

# **Forest History Association of Wisconsin**

In the News



## Nicolet Forest Head Fulk Is Transferred

Thomas A. Fulk, head of the Nicolet National Forest staff here since October 1972, will leave Rhinelander in June to become a fire management specialist in the California regional office of the U.S. Forest Service.

Fulk's new assignment will include cost reduction in fire management operations covering the 17 national forests in California. He will work out of the regional offices in San Francisco.

Fulk's successor has not been named. Edwin Neumann, soil and water staff officer on the Nicolet Forest staff, will serve as acting supervisor pending appointment of Fulk's replacement.

As Nicolet Forest supervisor, Fulk has headed up a staff of some 120 full time employees, about 35 of whom are based in the Forest Service offices in Rhinelander. His responsibility has included supervision of all operations within the 850,000 acre



THOMAS A. FULK

Nicolet, including ranger stations at Eagle River, Laona, Lakewood and Florence.

Fulk's new duties will stress fire prevention and fuel management cost reduction in the California forests, which have been plagued by

dry weather causing extreme fire hazards. The forest service spends millions annually to prevent and fight fires, Fulk said. He added that the "fuel management" aspect involved the manipulation of vegetation to reduce fire hazards and the handling of slash in cutover areas so as to reduce fire danger.

A graduate of the Michigan State University's forestry school, Fulk's home town is Muskegon. He is a veteran of 16 years with the Forest Service and prior to becoming Nicolet supervisor he was assigned to the Milwaukee regional office staff as a leader of a land management planning team.

Fulk and his family reside at 34 N. Pelham St. He is a member of Rhinelander Rotary Club and is president of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin. He is past chairman of the Northeastern Wisconsin chapter of the Society of American Foresters and was slated for a similar post with the Wisconsin Michigan region of S.A.F.

Fulk's wife LaSandra has been active in leadership of Birch Trails Council of Girl Scouts.

# Forest group slates meet

The Forest History Association of Wisconsin will hold its annual meeting Saturday, Sept. 24, at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point.

The association, which was organized in 1976 as a Bicentennial project, strives to preserve the record of the state's forest heritage and conservation progress.

Highlighting the program will be the presentation of distinguished service awards to an individual and organization for outstanding achievements in the preservation of Wisconsin forest history. The winners have not yet been announced.

Eight papers on the theme "Where Are We in Wisconsin Forestry Today?" will be presented.

The all-day meeting will also include the election of the association's board of directors.

Tickets, which include a noon luncheon, are \$5. They may be ordered from the Forest History Association of Wisconsin, 403 McIndoe St., Wausau.

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

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Eight papers will be presented on the theme, "Where Are We in Wisconsin Forestry Today?" There will include presentations on school forests by W.A. Sylvester of the UW-SP; state forests by Gerald Vande Hei of the Department of Natural Resources; national forests by James Berlin of the U.S. Forest Service; county forests by Arlyn Wooden, Marinette County forester; private forests by Gordon Cunningham, UW-Extension forester; industrial forests by Frank Fixmer, forest manager for Mosinee Paper Corporation; log marks by Jacque Vallier, Milwaukee, and record-sized trees by Guy Rodgers of the DNR.

The meeting will also include election of the Association's board of directors. Tickets for the meeting may be obtained from the Forest History Association of Wisconsin, 403 McIndoe St., Wausau, 54401.

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## **Director to visit Downsville museum**

**Elwood R. Maunder, executive director of the Forest History Society, Inc., Santa Cruz, Calif., reports he will tour northern Wisconsin logging museums.**

**Accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Vallier, Milwaukee, Mr. and Mrs. Maunder will visit the Empire in Pine Lumber Museum in Downsville on Sunday, Aug. 28.**

**"These regional logging museums," he said, "present to local citizens and visitors in a dramatic fashion the role of the forests in American history. Containing as they do artifacts from early lumbering days, they play an important part in connecting people to their own heritage."**

The Dunn County News, Menomonie, Wisconsin, 4 Aug 1977, Wed • Page 32

## **History published**

**"History of the Nicolet National Forest," a 71 - page, soft cover book tracing the development of the 653,000 - acre wilderness in northeastern Wisconsin is now available from the Forest History Association of Wisconsin.**

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Wausau Daily Herald, 21 Sep 1977, Wed • Page 24

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The Oshkosh Northwestern. Oshkosh, Wisconsin, 22 Sep 1977, Thu • Page 25

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The Capital Times, Madison, Wisconsin, 26 Sep 1977, Mon • Page 17



## Area men elected

Three area men were elected officers at a recent meeting of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin in Stevens Point.

Elected were Ned Revie, Wausau, president; Roger Drayna, Wausau, vice president; and Frank Fixmer,

Mosinee, treasurer. Ramon Hernandez, Wisconsin Rapids, formerly of Merrill, was elected secretary.

