



FOREST OWNER

- the voice of 255,000 forest owners in New York
- representing an ownership of 11 million acres

Mrs. Luella Palmer, Membership Secretary, says of the 300 certified tree farmers in New York State, 86 or about 29% are members of NYFOA. Do you know a certified tree farmer who is not a member? How about getting him to join with us? Don't you think every tree farmer should be a NYFOA member?

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To You: Happy Holidays

CRANDALL MELVIN, JR. NYFOA
FINANCE CHAIRMAN

1966 - A 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF TREE FARM MOVEMENT

It is with considerable pleasure that we announce the acceptance of Crandall Melvin, Jr., age 38 as Chairman of our important NYFOA Committee on Finance.

Crandall is a graduate of Syracuse University College of Law. He has been active in a number of community affairs and in fund raising efforts.

For the City of Syracuse he has served as Director on the Mayor's Commission on Youth; on the Community Chest in planning and as assistant treasurer. He is immediate past President of Dunbar Association.

For Syracuse University he was active in raising funds for the new Field House, is presently working on furthering the Syracuse Law Library and is a member of the Board of Visitors at Syracuse College of Law.

As a representative of the well known Citizens Foundation, he has spoken extensively in the Syracuse Metropolitan area with the purpose of acquainting the Syracuse School System and other schools with local business and government. He has participated in a Government Forum and Seminar on Political Procedures and problems of local government instituted by the Citizens Foundation.

Crandall is Past President of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Syracuse Chamber of Commerce. In the Rotary Club of (continued on page 4)

In a letter to Tree Farmers across the nation Charles A. Gillette, Managing Director, American Forest Products Industries, Washington, D. C. said "Tree Farming is a conspicuously American way of doing things. A generation ago, this nation faced a timber famine. A good many factors have helped reverse this trend, and tree farming has been one of the leading factors. Without government subsidy or edict, tree farming has quietly followed a bold blueprint to meet the nation's need for wood and wood products."

Then after several paragraphs referring to the patriotic side of tree farming, and the opportunity for developing recreational programs to meet "a public responsibility" the Managing Director takes an optimistic view of "the future market of the tree farmers' product," warns against over extension of government land acquisition and concludes by saying "Tree farmers are good stewards of the renewable natural land resources of the nation. Let them remain so, and AFPI will continue to champion their cause."

As many now know, the tree farm movement started in the West in 1941 with the Weyerhaeuser owned Clemons tree farm near Montesano in Washington dedicated as Tree Farm No. 1.

By coincidence the man who first coined the phrase "tree farm" in print was a fraternity brother of your editor, a journalist by profession and publisher of a Montesano newspaper. His name, Chapin Collins. The term "tree farm" caught on because it gave laymen an understanding better than the professional forester's term "sustained yield forestry."

The tree farm movement has served to generate across the nation, an extraordinary amount of public and down to earth layman's interest in the subject of forestry. It has served to dramatize the possibilities of private forestry enterprises and private forest industry, demonstrating an alternative to government ownership and government regulation practiced in many countries around the world.

The spirit of the tree farm movement has served to awaken an increasing number of private forest land owners to their responsibilities as stewards of forest land and that "ownership", over a long view, is always temporary as far as individuals are concerned.

In the opinion of this editor, America is in great need of this quality of citizenship. We are proud at present to have among our NYFOA members, 86 certified tree farmers. We hope that number is going to grow significantly. Giving support to the tree farm movement in New York State, is one of the main reasons for our existence.

WE ARE DELIGHTED!

Mrs. Gustav Schwab
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November 5, 1966

Forest Owner

Dear Sir:

May I congratulate you upon the very attractive new masthead for "Forest Owner?" It is charming! I have just read, with much pleasure "Forest Owner" for October. I am much interested in forest land around Salisbury, Conn. which you mention. Second, I was at Lake Mohonk last summer and was delighted to hear from Mr. Smiley that some member of a publishing co. relating to forestry had been there.

With best wishes for every success,
Sincerely yours,
(signed) Alice C. Schwab

OUR PLEASURE!

Hudson River Valley Commission
Bruce Howlett
Associate Executive Director
Iona Island
Bear Mountain, N.Y. 10911

November 7, 1966

Dear Mr. Carlson,

Mr. Howlett, as well as other members of his staff, were truly interested in the copies of "Forest Owner" sent with your letter of November 1.

