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Annual Meeting Registration Reminder

At this point you should have already received notification of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin's 26th Annual Meeting. This year's meeting will be held at the Stanley Historical Society in Stanley, WI on Friday September 21 and Saturday September 22. If you have not yet returned your registration materials please do so at your earliest convenience. The FHAW would like to receive your registration by September 7th, 2001; this will provide adequate time to complete the arrangements for the meeting. If you have any questions about the meeting, or you did not receive the registration materials, please contact:

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From the Editor's Desk

Back Issues of the *Proceedings* Contain a Wealth of Information for Local and Logging Historians

When I became the Forest History Association's editor I was entrusted with a long file box containing files and notes pertaining to the published *Annual Proceedings*. Among the miscellaneous documents I happily discovered a copy of every back issue of the *Proceedings* beginning in 1977 and running through last year's publication. Since that discovery I have spent a good amount of time looking through these issues and have counted myself extremely fortunate to have such a vast amount of information at my finger tips. Immediately I realized that each issue, focusing on a specific region of Wisconsin, provides an excellent account of that region's history. Because logging played such a prominent role in the story of the origin and development of Wisconsin's communities it is fundamental in understanding our past. Clearly, the articles contained in the *Annual Proceedings of the FHAW* offer a vast amount of scholarship of interest to local historians as well as those interested in logging, forestry and conservation. These journals are filled with information often times not available elsewhere.

Looking a bit deeper into the files of the editor's archives I soon stumbled across a list indicating the number of copies the FHAW has of each back issue of the *Proceedings*. Unfortunately, we do not have available copies of all of the past publications, but we do have large quantities of a good number of them. Obviously, our organization would love to distribute these back issues to members and others that will find them of interest. I urge all FHAW members to review the list on the back inside cover of this newsletter and use the order form included at the end of this essay to order the issues they find of interest.

Additionally, I believe it is important that we each do our part to ensure that the available back issues or the *Annual Proceedings* be made available to all who may find them of interest. Indeed, our organization's published reasoning for existence states in part:

To stimulate interest in the forest history of Wisconsin among our citizens, scholars and writers. To educate Wisconsin citizens in the importance and the drama of our forests in the development and continued growth of the state... To help publish and distribute the work of those who have done substantive research into the various aspects of Wisconsin's forest history.

I can think of no better way to continue to strive toward this goal than to distribute our back issues of the *Proceedings* to community libraries, county historical societies and other public organizations.

The next logical question is how can we best do this both as an organization and individually? As an organization we can and will continue to sell back issues at conferences and other events across the state. In addition we will continue to advertise the availability of back issues through our newsletter and other avenues. Finally, we have reduced the cost of *Proceedings* back issues from \$6.50 to \$3.25 per issue (the current issue will remain available for purchase at the \$6.50 rate).

As individuals we can take this issue of *Chips and Sawdust* and the *2000 Annual Proceedings* to our local libraries and historical organizations. Let the librarians and the society directors review our newsletter and the list of available back issues of the *Proceedings* and determine if they would like to make them available to their patrons. Provide them with pricing and order information. Additionally, you might point out that by having their library or historical organization become a member of the FHAW they will receive this quarterly newsletter and the published *Annual Proceedings* as a benefit of membership (see page 16 for a membership application).

The back issues of the *Proceedings* truly contain a wealth of information of interest to many, we should do what we can to make them widely available.

-Kurt Kortenhof

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The price for each back issue is \$3.50 plus \$2.00 shipping and handling for the first issue and \$1.00 for each additional issue. Make check payable to the Forest History Association of Wisconsin, and mail to:

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Board of Directors' Update



Minutes of the May 23, 2001 Meeting

The group was welcomed and the meeting was called to order by President John Cline at 10:00 AM at the Safety Building in Wausau. Directors present were Adamson, Albrecht, Baumann, Benson, Brisson, Harm, Lambrecht and Rohe. Also present were Kurt Kortenhof, *Chips & Sawdust* Editor, and Carl Krog, Publicity Chair. Director Sohasky was not present.

