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A logging operation of land owned by Cotton-Hanlon Inc., in the Town of Vestal, N.Y. using champion horses Duke and Dan, owned by Ira Kessler.

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NYFOA Membership

We have all heard people say that one vote, or one person's position on an issue doesn't matter. I submit that each of us who cares about the future of this planet CAN matter.

By improving our own special woodlots and influencing our neighbors and acquaintances to improve theirs we can each definitely make a difference. Although these can be accomplished as individuals we believe the success can be even greater within an organization like NYFOA. We learn from each other, we motivate each other and together we can reach higher goals. When one of those goals is a more desirable environment in the future or possibly total survival it can be pretty important.

If you are not already a member please consider joining today. You help us become a stronger, more effective organization and we offer you new sources of information, personal contacts and a lot of new friends with a very common interest.

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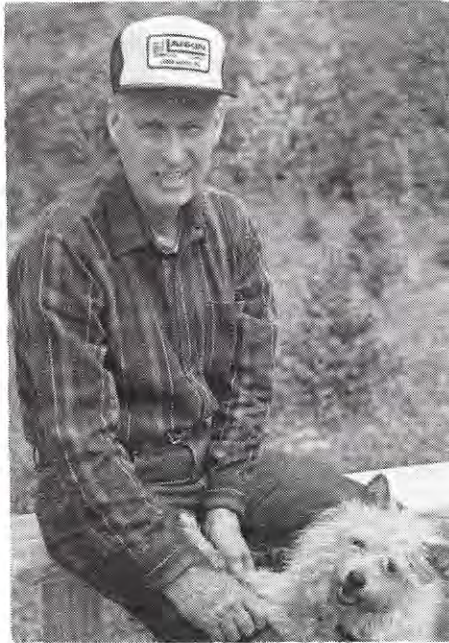
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President's Message



J. Morgan Heussler

This directory issue of the *Forest Owner* is being published at an exciting time in the history of our association.

The federal government through the U.S. Forest Service has made available to the states \$6,000,000 in seed money to administer a new "Stewardship Initiative" and to disseminate information about the program. New York State's share for 1990 is \$180,000 and NYFOA was one of sixteen groups both public and private, invited to make grant applications. Our application was based on expanding this issue of the magazine to include several pages on the stewardship theme and to mail it to a greatly expanded list of people and organizations.

Our proposal was funded by the New York committee. We will receive \$5,000 this year and there is an indication of \$50,000 more through 1994 if we do a good job and the money is appropriated. The State committee, which is headed by the State Forester (DEC), also asked us if we would publish a newsletter on a quarterly basis this year and we agreed. It could continue beyond this year.

You will read and hear New York's Mission Statement many times but we think it's important enough to state

here: "The Stewardship mission is to protect, perpetuate and enhance forest values through planned management of forest land in New York. Recognition, education, stimulated action and technical assistance will benefit a variety of forest values, including green space, endangered species and unique forest communities, water quality and supply, recreational opportunities, wood products, fish and wildlife habitats and clean air."

Most of you will immediately say "But I've been doing most of these things in my woodlot right along". Of course we have. But there are 500,000 forest land owners in our state and only 1250 of them belong to NYFOA. Some probably belong to other organizations but we suspect most don't and are doing nothing about managing their forests. We're talking here about private, non-commercial forest land-owners who own 13,500,000 acres.

Now we couldn't seat 500,000 people in Marshall Hall at ESF in Syracuse and probably couldn't cram that many into the Carrier Dome across the street. But we can accommodate many more members than we have. And we think we offer them a lot for their small dues. Two membership meetings a year, six issues of this magazine and as many as five woodswalks led by foresters with plenty of opportunities to ask questions and exchange ideas. And you just can't beat the people you meet (all sharing your interests and problems). We have an eager and talented membership committee and they are going to help spread the good word. As we said, this is an exciting time for NYFOA and one that holds great promise for the future.

— J. Morgan Heussler



NY Forest Owners Historical Notes

The New York Forest Owners Association was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York on August 12, 1963. The NYFOA grew out of two Forest Land Owners Forums held on November 9, 1961 and October 9, 1962, at the N.Y. State University College of Forestry, Syracuse, New York. These meetings were sponsored by the N.Y. State Forest Practice Board with the support of the Conservation Department, the College of Agriculture, the College of Forestry and about 200 forest land owners. From these meetings, the NYFOA was formally organized at the first spring meeting on April 27, 1963. This all sounds simple when you say it fast, but it took a lot of study and careful consideration.

At the Second Forest Land Owners Forum in October, 1962, Chairman Harold Peet called upon Dean Hardy L. Shirley to outline services and objectives of a proposed forest owners association. More than 100 forest land owners and others voted overwhelmingly to establish such an association. A Faculty Committee on Forest Land Owners Association was set up at the Syracuse College of Forestry. This committee was composed of Dean Svend Heiberg, Chairman, Dr. William A. Duerr, Dr. Paul E. Graves and Prof. Ralph G. Unger. Much thought and effort went into the planning and preparation of a constitution and by-laws for the proposed NYFOA.

At the first Annual Meeting of the NYFOA on April 27, 1963, at the College of Forestry, a Board of 15 Directors was elected. These, in turn, elected Theodore T. Buckley, President; Harold J. Evans, Jr., First Vice-President; Harold H. Smith, Second Vice-President; and Barbara S. Pittenger, Secretary-Treasurer.

The *Forest Owner* started in 1963 as a

newsletter from Floyd Carlson's office. It has developed into an influential publishing enterprise requiring the dedication of several volunteers, chief of whom is the Editor. This is a business enterprise that consumes more than two-thirds of the annual budget.

During 1963 and early 1964 the Treasurer had the job of collecting the dues and monitoring the membership. By August 1964 this job became too much for Barbara Pittenger and she resigned. A new job of Membership Secretary was created and combined with the job of Treasurer, Mrs. Luella B. Palmer took over this job and held it until October 1969, a few months before she died. During her tenure as Membership Secretary, Mrs. Palmer had to collect the dues, update the mailing list for the *Forest Owner* and carry on a continuous correspondence with individual members. Upon the resignation of Mrs. Palmer the job of Treasurer was taken over by her husband Emiel, who had long been a key supporter of NYFOA.

