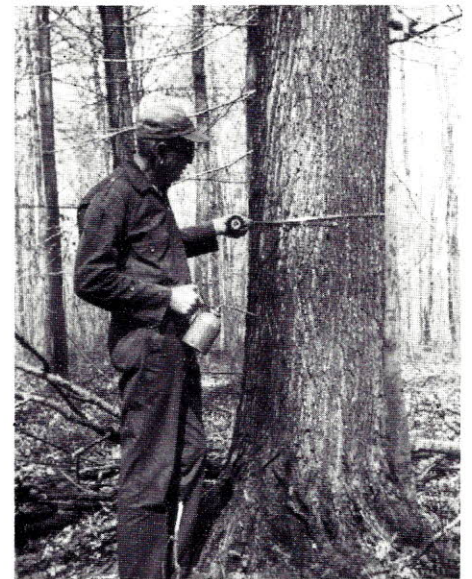
To make sure he got the best deal possible for making the sale, Sears checked with other consulting foresters, the D.E.C. and the possibility of negotiating directly with a local lumber company. In the end, he decided to have me mark the timber, figure volumes and value, solicit bids, write the contract and supervise the cutting.

I agreed to do the work for five percent of the sale price. The usual commission is ten to fifteen percent of the sale price. I could do it for less because every condition was ideal. The size, quality and value of the timber was high and I would have to mark relatively few trees to get a high volume and value. The boundary lines were all plainly marked so I would not have to spend any time on them. The terrain was flat, and the access was good. Logging costs would be low so buyers could afford to bid more. It was close to several potential buyers, and only two and a half miles from my home.

So in due course, the timber was marked. There turned out to be 122,000 board feet, of which 101,000 was hard maple. There were bid notices sent to sixteen potential buyers, and we received eight bids, which is a larger than usual response. The high bid was \$38,800 and the low bid was \$18,050. The second highest bid was \$27,780. My estimate of the value was \$23,000, and we did get three bids in that neighborhood. It worked out to \$338 per thousand board feet for the hard maple. The marking was very conservative. We only marked 1,875 board feet per acre and left over 4,000 board feet per acre among which were many 18 and 20 inch trees.

It is interesting to note that in 1965 Francis Sears, James' father, sold 97,000 board feet from the same sixty-five acres. It was marked under the Forest Practice Act by the then Conservation Department foresters. Also under the F.P.A. Francis and James had done timber stand improvement over the entire sixty-five acres.

The volume and species tally for the 1965 sale is still in the records in the Cortland DEC office and they show some interesting contrasts with the current sale. In the early sale, they removed most of the beech to make room for the more valuable maple. They marked 200 beech, I marked 43, which was about all that was left. In the early sale the maple averaged 108 board feet per tree. In the current sale, they averaged



This hard maple is marked for cutting and is 24" in diameter.

337 board feet per tree, reflecting nineteen years of growth.

In conclusion, let me say that if you sell some of your maple and don't achieve the figures we got on the Sears sale, don't be too disappointed. Sears' woods is a very exceptional woods.

HELP!

We need your exact address and also the name of the county you live in, for the Directory issue November-December 1984. Please send to:

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Camillus, New York 13031**

Market Notes

By Al Roberts

Just a reminder that Finch, Pruyn & Co. of 1 Glen St., Glens Falls, N.Y. 12801 has been, and is, anxious to buy hemlock for pulpwood. They are buying in eastern New York, and as far west as the Oneonta area where they have a concentration yard. Their prices per cord, delivered to the mill are competitive, or better than for sawlogs. They vary according to hauling distance and are \$75 for wood from over 160 miles away to \$51 for wood from zero to twenty miles distance.

Minutes of the 22nd Annual Meeting New York Forest Owners Association

Bradfield Hall, Cornell University
Ithaca, New York — April 28, 1984

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by John Kelley. He introduced Assistant Dean Kenneth Wing, who welcomed the group to Cornell.

