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From The President's Chair

Dear Friends,

The goal of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin is to encourage research and the publication of the history of Wisconsin's logging history and maintain

FHAW archives at UWSP.

To that end, FHAW has been working to preserve our archival information at the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point Library. Our archives have been inventoried and reviewed with the generous assistance of the Wisconsin Historical Society, of which FHAW is a WHS Affiliate. It is a long term commitment of FHAW to continue our support of the UWSP Archive Foundation to maintain our records and add collections in cooperation with them when appropriate information is donated to the UWSP Library.

Research is always ongoing with FHAW members. Correspondence often takes place between FHAW members to continue research. Brad Pagel, a speaker last Fall in Park Falls is working on the Flambeau Flowage, but is also answering inquiries about the Dells and Northern Railroad, We are anxious to hear the outcome! I have been asked where the equipment for the Connor Lumber and Land Company sawmill in Laona originated from Bob Rusch, who I met this past Summer in Laona. We are working on it!!

Leading by example and contributing to the literature on Wisconsin forest history, I am pleased to say that Wisconsin's Flying Trees in World War II: A Victory for American Forest Products and Allied Aviation is being released by The History Press, Charleston, S.C. on February 18, 2014. It is available at Wisconsinflyingtrees.com and electronically at Barnes and Noble or Amazon.com. The nationwide travelling exhibit spawned over 175,000 viewers and was recently written about by EAA with a story of the women splicing veneer in the horse barn during WWII. (EAA, September, 2014). The book tells the civilian side of Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan providing lumber products in the face of shortages of labor, equipment, and government restrictions. The book tells the amazing story of the de Havilland Mosquito, Troop Carrier Gliders, and even the Spruce

Goose with hardwoods from Wisconsin. I hope that you enjoy the story. My thanks to Miles Benson for encouragement and answering so many of my questions!

The 2014 FHAW Fixmer Award is being awarded to Dr. Severeid at the WDNR Hixon Reserve in LaCrosse for his implementation and preservation of historic forest lands with a focus on forest silvicultural history. Congratulations, Dr. Severeid!

FHAW members are working hard on the 2014 conference in Goodman. R.B. Goodman was a longtime leader in the industry serving on the initial Governor's Council on Forestry. He was responsible for implementing sustained-yield forest management in Wisconsin. The Goodman community was designed by Burnham and Root, Chicago architects, who were responsible for the famous Chicago Exposition. We hope everyone will join us to hear about Goodman's storied forest history! Information will be on the FHAW website, so wonderfully maintained by Dan Giese!

Don Schnitzler has created our new electronic newsletter to keep everyone up on forest history news and events in Wisconsin. David Peschau has created a PR database so that we can better reach local audiences. Your Board is working hard on projects to expand our membership. Give FHAW Memberships for Valentine's Day and Birthdays!

Sincerely,

Sara

City Tree Champions From All Over Lauded for Outstanding Service to Their Neighbors

MADISON -- They hail from Fond du Lac, Sparta, Mequon, Stevens Point and Milwaukee. Their selfless work has brought economic, environmental and social benefits to their neighbors - and it all started with the trees up the street.

Every year about this time, the Wisconsin Urban Forestry Council honors citizens, groups and communities for their hard work making sure there are healthy, thriving trees that can make a community unique and special.

Jeff Treu, chair of the council's award committee, says these local leaders take it upon themselves to care for a resource that many take for granted.

"Trees are beautiful, and knowing that, residents miss a tree when it is removed for reasons of health or safety. In addition to aesthetics, trees contribute to our health and well-being," Treu says. "These awards honor those who appreciate not only the beauty of trees, but in addition, how they help clean air, hold soil in place, increase property values, help manage storm water, and promote sustainability in our urban forest -- the forest where we live.

"Well-managed trees pay back to their home communities three-times the cost to plant and to maintain them," Treu says. "It must be noted that the work of these people, many of whom are volunteers, help their neighbors in economic ways as well."

In times of limited budgets, these award winners have helped stretch those limited dollars with volunteer labor and savings by keeping valuable resources from going into landfills. These savings have been plowed back into the community's urban forests that line streets, fill city parks and grace lawns.

The Wisconsin Urban Forestry Council waded through many worthy nominations and selected the following for the five awards that reflect their efforts in 2013. The awards were announced at the 2014 Wisconsin Arborist Association/DNR conference in Green Bay this January and will be presented in their individual communities at special events.