Associate Dean Svend Oluf Heiberg died February 5, 1965, and NYFOA Director Dorothy Wertheimer proposed that the NYFOA set up an Annual Award in his memory. The first Heiberg Award was granted to Dean Hardy Shirley in 1966.

Floyd Carlson retired in 1969. With this retirement the administrative support of the College of Forestry lapsed. The NYFOA went through an anxious period of readjustment. The *Forest Owner* went through several volunteer Editors in succession until Alan Knight set it on a definite road to improvement. The Membership Secretary problem was eventually solved by the appointment of Helen Varian who carried on in the tradition of Luella Palmer until 1981 when the job was taken over by George Mitchell. Following the retirement of Floyd Carlson,

Lewis DuMond was appointed Recording Secretary where he served with dedication until 1984.

From 1978 until 1985 Evelyn A. Stock served with distinction as the Editor of *The Forest Owner*. In January 1985 Alan Knight launched a new slick format for the magazine. In June of 1985 an aggressive effort to form chapters and affiliates was directed, beginning with the Cayuga Chapter in Moravia by Dick Fox; and shortly thereafter in December, Dean Frost formed the Southern Tier Chapter at Binghamton. The next six months brought the Thrift Affiliate (formed through the agency of the Tug Hill Commission in 1982), The Tioga Chapter started by Howard Ward, and the Catskill Forestry Association Affiliate (formed in 1982 by the Catskill Center for Cons. & Dev.), to the statewide forestry family. NYFOA, also in 1985, employed Ruth Thoden of Boonville to serve as our Executive Secretary.

Coincident with a publication crisis in 1985, a special arrangement was made with the *American Agriculturist* that provided an opportunity to expand the distribution of the NYFOA message to tens of thousands. Although the venture which started in April 1986 was terminated with the July 1987 issue, our membership did grow. This last (?) publishing crisis was relieved by the March/April 1987 issue edited by our current editor Karen Kellicutt.

More recently in Nov. 1988, John Marchant formed the Western Finger Lakes Chapter and in March 1989 DEC Forester Charles Mowatt helped to establish the Allegany Foothills Chapter. Finally, Executive Secretary Ruth Thoden, seeking a breather from forestry, resigned and our current Executive Director John Marchant volunteered a year to help us carry on. Helen Marchant graciously offered her assistance by serving as the Recording Secretary and doing the important constant work of membership maintenance.

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Have you participated in FIP or other incentive programs? yes no
Do you have a forest management plan for your property? yes no

The NATIONAL WOODLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION is a nationwide organization of non-industrial private woodland owners with offices in the Washington, D.C. area. Membership includes landowners in all 50 states. NWOA is affiliated with state and county woodland owner associations throughout the United States.

Founded by non-industrial private woodland owners in 1983, NWOA is independent of the forest products industry and forestry agencies. We work with all organizations to promote non-industrial forestry and the best interests of woodland owners. Member of: National Council on Private Forests, Natural Resources Council of America, and National Forestry Network.

Members receive 4 issues of NATIONAL WOODLANDS MAGAZINE and 8 issues of WOODLAND REPORT with late-breaking news from Washington, D.C. and state capitals. An introductory visit from a certified professional forester is available in most states (for holdings of 20 acres or larger), plus other member benefits.

— Keith A. Argow, Publisher

"INFORMED WOODLAND OWNERS — OUR BEST PROTECTION"

THE HEIBERG AWARD



SVEND HEIBERG

Svend Heiberg is credited with the initial proposal to establish an Association of Forest Landowners in New York State. Shortly after his death the Board of Directors of NYFOA set up a Committee, under the Chairmanship of Dorothy Wertheimer, to establish an award in his memory.

At its 20th meeting held in Syracuse on November 6, 1965, the NYFOA Board of Directors heard a report by the Heiberg Memorial Award Committee. This report was unanimously approved. The first award was made at the Fourth Annual Meeting, held in Syracuse, April 30, 1966 to Hardy L. Shirley, who had worked diligently with Svend Heiberg to establish the New York Forest Owners Association.

Since that time there have been more Heiberg Memorial Awards:

David B. Cook
Floyd Carlson
Mike Demeree
No award
Fred Winch, Jr.
Robert G. Potter
Karyn Bartow Richards
Henry G. Williams
Robert Sand
Willard G. Ives
John Stock
Robert M. Ford
C. Eugene Farnsworth

Alex Dickson
Edward W. Littlefield
Maurice Postley
Ralph Nyland
Fred C. Simmons
Dr. William Harlow
Curtis Bauer
Neil B. Gutchess
David W. Taber
John W. Kelley

The qualifications for this award as established by the Board of Directors, November 6, 1965, are:

Any person over 18 years of age with a forest interest in New York State who, in the judgement of the Award Committee, has during the preceding year, brought to fruition, who has conceived and completed a significant project in the field of conservation, land use, land restoration, forest management or other actions in keeping with the aims and purposes of the New York Forest Owners Association may be a candidate.

Doing the Right Things and Doing Things Right

John C. Marchant
Executive Director

Every once in a while we should each sit back and ask the question: How well are we doing? That's true whether it's as countries, industries, organizations or individuals. Every once in awhile we can be pleasantly surprised at the answer to that question and I think for NYFOA members, now is one of those times.

The social awareness of the value of our natural resources and the consequences of losing them is certainly on the rise. Global warming, clean air, soil erosion prevention, recreational opportunities and renewable materials for wood and paper products are finally being associated with trees.

Numerous state and national committees have been formed to study the issues surrounding our natural resources and they keep coming out where you expect to, namely; Our natural resources are valuable, we're losing them at a frightening rate, most of them are owned by private citizens and they

(we) should be encouraged by a variety of means to take better care of them. Although there is a flurry of current committee activity right now and we are getting direct benefits from some, that process dates back a long time and mostly without much follow up. The following partial quote was adapted from an "American Game Conference Recommendation", — 1930.