President Paul Steinfeld then presided and called upon David Hanaburgh, Chairman of the nominating committee to report on the results of the election of directors. He reported that the following had been elected for a term of three years:

Robert Edmonds
Harold A. Petrie
Norman A. Richards
Howard O. Ward
John H. Hamel
Alec C. Proskine
Lloyd G. Strombeck

Treasurer Stuart McCarty handed out the treasurer's report which had been prepared by Ass't. Treasurer Linda Thorington. He pointed out that the income in 1983 was less than the expenses, leaving a deficit of \$622.39. This report is attached to the minutes. He also presented a budget for 1984 with a deficit of \$875.00. This unanimously approved budget for 1984 is attached to the minutes.

The auditor's report of Robert Sand, read by the President, reported that all was in order. Treasurer McCarty was thanked for his work.

Stuart McCarty, Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee, gave his report which is as follows:

"Mission Statement for NYFOA:

The Association is organized to encourage the wise management of private woodland resources in New York State by promoting, protecting, representing and serving the interests of woodland owners.

"General Objectives of NYFOA:

1. To assist owners in making decisions for the best use of their forests.
2. To work to increase profitability of woodlot investment.
3. To influence legislators at all levels of government to strengthen forestry as an industry.
4. To unite forest owners in a common cause of improving their forest resources and forest opportunities.
5. To inform the public on the value of a healthy tree growing industry."



Dr. John W. Kelley, receiving the 1984 Heiberg Award from Lloyd Strombeck.

1984 Heiberg Memorial Award John W. Kelley Citation

Dr. John W. Kelley, Associate Professor of Natural Resources and Department Extension Leader, has made many truly outstanding contributions to the field of natural resources extension in 4-H and Adult Education at state, regional and national levels.

Starting at Cornell University in 1970 as an Assistant Professor to direct the Natural Resources Youth Extension Program, major accomplishments were achieved under his direction giving the 4-H Extension Program regional and national recognition as an exemplary program in 1975. Outstanding was the "Teen Leadership" training program stressing *education* as much as activity and coed participation. He pioneered the comprehensive approach to natural resources extension youth programming in New York. All major subject areas of the Department of Natural Resources have their counterparts in the 4-H program.

Recognition of his ability by other professionals is manifested through requests for consulting and advisory assistance. Agencies and private organizations for which educational projects have been developed under John's leadership include the USDA Extension Service, USDA Forest Service, USDI Fish & Wildlife Service, New York Sea

Grant, New York Department of Environmental Conservation, American Wildlife Research Foundation, Forest Industries Council, Maple Syrup Producers' Association, and New York Forest Owners Association.

John Kelley has been instrumental in working toward greater cooperation and coordination between Cornell Extension, NYS College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation by serving on a tripartite task committee to facilitate productive interaction.

For these outstanding services, the New York Forest Owners Association is proud to present to John W. Kelley its 1984 Heiberg Memorial Award.

1984 NYFOA Outstanding Service Award

For the first 12 years in the life of the New York Forest Owners Association, Dorothy Wertheimer was a Director, Active Committee Member and inspiration to the NYFOA. She was a regular contributor to the *Forest Owner* and served on its Editorial Committee and on the Program and Arrangements Committees for the 3rd Annual Meeting in 1965.

Shortly after Sven Heiberg died on February 5, 1965, Dorothy proposed NYFOA, and was appointed Chairman of the Heiberg Memorial Committee.



Dave Hanaburgh presenting award to Dorothy Wertheimer.

For her many outstanding contributions, the New York Forest Owners Association is happy to present its Seventh Outstanding Service Award to Dorothy Wertheimer.

An Invitation . . .

The New York Forest Owners Association is offering its fifth "people to people" tour for forest land owners and Christmas tree growers. This tour, scheduled for August 19th through September 2nd, will take us to the hills of Scotland, the dales of Yorkshire and the unpronounceable villages of Wales.

Most important, this first come-first served opportunity will bring you and others who share your interest in growing trees together with people just like you in Great Britain. On all of our previous tours there has been universal agreement that sharing a few hours of a kindred soul's station in life has been the best part of our tours.

We invite you to study the itinerary, to invite some close friends to join you, and to come along on a once-in-a-lifetime tour. We have no plans to ever duplicate any of our tours!

Itinerary

Sunday, August 19: Gather at JFK Airport in New York and take an overnight flight to London.