Distinguished Service: The winner is Laura DeGolier of Fond du Lac. Laura logged many hours of volunteer work and leadership in maintaining the Greenway Arboretum and its hundreds of trees. She also was key with the recruiting and coordinating of other volunteers while always being the tireless volunteer advocate for natural resources including invasive species removal, water sampling, landscape and trail maintenance at two city parks, and spearheading the city's efforts to become a Bird City Wisconsin.

Project Partnership. There are two winners this year. They are: Sparta High School Earth Club which partnered with Century Foods International of Sparta, the City of Sparta, Polar Bears International and Milwaukee County Zoo for award-winning projects combined recycling, grants, and old fashioned fundraising to benefit the City of Sparta's forestry program. The group's efforts resulted in a long-term partnership project that has resulted in a healthier and more diverse urban forest. It has had tremendous impact on the community's trees to the tune of approximately \$23,000 over 10 years.

Menasha and CN for the "30 for 30 Partnership Project. While celebrating 30 years as a Tree City USA, the city, CN (Canadian National Railroad) and numerous volunteer groups teamed up to improve the long-term health and diversity of the urban forest, provide education and promote community ownership of the trees. As a result, 240 trees were planted 30 in each of the City's aldermanic districts and more than 100 volunteers participated.

Innovation: This award recognizes the creativity, commitment and success of urban forestry efforts. There also are two winners in this category. They are:

Bob Wesp, Dwayne Sperber and City of Milwaukee for Urban Wood Utilization. Urban Wood Utilization is taking on a higher profile for several reasons. Promoting the best use of what has been called wood waste in the past is becoming more crucial with time and this team has been innovative and working hard at developing a market for urban wood resulting from necessary tree removals. It has resulted in less wood going into landfills and a higher use of our urban resources.

Mequon Nature Preserve Reforestation Program. This program involves planting thousands of trees, invasive species removal, new walking trails, and an environmental science program. Goals include restoring forest canopy, contributing to research, addressing environmental concerns, and increasing biodiversity of an urban forest. The Mequon Nature Preserve serves more than one million people who live throughout the metropolitan Milwaukee area.

Lifetime Achievement: Todd Ernster is the City Forester for the City of Stevens Point where he has worked for the past 25 years. Todd worked his way up through the ranks from arborist after graduating from University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. He has continued a fine tradition of Tree City USA accomplishments. Responsible for authoring the city's specifications for protecting trees during construction activities, he has also developed brochures, signage on busses, website information, provided information to newspapers, the Park Board and the Common Council.

Interested in previous winners? Have ideas for nominees? The deadline for 2014 nominees is December 30. However, you can nominate your tree champions any time. Learn more by searching the DNR website for Wisconsin Urban Forestry Council.

How Logging Has Changed In the Last 150 Years

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From the Newspaper Archives



Passing Of The Pines In The Chippewa Valley

(continued from Chips and Sawdust, Volume 38, No. 3)

In New Projects at 80

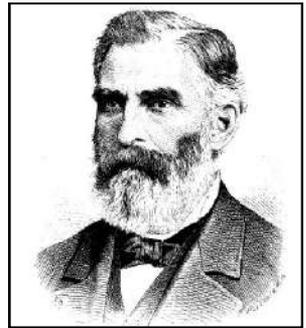
Anxious to get into business for himself and becoming interested in the reports of virgin pine timber in northern Wisconsin he gave his employers due notice and a few months later went west, taking with him as partner Donald Kennedy, a young Scotch engineer.

No other two men in the valley were so well fitted to build up a successful lumbering business as were these two, and they did succeed. When after about 15 years the company incorporated as the Empire Lumber Co., Mr. Kennedy withdrew. Mr.

Ingram, even when well past 80, continued to push out into new enterprises. He had the rare faculty of being able to choose his subordinates wisely, and was able to handle his great and manifold business interests with less fuss and worry than some men would have done in running a threshing crew.

Gilbert E. Porter began his lumbering career as an employee of Chapman & Thorp, then became a newspaper editor a few years, returning to the lumbering game by purchasing a small sawmill, of which he made a success.

Like Mr. Porter, D.R. Moon had come to the valley in the fifties, but it was not until in the sixties that he joined forces with him. The business was incorporated as the Northwestern Lumber Co., which grew into an immense institution with great wealth.