"Recognize landowners as the custodians of public wildlife on all other land, protect them from the irresponsible shooter and compensate them for putting their land in a productive condition. Compensate them either publicly or privately, with either cash, service, or protection, for the use of their land and labor, on the condition that they preserve the game seed and otherwise safeguard the public interest. In short, make wildlife management a partnership enterprise whereby landowners and the public each contributes appropriate services

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New York Forest Owners Association Award

For the past few years there had been a growing concern on the part of the Board of Directors about recognizing outstanding service to the New York Forest Owners Association and its membership.

Most of the people who work for the New York Forest Owners Association are not even paid expenses. Many make considerable sacrifices in time, convenience, and resources.

In 1977, the NYFOA Board of Directors voted to establish a **New York Forest Owners Association Outstanding Service Award.**

The Heiberg Award recognizes outstanding service to Forestry in New York State, whereas the NYFOA Award recognizes service to the organization. Designed primarily to recognize outstanding service by members, at the discretion of the awards committee, it could be awarded to a nonmember of the NYFOA.

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'Year of the Tree' Begins New Decade

By DAVID W. TABER,
Department of Natural Resources,
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and Life Sciences, Cornell

The "Year of the Tree" is now here throughout 1990. It may be the beginning of at least a decade of reverence and care for trees as an important ecosystem asset, necessary to our quality of life. Tree planting, protection, timely care, long-term management, appropriate commercial harvest, and removal with replacement of overmature ornamentals are all focal points of "Year of the Tree" conservation.

The Year of the Tree is expected to be the first of 10 years with the same emphases to provide a decade dedicated to improving our communities, neighborhoods, and forestlands through our management, planting, and care of trees.

Worldwide concern by professional foresters, those environmentalists and ecologists who specialize in understanding and managing woodland ecosystems, along with commitment of conservation-minded citizens and biologists during 1990 will climax more than 100 years of evaluation and concern about forests by progressive and interested residents of many cities, villages, and towns in the United States. Perhaps 1990 will be not only a climax, but a new beginning for a focus on trees.

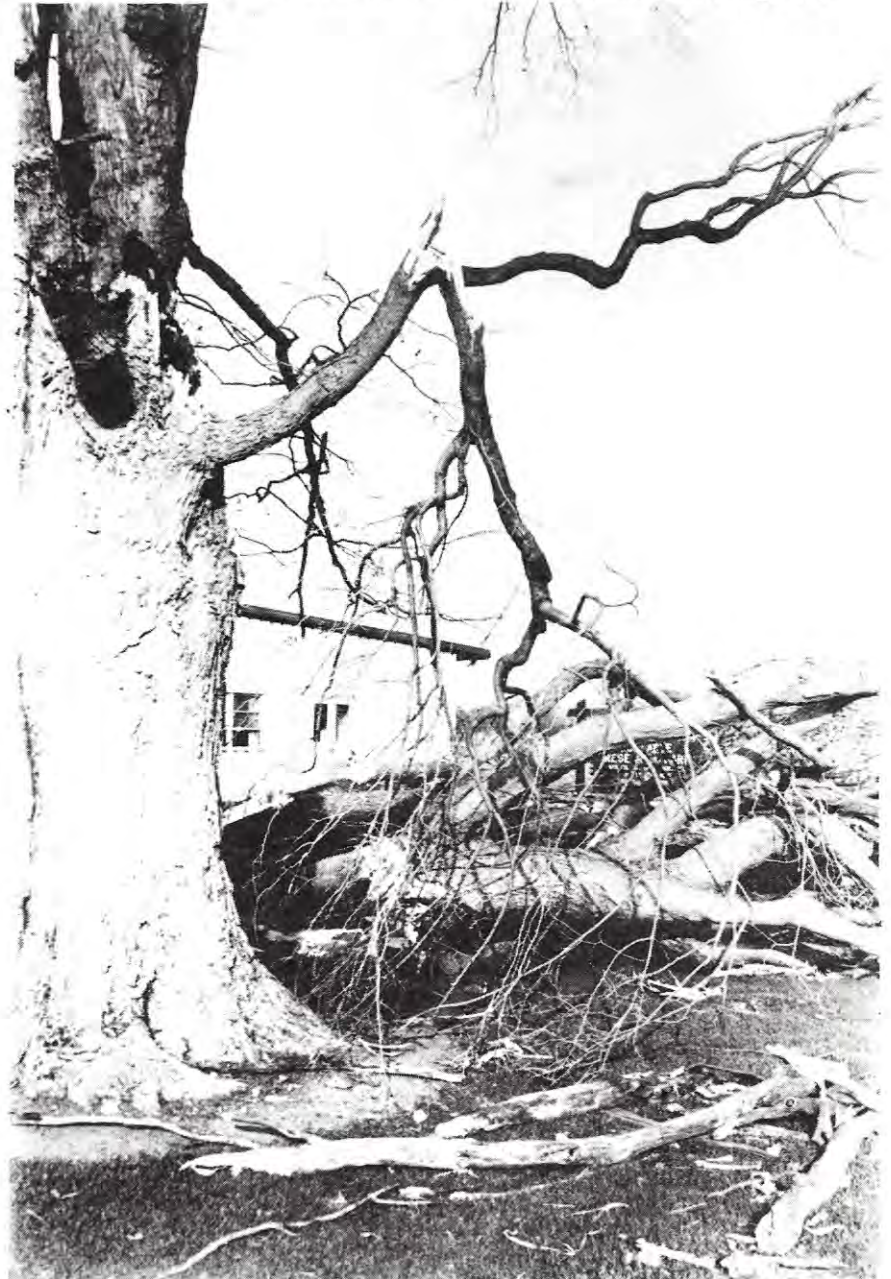
Aldo Leopold, renowned naturalist, born in the late 1800s, began his professional career with the U.S. Forest Service in 1909. In the mid-century book, "A Sand County Almanac," copyrighted in 1949, Leopold wrote, "We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect."

Historically the nation's forests, like those of other countries, were a barrier to the planting of annual agricultural crops, the basis for exploitive economic activity, and the source of building materials to meet the needs of a growing population. Great increases in the population have placed large demands on the

timber resources of the nation. The population on the land that is now the United States changed during the last five centuries from less than 20 million native American Indians in

the 15th century (to about 1.4 million now), according to Robert W. Venables of the American Indian Program at Cornell University. Yet

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This old sugar maple provides people with many benefits including attractive roadsides, shade, protection from the wind, habitat for wildlife, and thousands of products like maple syrup and firewood. Many trees planted 50 to 125 years ago in New York State need to be replaced. Community emphasis on tree planting and care will simultaneously provide civic pride, more attractive landscapes, and majestic trees of the future for generations to come. Note: this apparently healthy sugar maple tree was weakened with old age due to internal decay caused by disease; and it succumbed to Mother Nature's natural storm of snow and wind.