Monday, August 20: Transfer to a domestic flight to Prestwick, near Glasgow, Scotland, where we are to be met by our British tour guide. We'll drive through Ayrshire countryside to the city of Ayr, where you are free for the rest of the day. Dinner will be a get-acquainted affair. Overnight in AYR. (BD)

Tuesday, August 21: Today we'll take a day trip into the Ayrshire countryside to visit a reforestation area (the Galloway Forest) and some private woodlands. For dinner tonight we'll have invited members of the Scottish Woodland Owners Association to be our guests . . . a good chance to get a feel for being a woodland owner in the land of the clan. Overnight in AYR. (BLD)

Wednesday, August 22: This morning we pack up and head towards Edinburgh, but along the way we plan to stop at the Christmas tree farm operated by H.J. Spurway, in West Lothian. Tonight we again plan to have guests for dinner, this time from the Royal Scottish Forestry Society, which has helped arrange our tour. Overnight in EDINBURGH. (BLD)



On the shores of Loch Tulla stand pines which are remnants of the ancient Caledonian forests destroyed over the centuries, their disappearance bringing into being such desolate areas as the Moor of Rannoch. Recent years, however, have seen tree planting again on some parts of the Moor.

Thursday, August 23: No forestry today! There's a sightseeing tour of Edinburgh to include Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh Castle, Princes' Street, etc. The remainder of the day is free for exploring and shopping for Scots goodies. Overnight in EDINBURGH (B only)

Friday, August 24: As we head south for England, we'll make two key stops. The first will be at the Midlothian Forestry Research Station. The second will be at the Christmas tree farm at the Lonsdale Estate, Penrith, Cumberland. Overnight in WINDEMERE. (BLD)

Saturday, August 25: Today's plan calls for a woods walk with a local game warden or ranger to discuss conservation, game and shooting rights. In the afternoon, perhaps you'd like to find a hill to hike for a panoramic view or a stream to fish. Overnight in WINDEMERE. (BLD)

Sunday, August 26: Off to the dales of Yorkshire we go. It will be a leisurely drive through small towns to the city of York. Pretend you are James Herriot, back from your farm rounds, as you sip a pint in some small pub. Overnight in YORK. (B only)

Monday, August 27: Today you have a choice. Some may wish to wander about the historic city of York. Others may choose the optional tour to one or two nearby farms. In the afternoon, we'll visit the forest management area of Sutton Park. Overnight in YORK. (BLD)

Tuesday, August 28: We'll say farewell to York as we journey southwest towards Wales, passing through the quaint half-timbered town of Chester along the way. In the afternoon we'll see the Snowdonia National Park. Overnight in BEDDGELERT. (BD)

Wednesday, August 29: Our travels today will give us a chance to see and learn about forest management in the national forest (inside of which there is also private land) and to find out about the "Co-operative Woodland Societies for Private Woodland Owners," an idea furthered by The Welsh Agricultural Organisation Society. Overnight in BEDDGELERT. (BLD)

Thursday, August 30: Leave Wales in the morning for a drive south towards Cheltenham. Along the way we'll visit a private land owner who manages his

woodland commercially. Then we'll be into the picturesque Cotswold Hills and to Cheltenham. Overnight in CHELTENHAM. (BD)

Friday, August 31: Depart Cheltenham and travel to London. Along the way we will stop to visit Yattendon Estate's Christmas tree plantation, managed by John Godwin, a member of the British Christmas Tree Growers Association. Lunch nearby with Mr. Godwin as guest. The plan is to get to London in sufficient time to arrange theatre tickets (on your own) and a night on the town. Overnight in LONDON. (B only)

Saturday, September 1: In the morning there will be a sightseeing tour of London, including Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly Circus, etc. Your afternoon is free for individual sightseeing and shopping. Farewell dinner in the evening. Overnight in LONDON. (BD)

Sunday, September 2: Transfer to hotel for morning flight back to New York.