It is our pleasure to add your name, as well as that of the Association, to our mailing list for forthcoming issues of the Newsletter and other publications of this Commission.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Ethel L. Phillips
Secretary to Bruce Howlett

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LANDOWNERS REQUEST TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

During the past three fiscal years, the Soil Conservation Service gave technical assistance to more than 13,500 rural landowners to develop one or more recreation areas on their land.

About 2,700 of these landowners plan to shift to recreation as their main source of income.

IN PRAISE OF TREE FARMS

A husband-wife team of authors have reviewed the history of Tree Farms in a newly published book Tree Farms - Harvest for the Future by Dorothy and Joseph Dowdell of Sacramento, Calif.

The 25 year history of Tree Farming has brought a turning point in American Forestry according to the authors, transforming America from a nation of declining timber reserves to a nation of growing timber resources. There are now nearly 30,000 Tree Farmers managing nearly 67 million acres of tax paying timberland across the nation.

"All across America, tree farmers are bringing life and beauty to the land," say the Dowdells. "Each tree farmer is doing far more than just raising a crop; he is creating a complex community--a forest.

"A Forest has many values. It is a storehouse of raw material to the manufacturer, a watershed to the surrounding land, a place to hunt and fish to the sportsman, a calling to the forester, a source of tax revenue to the community, a region for free recreation to the young family, a refuge for wildlife, a haven of serenity to all who enter.

"The young forests that the tree farmers are now caring for will provide the material for products not yet invented for people still unborn."

(Source: Brainerd Daily Dispatch
May 17, 1966)

PRESIDENT'S TELEGRAM AT RE- DEDICATION OF FIRST TREE FARM MONTESANO, WASHINGTON MAY 1966

"The majesty of America rises in large measure from its abundant resources, and these must be cultivated as they are conserved to fulfill our human and material needs. As the farming of trees enhances one of our greatest natural possessions, it serves the interests of the nation. I send best wishes to all of you who are determined to perpetuate our forest resources. - Lyndon B. Johnson"

Members help NYFOA to grow.

FOREST SERVICE CAMPGROUNDS

In 1965 Forest Service campgrounds, picnic areas, and other facilities were expanded to accommodate 419,179 persons at one time--about 30,000 more than previously.

NEED TO PLAN FOR FOREST USE

(Editor's Note: John was one of the speakers at our 4th Fall Meeting Luncheon October 1, at Delhi Tech, Delhi, N. Y. Here he emphasizes that NYFOA members need to alert to land use planning going on in their area.)

Dear Mr. Carlson:

There is one impression which you apparently were left with that I would like to correct if possible and in further discussions with the members of the Association you might pass the word along. The point is this. While we feel that a good deal of land is unsuited for urbanizing development because of topography and other natural characteristics, it is just this land that may be most suited for forestry and associated activities. We believe, therefore, it is just as important to discourage urbanizing development in areas which are not suited for it but which are suited for forestry as it is to exercise any other form of land use control. In essence, I think we have come to a positive approach in zoning in that we try to determine what a given area of land is best suited for and then we try to arrange the land use controls so as to encourage this type of development and discourage others which might tend to interfere with the best use. This, I think, applies equally to residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, forest or any other form of land use.

This is the sort of thing I wanted to convey at our meeting and if I did not I failed to outline that which I think is the principal reason why members of the New York Forest Owners Association might be interested in what the planning boards of the Town and Village of Delhi or any other planning boards, for that matter, might be doing.

Very truly yours,

SARGENT-WEBSTER-CRENSHAW &
FOLLEY
Architects, Engineers, Planners

John V. Vatec
Director of Planning

STATES WITH LARGEST FOREST ACREAGE

In the continental United States, California has 42,500,000 acres; Oregon 30,700,000 acres; Georgia 26,400,000 acres and Texas 23,900,000.

PROGRESS!

"Over the past two and a half decades we have seen more progress in forestry in the United States than over all the preceding two centuries. This was made possible by the fine cooperation between private, state, and federal agencies, the forestry schools, and the many conservation organizations which have supported and fostered better forest practices on all forest lands regardless of their ownership.

"We look forward to even greater progress in the next 25 years for only with continued cooperation and sustained effort can we hope to meet the nation's growing needs for wood products, water, wildlife and outdoor recreation."