(Photo by Taber)

Addressing Forest Fragmentation

By MICHAEL GREASON

The timber baron of the late 1800's was a conservative environmentalist in comparison to present day land speculators. The timber baron laid waste to vast forest areas, cutting everything of value and often causing the cutover areas to burn. It was exploitive land use to be sure. But once he moved on, the vast tracts remained to regenerate and recover.

The present day land speculator may or may not cut off the timber; but this individual does carve up the tracts. This subdivision or fragmentation of forest ownership has far reaching consequences on our renewable forest resources. Small parcels are removed from the productive forest resource even if they continue to grow trees. People seeking land are happy with their purchases and, as long as the site continues to grow trees, the passerby does not become alarmed. However, society needs to become concerned.

We are quick to criticize under-developed countries for tropical deforestation. And yet we are lax in caring well for our own natural resources. It is time we recognize the value of the renewable forest for the multitude of benefits it provides. And it is time we recognize New York's forest as one of the outstanding forest resources in the world. Society should share responsibility of good land stewardship with the forest owner and the forest industry.

Forests combat global warming, filter air and water, convert carbon dioxide to oxygen, and contribute to the psychological well being of mankind. Besides providing a habitat for many species of flora and fauna, the managed forest can provide us with jobs and products necessary to our daily lives. Our society depends on forests; yet hardly recognizes the interrelationships between trees and their products. Nor does it recognize that harvesting forest crops can be a tool to enhance other forest benefits by manipulating the vegetation.

There are pressures on the forest owner. Besides the opportunity to cash in on increased land values, the speculative values on forest land have raised assessments so that property taxes have escalated dramatically. Many forest owners cannot afford to pay their annual property tax. A series of studies by the Empire State Forest Products Association and the New York Forest Tax Coalition reveal land held for forest crop production

can afford about \$3.00 per acre per year. Ad valorem taxes usually are much higher in New York, often by several fold. Recognizing this problem the New York legislature provided special treatment as early as 1912 in the form of a forest tax law that has evolved into Real Property Tax Law, Section 480-a.

480-a can provide a significant incentive to forest owners to manage eligible tracts. The law allows up to an 80% tax exemption to owners who commit their properties to a certified forest management plan. This is a serious commitment with severe penalties for breach or conversion. The owner must follow the plan and associated work schedule. A stumpage tax of 6% is paid on forest products harvested under the plan. No harvest or action involving site changes can occur unless covered in the certified plan. The Department of Environmental Conservation certifies plans, amendments, tract eligibility, stumpage values, cutting prescriptions, and compliance. The plan assures sound forest management under accepted practices that a forester would recommend to the owner with or without the exemption benefit.

There are some problems with 480-a. First and foremost is the need for the state to reimburse local communities for the tax shift caused by the exemption. This issue has created local opposition for owners seeking the exemption. They are often hassled by assessors and end up fighting their cause in court. Absentee owners are especially harassed. They are perceived as the rich outsider who is inflicting additional tax burden on the locals. Yet forests don't care who owns them. Trees grow and respond on the basis of the site they grow on and the management they receive. Well managed forests on rich soils grow better than abused forest on poor sites. Society and the forest industry benefit from management regardless of who owns the resource. 480-a is unique when compared to other Real Property Tax exemptions. 480-a's uniqueness lies in the commitment to manage to standards, the yield tax on stumpage harvested, the long time periods involved in growing forest crops, and the severe penalties involved for breach or conversion. Even in comparison to agriculture, 480-a details management standards where farmers aren't committed to crops or

schedules and agricultural crops are annual rather than measured in decades. Therefore, state reimbursement is justifiable for 480-a without setting a dangerous precedent for other exemptions.

The other problem with 480-a is the means of determining the exemption. In areas with high assessments, even an 80% exemption can result in a tax that is unattractive for forestry investment. A flat tax rate of say \$3.00 per acre per year is preferable. Review every ten years for possible change based on the average stumpage/timber investment relationships could result in a stabilized forest land base and assure continued equitable taxation.

Other mechanisms are possible to protect forest land. Public acquisition of fee title or easements are effective; however, they are expensive means to protect vast acreages. Presently there is approximately 14.5 million acres of privately owned forest land. If society determines a majority of this resource should remain forest, it becomes obvious public acquisition and the employment of managers of that resource becomes very costly. Consequently, acquisition has to be targeted at special and limited parcels.

Zoning or regulation are other means to address land use. A concern with regulation is that when an owner loses freedom to use a property that owner may be entitled to compensation for that loss of freedom. This cost could equal that of an easement acquisition.

With either easement acquisition or zoning, activities may be controlled but there is no guiding force to assure an active management activity will occur. In my opinion that is what is most attractive about 480-a as a land use control. There is a definite societal benefit assured for the owner's commitment. Therefore the cost benefit ratio is high. The owner receives a tax break as an incentive to assure society land base protection and the following of sound stewardship standards. Flexibility through an amendment process allows an owner to adjust the approved management plan to economic and personal considerations.

The spinoff benefits of the managed forest act as a multiplier. It is often said that one dollar for stumpage (value of the tree standing on the

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By-Laws

New York Forest Owners Association, Inc.

Approved by Membership at April, 1987 Meeting

The New York Forest Owners Association, Inc. is incorporated under the laws of New York, with the principal office located in Boonville, Oneida County, New York.

OBJECT:

1. The Association is organized for the purpose of promoting, protecting and representing the interests of owners of forest lands in New York.

LIMITATIONS:

1. The Association shall take no part in or support the election or appointment of any candidate for political office.

MEMBERSHIP:

1. Membership shall be open to anyone in sympathy with the objectives of the Association.

2. Any person, firm, association or corporation interested in the general welfare of the forest lands of New York shall be eligible for membership. Any firm, association or corporation may acquire more than one membership and may designate an individual to represent each membership, but shall be entitled to cast only one vote. Multiple membership representatives may be changed upon written notice to the association.