Minutes

The minutes of November 2, 2000, were reviewed. A Motion to approve the minutes by Lambrecht was supported by Baumann and carried.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Albrecht presented and distributed a written report on the fiscal status of the Association for the period July 1, 2000 through May 23, 2001. Receipts were shown as \$9,249.00 and expenses as \$3,132. Cash Assets totaled \$57,814. The report was adopted as presented by consensus.

Standing Committee Reports

Auction

The Group requested that Directors Baumann and Brisson again serve as auctioneers. Everyone was requested to provide auction items.

Distinguished Service Awards

Director Rohe reported the 2001 awards will be presented to the IXL Historical Museum, Hermansville, MI, and author Dave Engel, Rudolph, WI.

Exhibits

Chair Adamson reported the exhibit and the photo boards are being stored at the DNR in Shawano. Albrecht reported having the exhibit at three events this year. Baumann suggested the photo boards be protected in some way. Lambrecht volunteered to take a board to firms in the Green Bay area to find out possibilities and prices.

Forestry Hall of Fame

Director Lambrecht reported that the FHAW nominee would be Dr. Forrest W. Steams, former UW-Milwaukee professor and FHAW member.

Membership

Brisson reported there are 233 members and membership renewals will go out with the notice of the Annual Meeting.

Proceedings

Director Benson distributed copies of the 2000 *Proceedings, "Historic Rhinelander Area"* and reported on publishing details. He also distributed an index of all issues of the *Proceedings*. Benson introduced Kurt Kortenhof who will be the next editor of the *Proceedings*.

Publications

Brisson reported the supply of *Logging & Lumbering Museums in Wisconsin* is very low and requested permission to apply for a grant to update and reprint. A motion by Lambrecht, supported by Rohe to request a grant was approved.

Publicity

Chair Carl Krog reported on how publicity is distributed to outlets in the state for different FHAW events. Adamson suggested we try to get on public radio for an educational program.

Scholarship

Krog and Rohe reported they had reviewed the fifteen papers submitted and with the committee of Saemann and Sohasky, selected as winner Mary Voytovich for her paper, "Urban Forestry in Wisconsin." She is a student at Chippewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire.

Unfinished Business

Annual Meeting #26

Gene and Dolores Harm presented an agenda for the meeting to be held at the Stanley Historical Society, September 21 & 22, 2001. The schedule includes tours of IKE International Corp., Cadott

School Forest, Cook Rutledge Mansion and a Cabin Ridge Wagon Ride and historical presentations. Korten Hof stated he would contact Dr. Robert Gough for an additional historical presentation.

"Ghosts of the Forests" Publication

Rohe reported on progress on the publication Brisson distributed copies of the publishing contract between Rohe and FHAW.

New Business

Nominations Committee

President Cline appointed directors Baumann, Benson and Lambrecht to a committee to present nominees for directors for the next meeting of the directors.

FHAW Directors Investigate Marinette County's Logging Past



Five members of the Board of Directors visited a turn-of-the-century logging camp in northern Marinette County this past June. Bob Brisson, Karl Baumann, Randy Rohe, Don Lambrecht and Jim Adamson, all current members of the FHAW Board of Directors, accompanied Al Ochs to the site which is located on land privately held by an acquaintance of Baumann's. Al Ochs is married to the grand daughter of William Holmes who owned a turn-of-the-century logging operation and rail line which harvested pine along the Menominee River (the Menominee defines the border of Wisconsin in eastern Marinette County and Upper Michigan). The delegation was able to unearth and inspect several bottles and other logging relics left behind by the lumberjacks. Baumann stated that "we don't know what camp number it was, but it was a Holmes & Son camp occupied around the turn of the century, by 50 to 60 men."