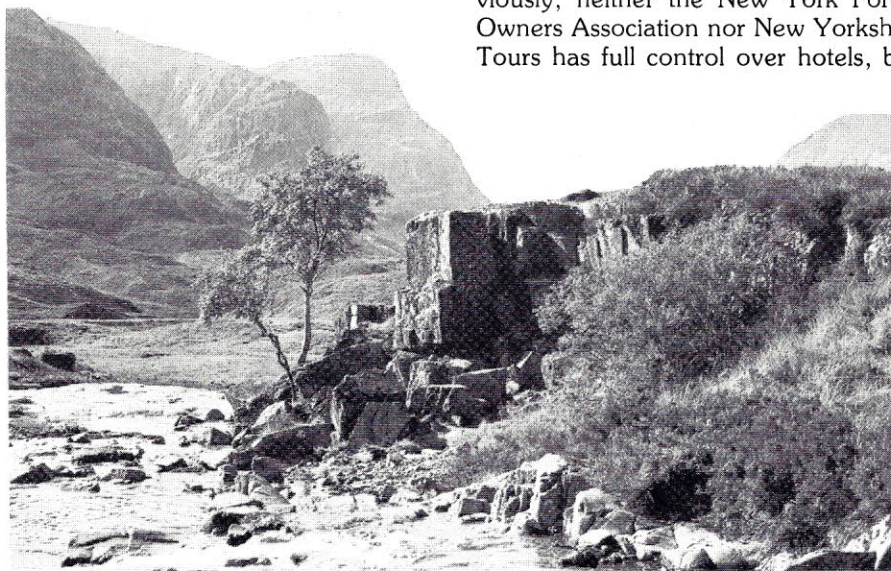
Details of Great Britain Tour

Tour dates:

August 19 through September 2, 1984.

Tour price:

\$1,897 per person. Single supplement: \$136.50.



Quiet Glen Orchy is well worth a visit, the moods of the river and the fine mountain scenery being rewarding sights. It was the birthplace of the celebrated Gaelic Bard Duncan Ban MacIntyre, whose song In Praise of Ben Doran is a masterpiece. The Orchy is famous for its salmon.

Deadline:

\$300 deposit per person by July 13, 1984. Balance due July 25, 1984.

Price includes:

Round trip air fare from Kennedy Airport in New York City, 13 nights hotel accommodations with twin bed (we'll try to find roommates for singles unless you'd rather pay extra for a single room), all breakfasts, 10 dinners and 6 lunches, sightseeing tours of Edinburgh, London, Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh Castle, private tour bus throughout, forestry visits as indicated, portage on one piece of luggage per person, gratuities at hotels, UK value-added tax, and tour guide/manager throughout.

Group size:

Limited to 28 people; tour contingent on 20 minimum.

Cancellation and refunds:

All cancellations of confirmed reservations are subject to a \$50 per person administrative fee. Cancellations received within 21 days of departure are subject to an additional \$125 fee, subtracted from the refund (this is to cover fixed tour costs for remaining travellers). To avoid misunderstandings, please make cancellation requests in writing.

Responsibility:

The tour is arranged by New Yorkshire Tours, a private, special-interest tour company operated by a member of the New York Forest Owners Association on behalf of the Association. Obviously, neither the New York Forest Owners Association nor New Yorkshire Tours has full control over hotels, bus

companies, airlines, or other chartered services. As tour operators, both parties disclaim any liability for losses, injuries, or losses of service arising from such hired facilities or services. The New York Forest Owners Association and New Yorkshire Tours reserve the right to modify arrangements as necessary to meet changing circumstances without allowance of a refund.

Registration: Please make check payable to New Yorkshire Tours and mail to New Yorkshire Tours, 257 Owego Street, Candor, New York 13743. Overseas travellers kindly remit in US dollars. Telephone 607-659-5275.

AULD LANG SYNE

*We twa hae paid'd in the burn,
Frae morning sun till dine;
But seas between us braid hae roar'd
Sin' auld lang syne.*

*And there's a hand, my trusty fiere!
And gies a hand o' thine!
And we'll tak a right gude-willy waught,
For auld lang syne*

Chorus:—

*And for auld lang syne, my jo,
For auld lang syne,
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.*

HUMOR

I loved my job as a summer ranger, and had begun to make a photo diary of my area — the cabin, the heavy table in front, the part entrance. Then I saw my chance for a real picture: a deer looking like a veteran comic, poked his head around the corner of the outhouse. I snapped the shutter, but the deer was quicker than I and pulled back out of sight. He made a game of peering at me from the same spot and ducking. In the course of the morning, I tried five more shots and came to the end of my film.

When I went back to pick up my prints from the local photographer, who also developed film, he handed me my pictures — six of the unadorned outhouse, and cleared his throat. "I don't usually tell people what to take pictures of," he said, "but here in Yosemite I think you ought to branch out a little."