3. Annual dues shall be payable on the anniversary of members joining NYFOA. Annual dues shall be determined in February by the Board of Directors.

ELECTIONS:

1. Applications for membership shall be made to the executive secretary. It shall be regarded as a guarantee on the part of the applicant of his interest in and sympathy with the purposes of the association and of his adherence, if elected, to its bylaws, rules and regulations. Election to membership shall be subject to approval of the board of directors.

2. Honorary members may be appointed by the board of directors, subject to approval by the membership.

EXPULSION:

1. Any member failing to pay association dues for three months shall be automatically dropped.

MEETINGS:

1. One annual business meeting of the association shall be held during spring within the state at a location, time and place designated by the board of directors. Notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the executive secretary to all members at least 30 days prior to such date.

2. Special meetings of the association may be called by the board of directors, or by direction of the president, or by written request of fifty (50) active members. All notices of special meetings shall specify the purpose of such meeting, and be mailed to the membership 30 days before the meeting date.

3. A quorum at membership meetings shall be 25% of the active members or 35 members, whichever is smaller.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

1. The government of the association, direction of its work and control of its property shall be vested in a board of directors consisting of no more than 17 total members. The board will consist of one member from each chapter and one member from each affiliate with the balance being members at large.

2. The members at large shall be elected by mail ballot sent to all members at least 30 days prior to the annual business membership meeting. The president shall appoint a teller who is not a member of the board or candidate for election to count mail ballots and report results to the membership. Directors will be elected on the basis of voting plurality. Directors may serve no more than six consecutive years as an elected board member.

3. Vacancies caused by death, resignation or inability of directors or officers to serve shall be filled by the board of directors until the next annual meeting. Three (3) successive unexcused absences from directors' meetings shall be interpreted as inability to serve.

OFFICERS:

1. The board of directors shall elect a president, first vice president, and second vice president, from their own number; a secretary and treasurer, who may or may not be directors. No

president may serve more than two consecutive one year terms.

2. The board may appoint an executive secretary to be the administrative officer of the association with duties to promote and carry out the objectives of this association, subject to the approval of the board. He shall advise the board in matters pertaining to the association, and shall serve as liaison with other forestry related groups, conduct the public relations of the association, aid in the formation and work of the committees, manage headquarters and maintain association records.

3. The treasurer shall furnish a surety bond at association expense in such amount as the board shall deem necessary.

4. The duties of the officers shall be such as their titles indicate, and such as required by law, and as may be assigned to them by the board.

5. The president shall preside at all meetings and perform all dues incident to his office and advise such action as may be deemed likely to increase the usefulness of the association. The vice president shall act in his absence.

6. The treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of the association deposited in its name and submit a written financial statement at the close of each fiscal year.

7. The executive secretary shall keep records of all transactions, send out notices of meetings, keep accurate minutes of such meetings, and cooperate with the other officers in transacting business of the association and assisting them in making their annual report.

8. No officer may commit the association either by writing or speaking in matters of policy or controversy without approval of the board.

9. Board of directors at any scheduled meeting may remove any officer by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total board.

COMMITTEES:

1. There shall be an executive committee of the officers of the association which may transact routine business in the interim between board meetings, subject to final approval by the board.

NYFOA Award—

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Candidates for this award may be submitted by any member of the NYFOA to the awards committee. It is anticipated that this award will be

made annually at the discretion of the NYFOA Board of Directors. Award winners have been:

Emiel Palmer	J. Lewis DuMond
Ken Eberley	Lloyd Stombeck
Helen Varian	Evelyn Stock

Dorothy Wertheimer
David H. Hanaburgh
A.W. Roberts Jr.
Howard O. Ward
Stuart & Mary Soons McCarty
Alan Knight

By-Laws—

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2. It shall be the duty of the president, with board approval, to appoint the following committees to function during the ensuing year.

Membership committee, with executive secretary as ex officio member

Public Relations committee — three members

Auditing committee — three members

Program committee — three members

Budget committee — three members

Nominating committee — three or more members

Legislative committee — three or more members

Chapter Relations/Development committee — three or more members with executive secretary ex-officio

Editorial committee — three or more members

3. The president may appoint other committees as needed or as the board desires.

HOUSE ORGAN:

1. The association shall publish at regular intervals a newsletter or other type of publication for the information, service and encouragement of its members.

2. A qualified editor shall be appointed by the president with the approval of the board. The president may dismiss the editor but only after the approval by the majority of the board.

REGIONAL AFFILIATES:

1. The board of directors may designate any regional group in New York State devoted to forestry and supporting the objective of NYFOA as a regional affiliate.

2. A prospective regional affiliate should submit a written application to the president, indicating its objectives, number of members and names of officers. The president should present the application to the NYFOA board for action.

3. When accepted as an affiliate, financial arrangements with NYFOA will be determined mutually.

CHAPTERS:

1. Any county or adjoining counties having at least 20 NYFOA members can, with a majority petitioning the board of directors, form a chapter. Upon acceptance by the board, all NYFOA members with mailing address in designated chapter region will be chapter members and the chapter will receive a monetary amount based on membership.

2. Chapters will maintain objectives and goals of association; be guided by the association's by-laws and objectives; offer services to

activities in timely manner and provide periodic financial statements.

3. Chapters will secure board approval for activities which may affect tax exempt status or liability.

4. Chapters will elect officers who will manage chapter affairs and maintain communications with the board of directors either in writing or verbally by board representatives.

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS:

1. The receipts from membership dues and other sources, when not specifically designated, shall constitute the general fund from which all association expenses shall be paid.

2. No disbursement of funds of the association in excess of fifty (\$50.00) dollars shall be made without first being approved or ordered by the board. All disbursements are to be by check, signed by the treasurer. The board may require checks to be signed by another officer of the association.

BUDGET:

1. Prior to each fiscal year, the chairman of the budget committee shall prepare a budget of anticipated

revenues and expenses which shall be submitted to the board for review and approval; before final approval by the membership at the annual meeting.