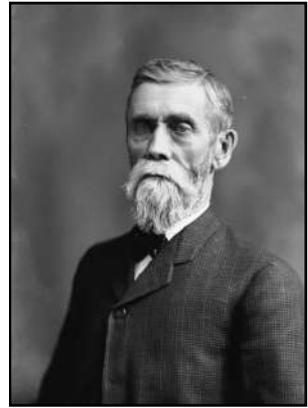


*Orrin H. Ingram
(1831-1909)*



*Gilbert E. Porter
(1828-1880)*

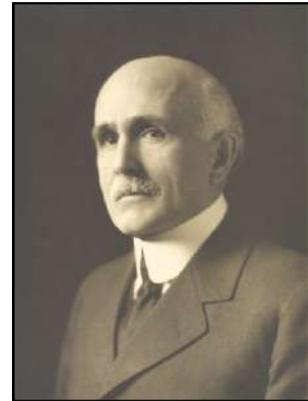
Edward Rutledge was a Chippewa Falls man. He was without means and had a hard struggle. His capability as a logger and his knowledge of timber lands, combined with his restless energy, attracted the attention of Frederick Weyerhaeuser, with mutual advantage. He left a large estate, most of which was bequeathed to charity.



*Edward Rutledge
(1834-1911)*

All of the above mentioned lumbermen have passed away. Of a somewhat younger generation, a few notable lumbermen, as William Irvine of Chippewa Falls, and a few others still remain. It was Mrs. Irvine who presented to Chippewa Falls, Irvine Park, on the most extensive and beautiful parks in the state.

The writer cannot speak for the lumbermen in other states or localities, but certainly those of the Chippewa Valley need no apologists or defenders. Taken as a class, they were a high grade lot of men and a credit to the state.



*William Irvine
(1851-1927)*

The writer has never been connected in a business way with the lumbering business and holds no brief for its heads, but for 55 years he had lived in the center of the lumbering industry of Northern Wisconsin. As a boy he knew by sight practically all of the early lumbermen and has worked around some of the sawmills. For 25 years he has been interested in gathering the history of the lumbering business in this valley and it has meant much to him to find the heads of these great lumbering firms ready to turn over to him, a rank outsider, all the intimate records of their business.

Call Few Lumberjacks

A few words must be said of the great body of laborers in the lumbering industry. A somewhat extensive personal acquaintance by the writer with the woodsmen in the logging camps has given him a very favorable opinion of them as class. The word "lumberjack" he does not use. While there are in every logging

camp crew a few to whom that title might fittingly apply it would seem an insult to use it in reference to the capable, intelligent, self-respecting men who go to make up the majority of the average logging camp crew.

The pine timber industry in Wisconsin is a thing of the past. Only a few tracts, limited in extent, of virgin pine timber still remain. Occasionally small bunches or a few individual trees may be found, serving as a reminder of the lumbering days that are past. Only last winter a single 16-foot pine log, which scaled 1,400 board feet, was cut in one of the camps visited. That would have been regarded as a big log in the logging days of a half a century ago.

Fortunately, in addition to the pines, there were growing in northern Wisconsin many other varieties of timber whose value was not recognized by the early lumbermen—but that is another story.

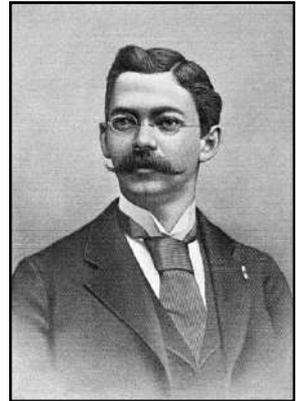
(Editor's note: This concludes the W. W. Bartlett article which appeared in both the Milwaukee Journal and the Eau Claire Leader Telegram during February 1923.)

Edward Hines Lumber Company Chicago, Illinois

(Editor's note: Photos on the following page of the Edward Hines Lumber Company were shared by FHAU member, Thomas Becher. They were taken from a complimentary book of the company, XXth Century Interest Tables.)

Edward Hines, born in Buffalo, New York, in 1863, moved with his family to the Chicago area when he was two years old. Starting work at age 14 as an office boy for the S.K. Martin & Co., a Chicago lumber wholesaler, he became that firm's secretary-treasurer by age 21. In 1892, he started his own company, Edward Hines Lumber Co., and acquired the Martin company three years later. Frederick Weyerhaeuser, who founded the Weyerhaeuser timber company, became friends with Hines and served as a director of the Hines firm.

Hines, who specialized in large-scale operations, acquired big tracts of standing timber, built rail lines for hauling logs, acquired



*Edward Hines
(1863—1931)*

sawmills in Wisconsin and elsewhere, and leased timber-cutting permits in Canada. One of his larger undertakings involved the Virginia and Rainy Lake Company, a joint venture among Hines and Weyerhaeuser affiliates that employed 2,800 men and 900 horses to cut and process timber in



Edward Hines lumber boasted that it was the only wholesale lumber business in Chicago having their own timberlands, owning vast tracts in Northern Wisconsin and Minnesota, handling it exclusively from the stump to manufactured product.