—Reader's Digest

Summer Woods Walks

By Al Roberts

There are three woods walks scheduled for this summer. They are being held in separate areas of the state so that all members will have an opportunity to attend one without having to travel very far. They will start at 10:00 a.m. and end about 3:00 p.m. Attendees should bring a bag lunch. Put the dates on your calendars and detailed information will follow.

1. July 21.

The Pine Lake Environmental Center of Hartwick College, Oneonta, will host a NYFOA Woods Walk on Saturday, July 21, 10 a.m. Pine Lake Center is a 1,000 acre property devoted to environmental education and outdoor recreation. Property management includes active forest management and research as well as nature preserves. A major feature we will see is the effects of a rare tornado that toppled about 50 acres of their forest last May, 1983. The Center has taken advantage of this natural catastrophe to expand its forestry research and demonstration activities. Much of the damaged area has been salvage-logged, but parts have been kept in their naturally-disturbed condi-

tion. This summer, a graduate student from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry is studying the windthrow hollows and mounds on the area. Over future years the natural regrowth of forest will be studied. We will also look at other forest management research areas on the property.

Our host/leader for the woods walk will be Dr. John Lutz, Director of the Center. NYFOA's Al Roberts and Norm Richards will tag along to offer additional forestry commentary. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy at the Center's picnic area, and swimsuits to enjoy beautiful Pine Lake where a lifeguard will be on duty. After lunch, there are the Center's nature trails to be explored on your own.

Directions to Pine Lake Center: From I88, get off at the Emmons exit just north of Oneonta; go east on the county road about 3 miles to the hamlet of West Davenport; then continue straight on Charlotte Creek Road about 2 miles to the Center. From the east on NY23, turn north on the crossroad at Davenport Center, then turn left (west) on Charlotte Creek Rd. to the Center.

2. August 25th

The owner is Alec Proskine who lives in Ithaca. The land he owns is in the Town of Hector in Schuyler County north of Bennettsburg. He has 90 acres of hardwoods with some extremely large oak. A few miles away he has a red pine plantation in which he has done pruning and thinning. He has built a cordwood garage which is a unique way of constructing building walls with 18 inch lengths of cordwood. There will be a lunch stop at Blueberry Picnic area in the Hector Land Use Area administered by the U.S. Forest Service.

3. October 6.

The owner is Edwin H. Atwood Jr., located at Springwater, south of Rochester. Mr. Atwood has a 350 acre farm. More details on this walk will be in the Sept.-Oct. *Forest Owner*.



The Forest Preserve was established by chapter 283 of the Laws of 1885 on May 15, 1885.

The Adirondack and Catskill Parks and the Forest Preserve are recognized nationally and internationally as areas of unique environmental character.

Suggested celebration events:

1. Formal Indoor Dinners
2. Informal Outdoor Dinners
3. Exhibits
4. Outdoor Competitions
5. Tour Encouragement
6. Meetings
7. Speakers Bureau
8. Centennial Visitor Center
9. Artist Crafts Fairs
10. Educational Seminars
11. Dedication Ceremonies

Forest Preserve Centennial Celebration

12. Restoration Projects
 13. Newspaper Articles
 14. Magazine Stories
 15. Radio & Television
 16. Handouts
 17. Formal Recognitions
 18. Major Publications
 19. Participatory Outdoor Trips
- The consultant employed by DEC to carry out the necessary staff work for the Centennial is:

Fred W. Oettiger
 Cloud Nine Associates
 Box 91, Know, New York 12107
 Paul Steinfeld, President of the N.Y. Forest Owners Association, received a

letter dated March 14, 1984 from Henry G. Williams, Commissioner of the N.Y.S. Dept. of Environmental Conservation, inviting the N.Y.F.O.A. to participate in the Forest Preserve Centennial Celebration and to designate a representative to attend meetings of the Forest Preserve Centennial Committee.

President Steinfeld designated David H. Hanaburgh, Box 22, Buchanan, New York 10511 to represent the N.Y.F.O.A. at meetings of the Forest Owners Centennial Committee.

Any members or friends of the NYFOA are requested to forward suggestions for NYFOA participation in this celebration to the Editor of the *Forest Owner* or to the above David H. Hanaburgh.