SEAL:

1. The corporation shall have no seal.

FISCAL YEAR:

1. The fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES:

1. The proceedings of the association meetings shall be governed by and conducted according to the latest revised edition of Roberts Rules of Order.

AMENDMENTS:

1. Any article or section of these by-laws may be amended, repealed or changed by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting at any annual meeting or special meeting of the association provided that notice of such proposed amendment, repeal, or change shall have been mailed to all members of the association at least 30 days prior to date of such meeting.

northeast of the hamlet of Wheeler, turn southeast onto CR 13 (Mitchellsville Rd.) through the hamlet of Mitchellsville toward Bath about one mile beyond the white church to Markham's Tree Farm with a tree farm sign and 8076 rural number.

Doing the Right Thing

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and each derives appropriate support." Although this quote is wildlife oriented I submit that it fits multiple use concepts just as well.

So what is the point? Precisely this: We as individuals and members of NYFOA have been addressing many of these problems for a long time, without very much of the aforementioned compensation. We are part of that group of NIPF's (Non-Industrial Private Forestry) owners which all the fuss is over. We are also the part of that group which has formed and supported an organization through which we have been learning about the RIGHT things to do, and have been motivated to action through sharing with each other the things we do RIGHT. We have a long ways to go, but let's not forget that we have a *Very Dedicated 27 Year Start* on problems that society as a whole is just discovering. **Let's take some real pride from those accomplishments** and then get back to our woodlots and continue to do the RIGHT THINGS RIGHT.

SPRING WOODSWALK IN BATH, NY

Small Christmas Tree operation which underlines importance of soils and microclimate in site selection, selection of strains and species and other important technology.

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The woodswalk is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with time out for lunch at Markham's Pond.

Bring your own lunch. Coffee and soft drink will be provided, and dress for it if bad weather threatens.

Steuben County — 10 a.m. May 12

DIRECTIONS: In the center of Bath turn north on Rt. 54 at the stop light next to the tourist booth, follow north one block to a "Y" where one takes a left or northerly fork onto CR 13. Follow CR 13 (called Haverling St. which runs into Mitchellsville Rd.) for about 4 miles to Markham's Tree Farm, OR, from Rt. 53, one mile

The Chapters and Affiliates

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This 75 member local organization of the people who own the land and the people who make a living from the land's bounty, cooperate in efforts to sustain both profits and pleasures in the very heart of Central New York. Through educational meetings, demonstrations, newsletters, and fellowship, this unique symbiotic example is expected to increase the opportunities for profits and enrich the environment for pleasure. Loggers, sawmillers, hunters, dealers, and owners, all make a deal.

ALLEGHENY FOOTHILLS

While the Allegheny Foothills Chapter of NYFOA wasn't officially designated, with officers in place, until August 26, 1989; the chapter had its start in March of '89 when Karen Anderson, Charlie, Marian and David Mowatt met with Bob and Helen Nagle to discuss how to organize an official chapter. Using NYFOA membership lists for the three counties (Allegheny, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua) as well as lists from other organizations that served woodlot owners, a mailing campaign was started and a meeting was set for March 18, 1989 at the Cooperative Extension in Ellicottville. About 30-35 people attended and our chapter was launched with activities set.

Woodswalks were determined to be the best method to demonstrate what a NYFOA chapter could do for members.

SOUTHERN TIER

In many ways we are all forest owners. Here in the Southern Tier we have many thousands of acres of state forest land, State Parks and County Parks which are owned by all. Also in the same area are the many

thousands of landowners with trees, some with very few on a small lot, to those of large ownership.

Even though both publicly owned and privately owned trees and woodlands need wise management, we should never get them mixed in our minds or actions. The one is publicly owned and purchased and controlled by all, the other is privately owned and should always be controlled by the landowner the same as his home or other personal property.

Membership comes from Broome, Cortland and Chenango Counties.

Goals:

1. To gain public recognition, understanding and support for the private woodland and forest owners of the Southern Tier.

2. To increase public knowledge of the role of private woodland and forest in meeting the needs of the Southern Tier for wood, lumber, paper products, good water, wildlife and recreation.

3. To teach, support and implement woodland and forest management practices beneficial to the owner and all society.

WESTERN FINGER LAKES

The Western Finger Lakes Chapter of NYFOA was fourth in a continuing increase of local chapters. It began with the formation of a Steering committee in June 1988 and held its first general meeting in November of that same year. The chapter initially included all NYFOA members in the counties of Monroe, Livingston and Ontario which numbered about 65 at that time. Later, four members were added from Yates and the chapter now serves a four county area in addition to NYFOA members from Steuben who have attended and

participated in several general meetings.

WFL has a large contingency of absentee landlords and tries to tailor most meeting topics to be of interest to that group. Speakers have been drawn from Academia, Industry, Government and within the chapter. Topics have been directed toward woodlot management for the enhancement of wildlife, timber, recreation and economic return. Talks on the American Chestnut Foundation and a Forestry Tour of Europe and Scandinavia have also been presented. This chapter has had the benefit of a well known outdoor writer, Floyd King, whose articles have made many people aware of the Chapter and its general meetings. This, along with an aggressive

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The Catskill Forest Association, Inc. (CFA) is a not-for-profit, member-supported association of individuals interested in natural resource conservation, environmental protection and forest management in the Catskill Mountains of southeastern New York. The geographical area served by CFA includes the six New York counties of Delaware, Greene, Otsego, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster. CFA was established in 1981 by the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development in response to the many issues surrounding the practice of forestry in the Catskill region and to promote better forest management. It incorporated separately in 1982.

Eighty-one percent of New York State's forest resources are owned by private, nonindustrial landowners. Poor harvesting practices in the past have had a tremendous impact on forest quality and health, so many of the region's forests are in extremely poor condition. Most stands are overstocked with small-diameter, low-quality trees that will not produce commercial quality wood products if left unmanaged. Better utilization of excess supplies of this low-grade wood offer an opportunity to the forest products industry.

CFA functions as a guide and advocate to members by providing appropriate information, advice and referrals. CFA also provides quality educational services and forest management programs needed to undertake long-term forest management projects. CFA's educational services give members the knowledge and ability they need to become capable managers of their own woodlands. Members of CFA gain access to complete forest and land management services and join with others in promoting better forest management throughout the region.