(Source: American Forest Products Industries, Inc. Nov. 8, 1966)

TAX ESCALATION FORCES

Tax escalation forcing agricultural land out of production continues to be of concern. Latest state to consider assessing farm and forest land on its present use is Washington, where the State Grange is proposing a constitutional amendment.

The problem occurs where expanding industrial and residential development raises the value of adjoining land--and consequently the tax burden on those lands. Where farm land is involved, owners frequently find it necessary to sell out because the agricultural operation is uneconomic at such high tax levels.

A. Lars Nelson, Master of the Washington Grange, says this has "resulted in vast areas of good farm land around our cities, taking good land out of production, and forcing it into speculative hands." The Grange proposes assessment of agricultural and forest land on the basis of its current usage. Three years of back taxes assessed on the full market value would be collected if the land were diverted to other uses.

A similar constitutional amendment is being considered by the voters in Texas.

(Source: Nat. Ass. Soil & Water Cons. Dist. Nov. 8, 1966)

PAPER PROGRESS

Paper walls are just one of the many revolutionary new uses for paper. There are more than 12,000 kinds of paper and 100,000 uses for them.

4TH FALL MEETING - CONCLUDES AT DELHI TECH

Arriving a half hour late at the campus of the two years State -University Agricultural and Technical College at Delhi where several new buildings signified a vital and expanding educational institution, NYFOA members completed their 90 mile tour of the Catskills which had started that morning at Mohonk Mountain House, Saturday October 1.

With anticipation of a savory luncheon, head table guests were greeted and guided by Henry S. Kernan, member of NYFOA arrangement committee and soon 90 persons were being expertly served by some 15 smartly red uniformed Delhi Tech students in the Hotel, Motel and Resort Management course. They carried out with finesse, their catering under the watchful eye of an instructor - a former French chef. The dining room was colorful with generous use of table autumn decorations, and huge picture windows behind an "L" shaped head table, let in a Delaware County autumn scene of flaming maple mingled with evergreens on nearby and distant hills.

The menu was tops, the food served piping hot and Delhi Tech students demonstrated their excellence in performance and spirit.

With characteristic care NYFOA Second Vice President Arthur E. Rasmussen served expertly as MC, first presenting President Hanaburgh, other NYFOA officers and guests at the head table and then in turn introduced guest speakers leading off with Dr. William R. Kunsela, Delhi Tech President who at once established rapport with his reference to early woods experience in the use of a crosscut saw and balky horses. Dr. Kunsela in "Some Random Thoughts in Developing Natural Resources for the Catskill Area" likened the Catskill area to Bavaria, Germany, with similar people, streams, and hills. He cited the great appeal of the Catskills to the 1/3 of the nation's population between Baltimore and Boston. Regarding needs of the Catskill area, Dr. Kunsela expressed concern with water pollution, water supply, and improved roads for smaller towns.

To meet future needs of the Catskill area, Delhi Tech is working to supply low cost education opportunity for some 4500 people who may be trained in such skills as plumbing, carpentry and baking. Presently Delhi Tech is accepting some 700 high school graduates each year out of 2200 who apply. Special 2 year courses such as business with 450 students, construction with 250, and Hotel Management with 250 students - provide high quality education at low cost of \$2,000 per student.

Viewing the total natural resources of the Catskill area, and the means for fuller utilization of forests, water and recreation, Dr. Kunsela remarked, "Few people are being turned out, trained for the overall development of the natural resources of an area." He added that "carry over sports" such as hunting, fishing and skiing are being taught at Delhi.

Art Rasmussen then presented John J. Vatet, Director for Planning, Sargent, Webster, Crenshaw & Folley, well known architectural and planning firm of Syracuse, who discussed "Progress Report on Planning: Village and Town of Delhi." John pointed out that power for planning lies within local groups.

Towns have the power to determine the pattern of development. Central to planning is always the question of what is the best use of land in any one area. He said that land is limited and that Delaware County may be "filled up" by 1985 or 1990. Because of topography, a good deal of land with 15% or more of slope is unsuited to home sites.

The love for the outdoors, for rural living, is bringing new people to Delaware County. Natural beauty concern brings with it responsibility to preserve or conserve natural resources.