Cutting Trees For Firewood Threatens Furniture Industry, Wood Lots' Future

Attica (AP) — Doug Domes is having trouble finding nice, straight trees to cut into furniture.

"Every Tom, Dick and Harry is out chopping down trees for firewood," said Domes, owner of the Attica Package Co., located in this Wyoming County village. "There's nothing left out there. I have to go way off the road to find good trees."

Domes, like most loggers in western New York, has been hard pressed to find unculled wood lots since a boom in wood-heated homes began about seven years ago.

Statewide, about 4 million cords of wood a year is being used for home heating, up from just 100,000 cords in 1970, said Mark Keister, a forester for the state Department of Environmental Conservation in Avon.

About 18 percent of homes in the state, or 707,000 have wood-burning appliances, not including fireplaces, said Gary Goff with Cooperative Extension at Cornell University. Goff said 100,000 more homes get the appliances every year.

The state is still growing more trees than are being consumed, according to the state Energy Authority. But Keister says there's a 'gut feeling' among foresters that consumption will catch up with the supply of trees.

"The use of wood to heat homes really took off only about six or seven years ago, when oil prices shot up," Keister said. "The impact won't be felt right away, and probably won't show up until the U.S. Forestry Service takes its next inventory in 1989. But we've been very concerned about it."

Hardest hit by firewood consumers have been wood lots near cities, where landowners can more readily get a 'quick buck' by allowing all the trees — regardless of age or quality — to be cut to the ground, Keister said.

Loggers usually pay landowners by the truckload or by the lot, but those prices also depend on the species and size of the trees, Keister said.

The worst result of the firewood boom is that top-quality wood — wood that could have been cut into furniture — is being burned in wood stoves, said Domes of Attica Package.

"They'll use top-quality butt logs (the base of the tree) for anything," Domes said. "They don't care what they cut, as long as it burns. Pure stupidity."

Domes cuts his timber into pieces for furniture and uses the worst parts of the trees — the tops — for firewood and pallets.

"People are cutting the wrong stuff for firewood," Keister said. "They're not looking 15 years down the road, when that same tree could be worth a lot more money."

The white ash tree, for instance, is popular with firewood users because it burns green and doesn't have to dry for a year, Keister said. But the white ash is also one of the best species of trees for furniture manufacturing, he said.

"Some of these high-quality trees can't be grown anywhere else in the country but the Northeast, and the quality of what we're growing is going downhill," Keister said. "The red oak, black cherry, white ash — they're all being cut too early and for the wrong purpose."

"They're genetically downgrading the stock," said Stan Martin, a forester for the DEC in Bath. "Instead of culling out the crooked, old trees for firewood, people are chopping down the good trees that produce other good trees."

Keister said the problem is not with logging companies or even with contractors who clear lots for firewood. The landowners are at fault, he said, when

they let anyone come and cut trees rather than letting professionals cut selectively.

If that practice continues, those cities will be nearly devoid of any wood lots within two generations, said Ken Stuerwald, owner of Stuerwald's Logging Co. in Savannah, Wayne County.

"Firewood has been our biggest problem the last few years," said Stuerwald, who harvests timber all over western New York. "We go in there, cut a lot right, then within a year, someone else is in there mowing the whole thing down. The landowners don't know a good tree from a bad tree. They just see that tree as \$10 in their pocket."

Keister said there's no way to estimate how much a single tree would cost because prices depend on species and size. A beech tree 12 inches in diameter would cost about \$2, but a 20-inch red oak would cost between \$80 and \$90, he said.

"Tree harvesting is a terrible investment," he said. "You'll make more money on a good tree if you let it grow, but you could make even more money if you sold the tree young and invested that money. Landowners know that. That's our problem."

—Syracuse Post-Standard

Conservation

Conservation is more than an intellectually interesting subject. It's a deadly serious situation. We must take it seriously — we MUST.

—Prince Philip of England
A comment he made during a TV interview, June 1984

FOREST Bookshelf

The Forest Service's new **Christmas Tree Pest Manual** compiles more than 10 years of pest research in one practical, easy-to-use handbook. Color photographs and descriptions of 70 major Christmas tree pests will help growers, nursery operators, horticulturists, extension agents, foresters, and students quickly identify pests in the field. Also included are cultural, biological and chemical controls that can help reduce or prevent costly damage.