Canada and northern Minnesota through the late 1920s. Other ventures involved purchase of the Continental Coal Company of



Logging throughout the entire year, in winter by sled and summer by rail, Hines Lumber was able to get out very promptly logs cut to any desired length and of any particular size.

West Virginia, timber stands in Mississippi, and a 67,400-acre tract in the Malheur National Forest near Burns, Oregon, that held "possibly the largest volume of timber ever sold in the Pacific Northwest"

Since March 29, 2010, the company has operated as a subsidiary of US LBM Holdings, LLC, a new company based in Green Bay, Wisconsin. US LBM Holdings was founded by a private equity firm, BlackEagle Partners, LLC, based in Detroit, Michigan. BlackEagle bought the Hines company's bank debt after the lumber company encountered financial difficulty.



Having track capacity for over 200 cars and Planing Mill facilities second to none in the northwest, enabled Hines Lumber to load orders the day they were received, or, at the farthest, the next day after receipt of the same.

Edward Hines Lumber Company is "one of the largest building materials suppliers" in the Chicago area. (source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward_Hines_Lumber_Company — accessed February 12, 2013)

A biographical portrait of Edward Hines can be found in a *Forest History Today* article by James G Lewis at (http://www.foresthistory.org/publications/FHT/FHTSpringFall2004/2004BP_Hines.pdf)

Lumberjack Music Concert

Brian Miller & Randy Gosa return to Marshfield's Chestnut Avenue Center for the Arts to perform songs from the Northwood's lumber camps of old on Saturday March 29th. Attendees of the 2011 FHW Conference in Marshfield probably recall an enjoyable evening listening to Brian and Randy's blending of story and song celebrating the music of Billy Allen of Wausau and others who carried Irish-influenced songs to the Great Lakes.

Billy Allen's Irish-Canadian family followed the lumber boom from New Brunswick to central Wisconsin in the 1850s. Like most men of his time, he worked as a lumberjack from a young age. The live-in camps of that era were full of men as hungry for entertainment as they were for pancakes and Allen soon began singing in the evening hours—his repertoire a blend of old Irish songs and new Northwood's songs based on the older Irish song types. Indeed, Allen was part of a unique musical tradition that flourished in lumber camp bunkhouses in those years. Contrary to popular depictions of the jovial, but somewhat silly, Paul Bunyan, these men were serious musicians who loved the complexity and story-telling of beautiful old ballads. They clung to rich musical traditions as a way to warm their hearts and minds in the cold winters up north.

Brian Miller & Randy Gosa have both performed Irish traditional music with top musicians in the US & Ireland for years. Together they mix a passion for Northwood's history & folklore with their love of arranging forgotten songs to bring to life this rich but under-explored music.

Don't miss Brian Miller & Randy Gosa's Irish music concert at Chestnut Avenue Center for the Arts, 208 S. Chestnut Ave. in Marshfield, Sat, March 29th at 7:30 pm. Call their office 715-389-8999 for discounted tickets in Advance \$12 adult, \$10 Student/Senior; At the Door \$15 Adult, \$13 Student/Senior.

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The FHAW *Woodchips*, an electronic monthly newsletter started being delivered to FHAW members' email addresses last year; arriving on or before the first of each month. While this new electronic delivery systems seems to be a popular means of delivering FHAW news, upcoming events and selected articles fast and efficiently, not every FHAW member is on our e-mail list yet.

If you haven't received your FHAW *Woodchips* and want to receive past issues of *Woodchips*, and ensure delivery of future issues, send your e-mail address to FHAW editor, Don Schnitzler, at schnitzler.donald@charter.net.

Woodchips embedded hyperlinks allow readers to enjoy featured video and audio presentations of interest with just a simple click of their mouse. If you couldn't attend a FHAW event, with this new format, you might be able to watch a video recording of it from the comfort of your home. Just as the association might share recorded events, FHAW members can also share links to their local events that may be of interest to other FHAW members. Just contact your editor to make those arrangements.

Besides links to available audio and video presentations, other hyperlinks will take you to full articles of items in the news from local, state, national and even international forestry and environmental organizations.

Finally an attempt will be made to include in each issue of *Woodchips* a link to one, two, or three upcoming Wisconsin events that might be of interest to FHAW members.

The FHAW hopes to be in touch more frequently with everyone, but that starts with you sharing your e-mail address. Again contact your FHAW editor, Don Schnitzler at the e-mail address above, or FHAW membership director, Bob Walkner, at anvils@charter.net to join our mailing lists.



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