CFA's emphasis on timber stand improvement (TSI) makes it unique from other resource organizations.

TIOGA

The chapter was organized by Howard O. Ward in 1986, with considerable urging and help from Dean Frost of Whitney Point. The chapter originally covered only those NYFOA members from Tioga county but by action of the NYFOA Board of

Directors it has since been expanded to cover four counties — Tioga, Tompkins, Chemung and Schuyler. NYFOA membership by county is, respectively, 33, 19, 23, 8.

Chapter activity has been relatively minor for the past year but it is anticipated to increase in 1990.

THRIFT AFFILIATE

THRIFT began as a temporary forest advisory committee to the Tug Hill Commission. Those involved soon realized the potential benefits of forming a separate organization for those intimately connected with Tug Hill and with an interest in its future. The Commission still provides funding and some support services.

THRIFT is an acronym for Tug Hill Resources — Investment For

Tomorrow, and the group's emphasis has always been on the broad range of the area's resources including, but not limited to forests.

About four years ago, we began a process of affiliating with NYFOA, merging our membership rolls and sharing our dues. THRIFT became the local expression of NYFOA in the Tug Hill Region, which covers Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida and Oswego Counties.

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publicity campaign has been responsible for an increase from 70 members to 130 in just eighteen months. The chapter has also had exceptional facilities support from the Monroe County Cooperative Extension Service.

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New York's Forest Stewardship Program

The U.S. Forest Service is administering a new Stewardship Initiative for increasing management planning on non-industrial private forest land and for increasing the educational and outreach efforts to the general public on stewardship and its need. At the state level, the federally allocated funds will be administered through the state forester, who is the Director of Division of Lands and Forests, New York Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). An advisory stewardship committee comprised of several, diverse organizations, including NYFOA, is assisting the State Forester in New York's implementation.

New York's general mission statement and the goals for the stewardship project demonstrate the integrated nature of stewardship and its importance to the land ethic of New York.

The Stewardship mission is to protect, perpetuate and enhance forest values through planned management of forest land in New York. Recognition, education, stimulated action and technical assistance will benefit a variety of forest values, including green space, endangered species and unique forest

communities, water quality and supply, recreational opportunities, wood products, fish and wildlife habitats, and clean air.

The overall goals of this program are twofold: 1) to heighten the general public and landowner awareness of the need for a stewardship ethic in relation to land use, and positively influence their land use attitudes, and 2) to influence their positive behavior in regard to land use — their practice of good stewardship.

New York's forest resource is impressive, 18½ million acres of forest land, 13½ million owned by 500,000 private non-industrial landowners. The state has almost 3 million acres of forest preserve. Its forest industry generates 4 billion dollars, and upstate tourism 9 billion dollars. There are 70,000 miles of streams and rivers, 3.4 million acres of lakes and ponds. Unique habitats support over 600 rare plant species and 200 rare vertebrate species. Stewardship management for this vast resource will insure future generations a continue supply of all the resources associated with the forest.

The State Forester is allocating the anticipated \$180,000 federal grant in 1990 to a variety of organizations to

accomplish specific action items. Public outreach of the stewardship message will be enhanced through: the development of brochures, cover folder, video, tours, workshops, and direct mailings. Exhibits on stewardship and global warming and a marketing campaign will also inform the public. Educational efforts will include the development of two new curriculums, urban woodlands and forest ecosystems, and Project Learning Tree (PLT) sponsorship. A landowner forestry handbook and an insect and disease handbook will be developed. NYFOA is receiving assistance in producing a special edition of the "Forest Owner" and to develop a concise newsletter for a target audience.

Other projects to be funded include: professional training for resource professionals, an old growth forest inventory and its corresponding management planning, and local land use planning. Grants will also be awarded for the construction of a boardwalk at a tidal wetland unique area, and to have two demonstration areas on "green waterways."

Budgets and projects have been preliminary outlined for the anticipated 1 million dollar federal funding for the years 1991 through 1994. A variety of organizations will continue to receive funding; in addition, some funds will be utilized for DEC personal service. The national goal is to place 25 million acres under management planning, New York's share is 1.2 million acres.

New York's advisory stewardship committee will continue to meet and provide guidance as the State's plan is integrated with the whole forest community. Accomplishments and revisions to the stewardship plan will be outlined in an annual report to the forest service.

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NYFOA Selected to Publish Newsletter on Stewardship

As you have read in the enclosed article, "New York's Forest Stewardship Program", NYFOA participated on the committee to help structure that program and has also been selected by the committee to publish and circulate information pertinent to the Stewardship theme. We intend to meet that commitment in two ways.

First, by emphasizing the new role of Stewardship in this current issue of the "Forest Owner" and expanding its circulation well beyond the usual NYFOA membership listing. For those of you who are not NYFOA members this issue comes to you with the compliments of the New York Stewardship Committee and the New York Forest Owners Association. We hope you find it of value for its informational content and have a look at what the "New York Forest Owners" organization represents.

Second, NYFOA will be publishing a single page quarterly Newsletter highlighting activities, opportunities and specific information pertinent to the Stewardship Program across New York State and the Nation. The

purpose is to provide a timely periodic reminder to woodland owners and woodland users of the various ways and Means available to improve the value of forested lands.

The Newsletter will be free of charge and have a circulation broad enough to reach all interested people. The first issue will appear in either the 3rd or 4th quarter of 1990. Anyone receiving this issue of the "Forest Owner" will most likely be on the Newsletter mailing list, but if you know of anyone else who would be interested please ask them to send their name and address to:

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WHAT IS IT?

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Earth Day is a celebration of our dependence on the environment to ultimately sustain the health and happiness of humanity. It sees the environment as a world or global community, consisting of rock, soil,

The concept of Earth Day sees man as just one component of a global community.

 air, water, plants and animals, with man being just one component. It recognizes that the actions of any one component can interact with others of the community in either adverse or beneficial ways.

Earth Day is a time to reflect on how man has treated the natural environment, the global community. We know the examples of damage and neglect, world-wide. Most of us can see some carelessness in our own towns, resulting in damage to natural resources. The accumulative effect of environmental degradation eventually creates a supply problem for man, animals and plants — lack of clean air, water, and productive soils. The imperative for change has been forcibly demonstrated by sick, dying or dead plants and animals, including man, attempting to exist in these altered environments.