Although the manual was designed primarily for the North Central and Northeastern U.S., it may be useful anywhere Christmas trees are grown. Copies are for sale by the **Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402** (stock number 001-0001-0058904). The cost is \$14.00 per book with a 25% discount on orders of 100 or more copies.

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The Canfield Extension Center has published a 165 page, well illustrated, very up to date handbook. It contains valuable information on the entire range of the tree industry from seeds to marketing. One of the best compilations for all tree growers, new or seasoned.

The handbook is available from the **Canfield Extension Center, P.O. Box 187, 490 South Broad Street, Canfield, Ohio 44406**. Send a check for \$9.36 (includes postage and handling) payable to Canfield Extension Center.

Cornell Publishes Maple Disease Booklet

A new Cornell Cooperative Extension booklet, **Diseases of Maples in Eastern North America**, is now available to property owners, tree nursery operators, foresters, and others having an interest in tree care.

The 16-page, full color illustrated booklet describes more than 20 disorders of maples, including the species they affect, the causal pathogen, and what its usual effect is on the host tree.

Author George W. Hudler also included illustrated examples of such noninfectious problems as root girdling,

chlorosis, salt injury, and others.

Hudler is an assistant professor of plant pathology at Cornell University's New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

"Diseases of Maples in Eastern North America" (A-13, \$1.75) lists diseases of leaves, bark, vascular systems, and roots, and several causes of wood decay. Both common and scientific names are given, as well as a brief description of the disease agent's life cycle.

Copies of "Diseases of Maples in Eastern North America" may be ordered from the **Cornell Distribution Center, 7 Research Park, Ithaca, NY 14850**. The \$1.75 charge includes postage and handling.

Forest Management Handbook Published for Private Owners

Cornell University has published a new handbook for owners of private forests throughout the Northeast. The 56-page, illustrated reference describes all major facets of forest management for timber production.

Timber Management for Small Woodlands features a careful explanation of forest management in terms that owners can understand and use.

Few owners capitalize on the full potential value of their forest holdings, claim authors Gary Goff, James Lassoie, and Katherine M. Layer, specialists in natural resources for Cornell Cooperative Extension. They are in the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University.

Substantial areas of the Northeast are classified as commercial forest land, yet a relatively small percentage is actively managed for timber production.

Virtually all private forest lands are harvested at some time, as ownership and needs change, thus there is considerable economic justification for good forest management, the authors state.

Without purposeful, long-term management, most timber growth occurs in areas of low productivity or on low-value trees. Benefits are lost, too, if a timber harvest is unduly delayed, or exploited for maximum short-term profits.

The Cornell authors point out that proper timber management can increase both the growth rate by 50 percent and the harvest market value 4 or 5 times that of an unmanaged stand.

If the present owner does not harvest the timber, the results of wise management should be reflected in a higher value when ownership is transferred.

Management for timber production can include, and even enhance, other forest values such as wildlife and recreation.

"Timber Management for Small Woodlands" has sections on establishing compartments and boundaries, estimating timber, management of over- and under-stocked stands, protection against fire and pests, aspects of harvesting, sale contracts, and economic and tax considerations.

Appendixes cover useful information such as measures and conversions, tree volume tables, a sample sale contract, use of a scale stick, and sources of assistance for the forest owner.

Copies of "Timber Management for Small Woodlands" (IB-180) are available at \$3.50 each from the **Cornell Distribution Center, 7-TM Research Park, Ithaca, NY 14850**.