The Holmes & Son Operation was a major part of an extensive lumber industry that defined the economic structure of Marinette County in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The first sawmill began operations on the Menominee River in 1822 and by 1871 the first logging railroad began to assist loggers in expanding their operations further from the river. By 1892 white pine produced in mills at Menomi-

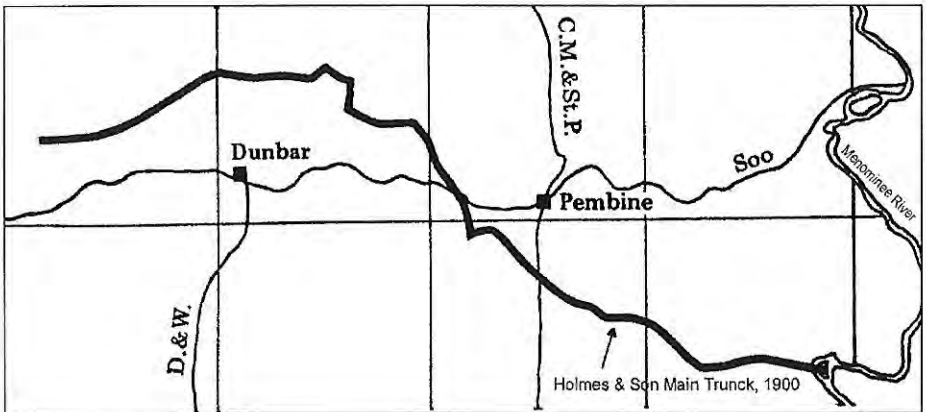
nee, Marinette and the surrounding area peaked at 972,828,418 board feet. By 1904, with the pine stands nearing depletion, the total annual yield had already been reduced to 185,640,000 board feet.



Dr. Randy Rohe (left) and Karl Baumann (right)

William Holmes moved to the Green Bay area in 1854 and re-

located to Menominee, MI in 1858 by way of Escanba. In 1892, after entering into contracts with the N. Livingston Company and the Kirby, Carpenter Companies (among others) Holmes & Son, Loggers and Jobbers began pine harvesting operations. In October Holmes had 300 loggers in the pine stands along the Menominee



This map illustrates the Holmes & Son line extending west from the Menominee River, ca 1900. The image is based on the Wisconsin Railroad Commissioners Map of 1900 and adapted from a reproduction in: John Gruber, "Only Pine Rode the Rails," *Railway Gazette*, January-February, 1980, p. 7.



Bob Brisson, Executive Secretary

River and by December the first nine miles of the Holmes & Son Railroad began operations with three locomotives. The Holmes & Son line extended west from Holmes Island in the Menominee River and eventually grew to 60 miles of track including main trunks and logging spurs. The line hauled the pine from

the logging camps to the river to be floated downstream 40 miles to Menominee, MI and Marinette, WI each Spring. In the Winter of 1894-95 the line delivered 200,000-275,000 feet of logs per day to the holding area at Holmes Island.

In June of 1904 William Holmes sold his logging operations and railroad to the Wisconsin & Michigan Railway for \$77,500. Prior to this liquidation, it is estimate that the Holmes & Son line hauled 500,000,000 feet of logs out of the woods to the Menominee River. The following year, in 1905, William Holmes retired. In addition to his lumbering activities in Marinette County, William Holmes also played a prominent role in local politics, serving as the Mayor of Menominee, MI for three terms. He passed away in 1913.

Editor's Note: This essay is derived from information found in:

- John Gruber, "Only Pine Rode the Rails," *Railway Gazette*, Jan.-Feb., 1980.
- A letter from Karl Baumann to Kurt Korten Hof June 25, 2001.
- Phone interviews with Randy Rohe and Donald Lambrecht August 13, 2001.
- Phone interview with Karl Baumann August 16, 2001.
- Photos are courtesy of Karl Baumann