Earth Day was proposed by Senator Nelson of Wisconsin and initially observed on April 22, 1970. His objective was “. . . to thrust the issue of environmental quality and resource conservation into the political dialogue of the Nation . . . to show the



The environmental integrity of this logged hardwood stand is maintained, and it has provided many needs, including recreation, deer browse, water and wood products.

political leadership . . . there was broad and deep support for the environmental movement.” The response was overwhelming with an estimated 25 million Americans participating coast-to-coast. Largely due to this strong commitment, the decade of the 70’s established the legislation and enacted the laws necessary for basic protection of our environment, including the Clean Air Act, Water Quality Improvement Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Endangered Species Act and the National Environmental Policy Act, to name a few.

This gave many States the impetus to establish their own policies and acts for safeguarding the environment. A basic problem is implementing these laws — applying them to each affected site or area to correct, reduce or prevent resource degradation. This is where we can help — let’s begin now, and emphasize our message through the week of observance for Earth Day 1990, April 22 - 29.

If we are to have a positive impact, Earth Day should be every day.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

We can begin by supporting the environmental laws and

environmentally conscious politicians. To take direct action ourselves, we will have to change some habits, performing or reacting a little differently on various home and job activities, such as:

- * conserving water and electricity
- * adapting a recycling system for refuse
- * properly disposing of chemicals and petrols
- * gardening and composting
- * utilizing solar energy and planting windbreaks.

With a little effort and forethought, our collective action can be significant.

Initiating proper practices on our forest lands will require more effort and greater costs. The standard logging job on the average woodlot will be improved when we:

* only allow it with a forester-approved silviculture/management plan

* landowners and foresters embrace a land ethic which considers soil, water and residual stand values as important as the harvested product

* enforce a logging contract that specifies required protection for all skid trails, as well as the main haul road (see Nov-Dec. 89 issue).

EARTH DAY 1990 AND BEYOND

Fundamental to the success of the environmental movement is individual participation inspired by a true compassion for the land and each other, world-wide. Eventually this ethic must pervade the thinking of self-interest groups such as preservationists, conservationists and corporate industrialists. In the future, we need people who see value in all the needs the forests can provide, from wilderness enjoyment to wood production. We need people who will honestly examine and understand opposing concepts and concerns in order to seek and reach common ground. We need a consensus among opposing groups to truly achieve proper management and preservation of our great forest resources.

Earth Day 1990 should foster communication among opposing forest-interest groups to achieve altruistic forest use by consensus into the 21st Century.

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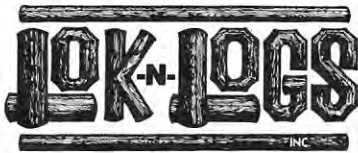


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stump) yields \$20 to \$25 in the marketplace. Perhaps there is a similar value added concept applicable to the managed forest for air, water, wildlife, aesthetic, and recreational values. Some of those values may be impossible to accurately assess. How much more effective is a vigorous forest as a carbon dioxide sink than an old growth stagnant one? The answer lies in virtually thousands of variables based on site, species composition, time of year, etc. But no one will argue the forest is a better filter than a parking lot. Similar questions can be posed of any of the forest attributes. The bottom line, environmentally speaking, is forest land use is a desirable land use. And, if you are going to own forest land, managing that land is the best ownership option.

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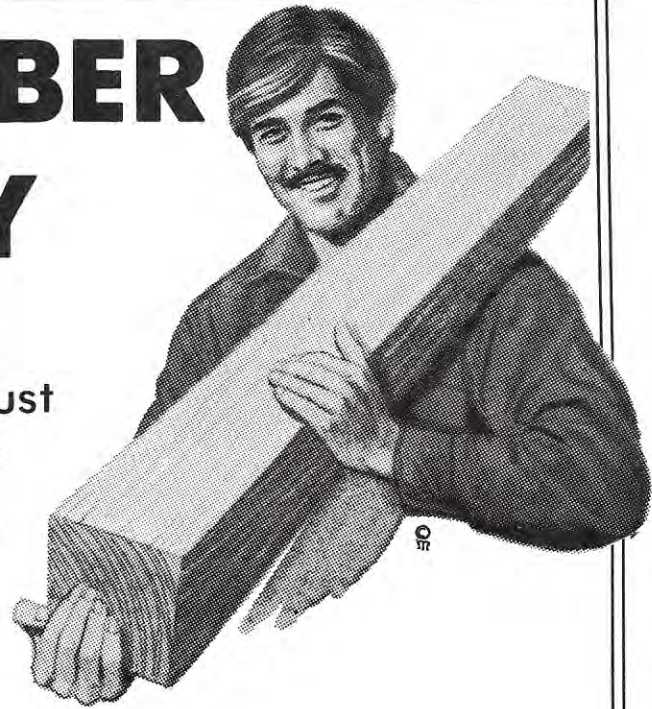
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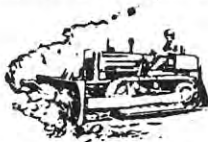
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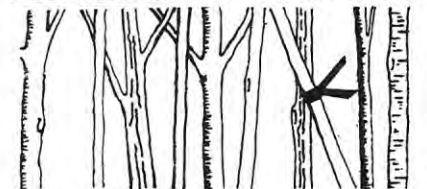
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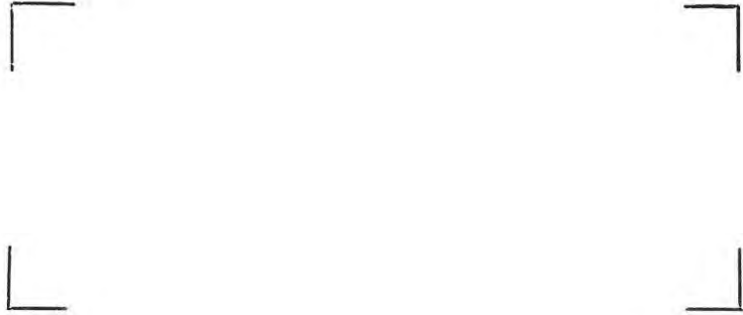
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