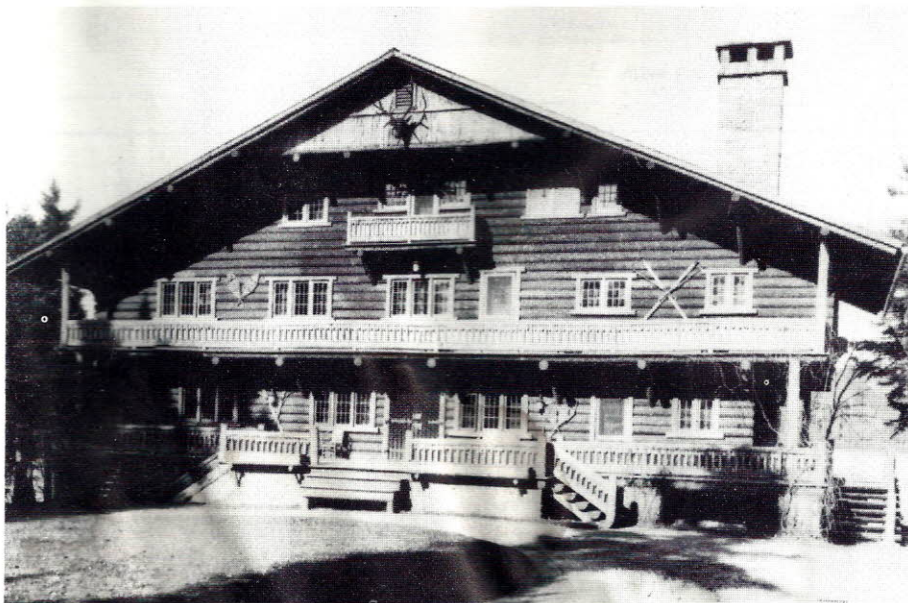
Woodsmen's Field Days August 17-19

The 37th Annual New York State Woodsmen's Field Days will be held in Boonville August 17-19, it was announced by Woodsmen's President Frank Stysh.

Stysh says the theme selected for this year's field days is "Managed Forests — The Result of Ability to Understand and the Need to Look Beyond that Which Meets the Eye."

The weekend is dedicated to the promotion of the forest industry of the state and has become the largest attended forest industry show in the northeast.

Fall Meeting



Sagamore Lodge and Conference Center on Raquette Lake, scene of the NYFOA Fall meeting, September 14-15.

The New York Forest Owners Association will meet September 14-15 at the Sagamore Lodge on Raquette Lake for the annual Fall Meeting.

The Saturday meeting will feature a discussion on taxes, a demonstration of a portable sawmill, and a walk in a clear cut area of the forest preserve.

Members will find a visit Friday or Saturday afternoon to the Adirondack Museum at Blue Mountain Lake, and/or a visit to the Northern Logger Exhibit Hall at Old Forge an interesting addition to the weekend activities.

There will be a charge of \$42 to cover the cost of dinner and lodging Friday night and breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

We hope to see you all there.



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Ask A Forester

by AL ROBERTS

Dear Sir:

It is my understanding that your organization is involved with land and its usage.

I have a serious easement problem in Massachusetts and have not received help from the courts. In fact, a court decision rules that I have no easement rights whatsoever. If you have people there with easement problems I would like to hear from them to compare notes and find ways to help ourselves such as a class action lawsuit against repressive laws concerning easements.

Sincerely,

Edward Lininger
 6045 Blvd. East
 West New York, NJ 07093

Dear Mr. Lininger:

I have known of a few instances of "land locked" parcels to which, for some particular reason, the owner had no access.

There isn't any way to force surrounding landowners to give up part of their land as an access route to another person's landlocked parcel. This is a good reason to have the help of a lawyer and a land surveyor when purchasing property.

I don't know what your particular situation is, but perhaps one of your adjoining owners, out of the goodness of his heart, would allow you to cross his land, or perhaps he would sell you a right-of-way.

Sincerely yours,
 A.W. Roberts Jr.

LETTERS:

Dear Paul,

I have just received the May-June issue of the "Forest Owner" and note your comments on a possible merger.

I have been a member for a long time, and have taken part in events when it was possible — usually they are far from the Buffalo area. During this time, I have always admired the effort and information put forth by our leaders. Personally, I don't care much for a merger with a political unit. Even though we might share leadership, if the government pays — they want control. It would seem very plausible for the to support our organization and not spend extra tax money to fund a new one.

I hope you will find an agreeable solution, but will support our group at any rate.

Very sincerely,
 LaVern Frey

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEW YORK FOREST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

(Please send to:)

New York Forest Owners Assoc.
 Box 69, Old Forge, NY 13420

I would like to help advance forestry in New York State. I enclose my check payable to the New York Forest Owners Association, Inc.

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Name _____ Address _____ Zip Code _____

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- Sponsoring Member..... \$500 and up