26th Annual Meeting

September 21 & 22, 2001
Stanley Historical Society
Stanley, Wisconsin

Friday Tour

- 8:30 Registration; Coffee, Cranberry Juice and Rolls
9:00 Welcome by David Jankoske, Mayor, City of Stanley
9:30 Tour of IKE International Corporation; conducted by Doug Kronig. IKE is a producer of world class veneer selling to domestic and international markets
10:30 Break
10:45 History of Stanley International, LTD - sale of logs in the Far East David Bierzynski, Owner
11:30 Lunch - Soup and Sandwiches
1:00 Travel by bus from Stanley to Cadott School Forest
1:30 History of School Forest by School Administration
2:45 Travel by bus to Chippewa Falls
Tour Cook Rutledge Mansion and Rutledge Home for the Aged
4.00 Cabin Ridge Rides: "Ride back in time where the chorus of nature is the only sound heard"
5:30 Banquet Dinner
Program: Judy Giles - "Ella: A View From the Creek"

Saturday Meeting

- 8:30 Registration
Coffee, Cranberry Juice & Rolls
9:00 Welcome - John Cline, President, FHAW
9:10 "Porter Mills and the Beginnings of the NW Lumber Company" - Dr. Randy Rohe
9:45 "The History of the NW Lumber Company" - Fred Evans
10:05 "The Stanley, Merrill & Phillips Railroad" - Connie Pozdell
10:25 "The Stanley Fire" - David Jankoski

- 10:45 Break
11:00 Tour of Stanley Historical Society Buildings

12:15 Lunch

1:00 FHAW Awards - Dr. Randy Rohe
1:15 "Development of Tourism in Northern Wisconsin" - Dr. Robert Gough
2:00 FHAW Business Meeting
3:00 Break
3:15 Auction
5:00 Conclusion of the 26th Annual Meeting

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Friday Evening will conclude with a wagon ride, banquet dinner and an entertaining presentation by Judy Giles at Cabin Ridge Rides.

Urban Forestry in Wisconsin

Mary Voytovich
Chippewa Valley Technical College
Eau Claire, WI

Wisconsin is known as a progressive state, and one of the examples of its progressive attitude is the treatment of its urban forests. An urban forest consists of all the trees and plants in a community. In the past, as a community developed, not much thought was given to the placement of trees. If they weren't in the way, existing trees were usually left in place. A boulevard or two might be planted with trees if the city planners wanted to "dress things up a bit." Over the past few decades, we have come to realize the importance of the urban forest to us and to our environment.

Some of the benefits of a good urban forest are quite evident. Properly placed trees and vegetation can stabilize stream banks and eroding shorelines. Rows of trees are effective for noise reduction, windbreaks, and even as living snow fences. Some things are not as obvious, like the reduction of particulate and gaseous pollutants, water purification, and the cooling effects of shade, transpiration, and evaporation. Trees also give people a sense of calm and well-being, and instill a sense of community.

People and government officials have come to realize the importance of trees in our communities, and have begun to increase the number of plantings. But building up an urban forest is not as simple as digging holes and setting trees into them. Many considerations must be taken into account, like the generally poor soil conditions, amount of water and air in the soil, desired visual effect, size and growth rate of the trees, their resistance to pests and pollution, and the planned use of the grounds around the trees. Trained professionals must be brought into the picture. These professionals will not only help plan which trees to plant and where, but also carry out a regular maintenance program to keep the trees healthy. The average life of a tree in a city is only 32 years. But this life-span can be greatly increased through use of forestry maintenance.

Editor's Note: *Mary Voytovich was awarded the 2001 Forest History Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 for this essay. This scholarship is award annually to a student enrolled at a Wisconsin college or university who submits the best paper written on any aspect of forest or conservation history of Wisconsin. Papers are evaluated by a board of reviewers appointed by the FHAW.*

Milwaukee's Forestry Division in the Department of Public Works is quite extensive. They maintain a street inventory which indicates the number, type, and location of all the trees within the city. With this very helpful aid, they are able to maintain the trees in an efficient manner, and have been able to keep their trees alive twice as long as those in the average city.¹