Art Rasmussen who is also Vice President of Delaware County Conservation Association then introduced Maurice G. Postley, President, Delaware County Conservation Association, a journalist of many talents who after service in a wide range of responsible experience in several assignments in New York City "retired" to Franklin, Delaware County, to find himself challenged and stimulated by conservation needs of the area and presently an effective catalyst to crystalize new land owners and long time residents into a new and active participation in fish pond building, tree planting, forest improvement, soil and water conservation. Maurice, after saying he was going to be brief, likening his talk to the final act in a three ring circus, decried the apathy, the lethargy, that has retarded conservation progress. Then he rapidly re-

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Syracuse he has served on the Program Committee, Membership Committee and Community Service Committee. He is Treasurer of the Onondaga Historical Association; since 1960 has been Treasurer of the Sons of the American Revolution. He is a trustee and attorney for the Liverpool Methodist Church.

As an active Republican he is a Director and Treasurer of the Republican Citizens Committee and helped to organize and became first president of the Young Republicans.

For the Girl Scouts he serves as attorney for the Central New York Girl Scout Council, and for the Boy Scouts is Sustaining Membership Chairman for the Oneida District. In 1963 he was active in getting underway the drive for the Dunbar-Huntington Building Fund and served as campaign chairman of fund drive for Onondaga Chapter, Association for Help of Retarded Children.

Crandall Melvin, Jr. is a Director of Companion Life Insurance Company; Director of Diefendorf Gear Company; Director of The Merchants National Bank and Trust Company of Syracuse.

He is a member of the Onondaga County Bar Association, American Bar Association and Banking Law Section of the New York Bar Association.

BARK AND CHIPS

A method of making a building material containing about 50 percent bark or wood chips has been tested by the Swedish Institute for Materials Testing.

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4TH FALL MEETING - OCTOBER 1, 1966

viewed the objectives of the Delaware County Conservation Association. It was a lively and timely final touch to the tour and luncheon which concluded the 4th Annual Fall Meeting of the NYFOA.

Our thanks to Norman Richards, Chairman of Arrangements, with assistance of Bill Fraser, Henry Kernan, Mrs. Pederson and Dan Smiley.

Our thanks likewise to John Ridings, Chairman of Program Committee, and his helpers: Art Rasmussen, Norm Richards, Gerry Stairs, and Henry Williams.

Our thanks also to all the capable and talented speakers and to Luella Palmer's Committee on Registration including Renee Doster, Jeanne Miller, Gladys Najer and Katey Smith.

Our Annual Fall Meetings have been great occasions! Plan to attend the next one!

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RE: NYCTGA SIZE AND RELATION TO NYFOA

A number of our NYFOA members also belong to another organization concerned with trees. We refer to the New York Christmas Tree Growers Association, Inc. Robert J. Ulery, Editor of The Bulletin published quarterly by the NYCTGA is also a NYFOA member. Responding to our question as to the size of NYCTGA he wrote:

"The New York Christmas Tree Growers Association during 1966 has the second largest membership of any similar association in the United States. New York has 297 member growers exceeded only by Michigan which has 298 growers.

"Our increase in dues a few years ago to \$15.00 per year served to reduce our membership somewhat, but we feel the dedication of the present group is greater and the activity which can be supported is stronger than previously."

NYCTGA (cont'd)

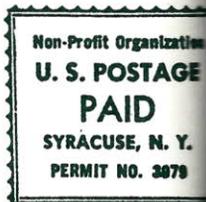
Claude Heit of 15 Lyceum Street, Geneva is acting president. Among their other officers and directors also members of NYFOA are: Roger R. Abell, Secretary-Treasurer, Clarence; Forest Allen, Wellsville; Richard Downey, Lowville; Kenneth Eberley, Whitesboro; Robert Westfall, East Otto, and Francis M. Wroblewski.

Very cordial relations exist between the two associations. Mr. Ulery has already called attention to NYFOA in The Bulletin. We are pleased to suggest that NYFOA members with special interest in growing Christmas trees may find the NYCTGA a valuable source of information and contacts and wish to become a member. For further information write Francis M. Wroblewski, Executive Secretary, New York Christmas Tree Growers Association, Inc., 753 Doat Street, Buffalo, New York 14211. Mr. Wroblewski is a charter member of NYFOA.

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