Receiving the association's distinguished service awards were L.G. Sorden, author of "Logger's Lingo," a book of old-

time lumbering vocabulary; Thomas Fulk, former Nicolet National Forest supervisor; and Jacque and Dorothy Vallier, who received the organizational award for the Menominee Logging Camp Museum in Kenosha.

Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin, 05 Oct 1977, Wed • Page 3

# Nicolet National Forest Capsule History Available

Many of the area sportsmen who fish, hunt, camp or snowmobile in the Nicolet National Forest will be interested in a new capsule history of this Northeastern Wisconsin landmark.

The history is written by Ken Elliott of Eagle River, a 37-year veteran of the U.S. Forest Service who retired in 1969.

Elliott begins with a look at the first explorers and the early Indian tribes in that part of Wisconsin now included in the Nicolet Forest.

For the motorist using today's high speed highways to get to the Nicolet, it will be quite an eye-opener to learn how the first rugged roads found their way into this wilderness. The development of the north, of course, was synonymous with lumbering, and Elliott provides a vivid look at the age of the timber cruiser and the rugged "jack."

The book details the early beginnings of such towns as

Lakewood, Wabeno, Laona, Hiles, Phelps, Cavour and Tippler. A good selection of early photos add interest.

The early Forest Service days with only a handful of rangers could be rugged and, as the reader will learn, even tragic. Elliott tells of the impact the CCC camps made on the north country during the 30's, and he outlines the

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## Outdoor Notes

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growth of organizations like Trees for Tomorrow.

For those familiar with the Nicolet Forest region, the history is replete with names that should jog many a memory.

The paperback publication is available for \$3.75 by writing the Forest History Association of Wisconsin, c/o Frank Fixmer, 604 Ninth St., Mosinee, Wis. 54455. Copies are also on sale at several outlets in the Nicolet area including the logging museum at Rhinelander.

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25 Jun 1978,  
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## Another work planned

# Logging historian's books barking up the right tree

By RAY MAURIN  
Special Writer

SAXON, Wis. — At 82, author George Corrigan just doesn't know the meaning of the word "retirement."

He's writing a sequel to his successful "Calked Boots and Cant Hooks," a logging history biography of the Upper Peninsula and northern Wisconsin published in 1976.

The book jacket blurb says "George Corrigan writes from a lifetime of experiences in

every phase of timber production. In this book, we go back with the author to the old-time logging camps and follow his footsteps as he works his way up from lumberjack to contract logger... a factual and detailed look at the logging industry of the early part of the century and an insight into the lives of that era."

The first edition of 2,500 has been sold-out since Corrigan's first "kick-off" autographing

party at the Ironwood Historical Museum in summer, 1976. And, the book has garnered two important awards. An American Association for State and Local History certificate commends it for "superior achievement and quality in recording local history for his reflections on logging." In addition, the book has also won a Wisconsin Historical Society award.

The "Lumberworkers

Strike" in 1937, which was the concluding segment of his book, was settled later that year. After that, a changeover took place in Upper Peninsula, Wisconsin and Minnesota logging methods to new mechanical operations. The sequel will pick up where the first ended. Bill Carow of Ironwood will help with material on the "Superior Forestry District" from the late 1940s.

"I recall 'hospital tickets' which the woodworkers took out for so much a year in 1924," Corrigan said. "The insurance man hurt — but the guy who collected the money disappeared between Eagle River and Watersmeet with \$700 and that was the last anybody ever saw of him!"

Also in the new book will be stories of the Office of Price Control (OPA) during World War II when Corrigan went to Washington, D.C., to present cost figures for logging during this time.

Mrs. Corrigan, a former Saxon, Mellen and Bayfield school teacher, will also help with the book.

"It will be much easier this time," Corrigan says. "I've learned how to put a book together now. Many liked the old-time stories and remarks because it showed how people spent their time."

His book has been placed on many state and national library shelves.

Since the book notice appeared in the Michigan Historical Society newsletter, orders have come into the Ironwood Historical Museum from individuals and libraries around the Midwest and from as far away as Yale University.

"All we have received is good reactions from even those who never knew us. They even want the new book sight unseen; they say 'just mail us one!'"

The first book, which has been on sale at various

bookstores, has resulted in so much correspondence and 'additional research that Corrigan and his wife, are building an addition, including an office, to their house on a 40-acre homestead along U.S. 2. It will also house a forestry library which will cover Upper Peninsula forests.

George is not hurrying with the sequel.

"I'm slowing down a little. The new book should be out this fall or spring," he said.

"It's hard to find records, for nobody thought about history in the past. Now I'm, going to visit others for the new book."

But how can he remember all the things that happened to him?

"I've been told that I must have a photographic memory," he said. "You can't go anyplace that I haven't been around Saxon, Iron Belt or the Gogebic Range. I've taken groups to show (where) old railroad wrecks once took place that have long since vanished off the face of the earth."

In addition, for the past four or five years he has been keeping a diary.