Our universities have long known the importance of forests to society, and have worked to train professionals who will lead our communities in the effort to save and expand our urban forests. The University of Wisconsin-Madison has offered forestry classes for over 50 years, with a forestry major available since 1968. The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point offers a forestry major which may include an emphasis on urban forestry. The required courses cover a broad spectrum, and include natural resources, wildlife, biology, chemistry, mathematics, economics, and philosophy. The forestry classes cover such things as forest ecosystem ecology; non-timber management; protection from insects, pathogens, fires, etc.; urban forest management; landscaping; and forest management and finance.² Such extensive training helps our future foresters to more fully understand the complexities of urban forestry and to use different approaches to achieve their goals.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Forestry Department describes its goal in research in this way: "The department's goal is to identify and resolve important problems in the biology, conservation, management, and utilization of forest resources through basic and applied research, and to disseminate research results to the scientific community, resource-user groups, and the general public."³ Both universities have been very active in research, and have been valuable sources of information and technology. For example, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is a provider of tree management computer software, and the book, Urban Forestry-Planning and Managing Urban Greens-aces, by Stevens Point professor Robert W. Miller, has been referred to as "the urban forestry bible."⁴

In 1978, the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act was passed, as the federal government recognized the value of establishing and maintaining healthy urban forests and the need for encouraging their development. It authorized 30 million dollars to be used each year beginning 1991 through 1995, with additional funding to be determined for the following years. With this money, the U.S. Department of Agriculture,

through the Forest Service, has provided financial, technical, and related assistance to State foresters or equivalent State officials for the further dissemination to local governments and others to promote urban forest development.

As a result of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act, Wisconsin's Department of Natural Resources began its urban forestry program in 1991. The DNR offers individuals, groups, and local governments information on tree care, assists in developing management plans, inventories, ordinances, and training plans, organizes conferences and workshops, helps obtain state and federal cost share grants, and promotes the Tree City, USA and Arbor Day activities. Since 1991, Wisconsin has doubled the number of cities managing their forests, and has 125 Tree City USA communities, making Wisconsin fifth in the nation for the total number of Tree City USA communities.⁵

Many corporations also offer grants to communities to enhance their forests, sometimes in the form of money, and other times in software technology. The DNR has been helpful in making communities and groups aware of these grants.

As we have seen, Wisconsin has made great progress in improving its urban forests. However, there is still much to be done. Researchers are working on determining the best types of trees for different growing conditions, trying to develop more effective pest control, and learning what it takes to make our urban forests healthy. It is through a united effort that we, as individuals, civic groups, municipal leaders, or corporate heads, will continue to develop and enhance our valuable urban forests.

Notes

- 1 Shading Our Cities. Ed. by Gary Moll & Sara Ebenreck. Washington, D.C.. Island Press, 1989 P.128.
- 2 University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point online catalog. Jan. 2001. <<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/forestry.htm>>
- 3 University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Forest Ecology and Management. Jan. 2001. <<http://forest.wisc.edu/Deptinfo.html>>
- 4 Wisconsin Urban & Community Forestry Suggested Publications, Newsletters and Organizations. May 2000. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. P.12.
- 5 Wisconsin Natural Resources. Aug. 2000. Madison. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. P.10



News and Announcements



FHAW Announces the 2002 Forest History Scholarship

A scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 will be awarded for the 2001/2002 academic year to a student enrolled at a Wisconsin College or university. Scholarship recipients are selected by a board of reviewers appointed by the FHAW. The sole criterion for selection is a paper written by the student on any aspect of forest and conservation history of Wisconsin. The Paper should be prepared as follows:

- An original essay authored by the person submitting it.
- Manuscript should be no longer than 1,000 words, double-spaced, typewritten on 8 1/2 x 11" white paper.
- All pages should be numbered and utilize generous margins.
- Title Page should list the author's name, school, class and major.
- Excerpts from the works of others must be properly cited.
- Should it be determined that any part of the winning essay is plagiarized, the FHAW will require the author to return, in full, the monetary award.
- FHAW gains the right to publish winning essays.
- Submission of a paper represents express agreement to the conditions listed above.

Submission deadline is February 11, 2002

The winner will be announced in April, 2002

Submit paper entries to:

John Saemann

HC 1, Box 309

Florence, WI 54121



The WWOA to Hold Annual Meeting on October 5-7, 2001

The Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association will hold their Annual Meeting on October 5th, 6th and 7th, 2001 at Stoney Creek Inn in Mosinee, Wisconsin. The WWOA, a nonprofit, educational organization for Wisconsin private woodland owners, expect between 300 and 400 members to attend the conference. The educational conference will feature exhibitors, silent auctions, door prizes and primarily focus on education as it strives to instruct members on "becoming good stewards of their woodlands." For more information about the annual meeting, please call Nancy C. Bozek, Executive Director, WWOA at (715) 346-4798.



Lodging Information for the FHAW 2001 Annual Meeting

There are various lodging options in Stanley, Cadott and Thorp for the upcoming Annual Meeting.

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240 S. Broadway
(715)644-5707

Thorp

(7 miles West of Stanley)

Americinn Motel
Near Hwy 29
(715)669-5959

Heritage Court Motel
100 S. Washington
(715)669-5705

NorthStar Inn
203 West Hill Street
(715)669-5412

Cadott

(14 miles West of Stanley)

Countryside Motel
WI 29 and WI 27
(715)289-4800



56th Annual Lake States Logging Congress to Meet in Early September

The 56th Annual Lake States Logging Congress will be held in St. Ignace, Michigan September 6th, 7th and 8th, 2001. The conference boasts the largest display of logging, sawmill and trucking equipment in the Midwest. Organizers say that they expect between 30,000 and 60,000 attendees and have over 250 national and international exhibitors registered to attend. New for this year's event are Championship Lumberjack Competitions, where experts will compete in a series of events for a cash purse of nearly \$5,000. Other popular attractions include log chopping and chain saw competitions, pulpwood loading contests, and an industry load competition, with trophies and cash prizes to all contest winners. Equipment exhibits will include feller bunchers, forwarders, chain saws, wood splitters, skidders, logging trucks, bulldozers, saw-milling equipment, log lifts, log loaders and hydraulic components. Other exhibits will include chain saw sculpturing, a log grading short course, plus a wide variety of offerings from the many indoor exhibits. Admission to the event is \$5.00 for all three days and parking is free. The conference, which alternates its host city from Wisconsin to Michigan each year, is sponsored by the Timber Producers Association of Michigan and Wisconsin headquartered in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. For more information about the conference visit the Timber Producers website at: www.timberpa.com.

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8th Annual Proceedings - 1983

"The CCC Programs in Wisconsin;" "History of Log Transportation in Wisconsin;"
"Last Logging Railroad Operation in Wisconsin"

10th Annual Proceedings - 1985

"Use of Navigable Waters for Log Driving and Lumber Rafting"; "Life and Death of a
Lumber Town"; "History of Forest Fire Protection in Wisconsin"

12th Annual Proceedings - 1987

"Historic Chippewa Falls, WI"; "Women Came to the Woods"; "Eau Claire and the
Lumber Industry"

13th Annual Proceedings - 1988

"The Wolf River Area's Forest Heritage"

16th Annual Proceedings - 1991

"Wisconsin's Logging Locomotives"; "Round Lake Logging Dam"; "Evolution of the
Modern Logging Truck"

17th Annual Proceedings - 1992

"Historical Development of the Nicolet National Forest"; "Early Days of Trees for
Tomorrow"

18th Annual Proceedings - 1993

"Logging Camp Subsistence"; "Sherry and Gerry Site"; "Passport in Time"

19th Annual Proceedings - 1994

"The Edwards: Father and Son"; "T. E. Nash, Friend and Founder"; "The Roddis
Family: Their Lumber Operations"

20th Annual Proceedings - 1995

"Non-Traditional Products of the Forest, Their History and Commercial Develop-
ment"

21st Annual Proceedings - 1996

"The Flambeau River Area's Forest Heritage"

22nd Annual Proceedings - 1997

"Forest History's Impact on the Growth of Tourism in North Central Wisconsin"

23rd Annual Proceedings - 1998

"Sawmill and Pioneer Lumbermen of the 19th Century Along the Central Wisconsin
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