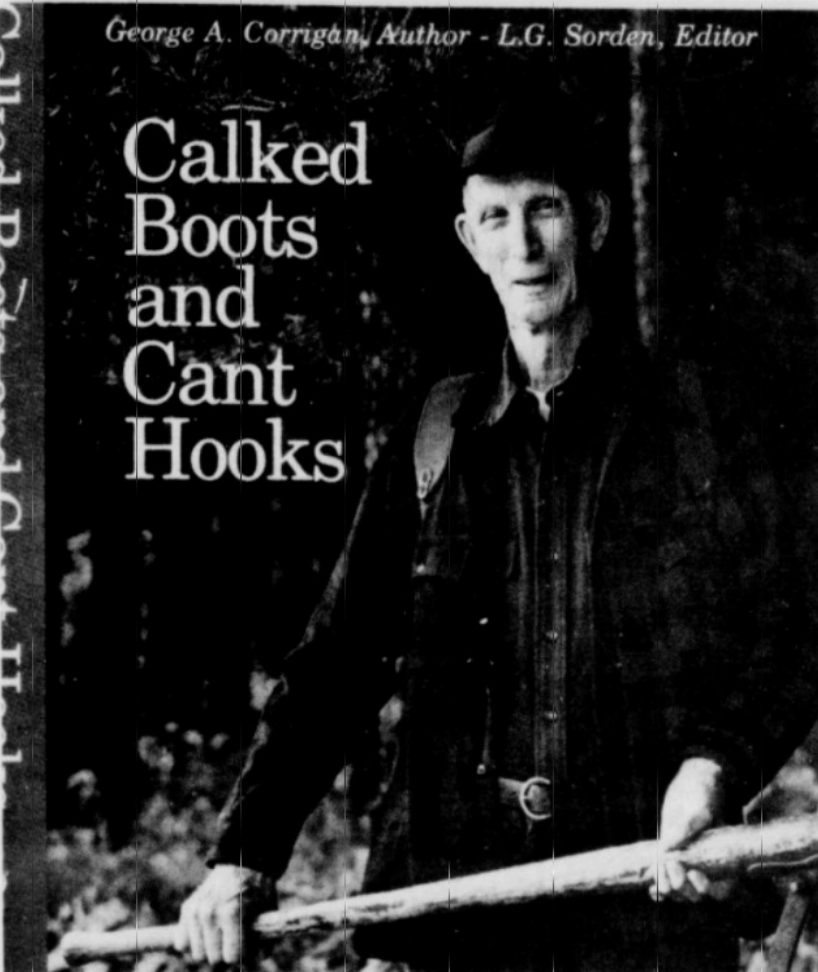
"Logging is my life, and I wanted to live in the woods since I was four years old. I was never happy anywhere else," he said.

He is pleased by an organization devoted to the forestry industry. The Forest History Association of Wisconsin Inc. has established a museum in Wausau which includes material from Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota forests. The woodworking industry is behind it, and memberships from loggers, manufacturers and recreation and conservation groups are encouraged.

The group has scheduled Corrigan to speak on hemlock bark at its board of directors meeting Wednesday in Black River Falls, Wis.

George A. Corrigan, Author - L.G. Sorden, Editor

## Calked Boots and Cant Hooks



The dust cover of George A. Corrigan's book, "Calked Boots and Cant Hooks," shows the 82-year-old author in his beloved woods.

## Receives plaque for forest history work

Mary Roddis Connor, 1011 Eight St., Wausau, received a plaque from the Forest History Association of Wisconsin Inc.

The award recognizes her efforts in developing the logging history at Camp Five Museum at Laona. It was presented at the association's meeting at the University of Wisconsin - Madison during the weekend.

Connor presented a paper on logging history in northeastern Wisconsin at the meeting.

Also receiving a plaque was George Corrigan of Saxon, who was recognized for his interest in logging history and for writing a book on the subject.

New directors are Jay Cravens, Stevens Point; John Saeman, Marinette; Walter Mayo, Eagle River; Howard Lovestead, Rhineland; and Corrigan.

Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin, 11 Sep 1978, Mon • Page 22

### *Forest history group to meet*

The fourth annual meeting of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin will be Sept. 28 and 29 in the Wausau School Forest.

Activities begin with a dinner meeting Friday evening at Bannerman Lodge.

A business meeting will begin Saturday at 9:30 a.m., followed by presentation of Distinguished Service Awards and speakers on various aspects of Wisconsin forest history. Self-guided tours of the school forest and surrounding area are available before the Friday meeting and after the Saturday meeting.

The forest history association was formed in 1975 by representatives from wood products industries, conservation agencies and the University of Wisconsin. It was a bicentennial project to remind Wisconsin citizens of the role of forests in Wisconsin's past and present.

Anyone who wants to attend the meetings may make reservations before Sept. 25 with Frank N. Fixmer, 604 Ninth St., Mosinee, 54455.

Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin, 17 Sep 1979, Mon • Page 6

## Trees Camp Honored

**WAUSAU** — Trees for Tomorrow Inc. of Eagle River received an award from the Forest History Association of Wisconsin during the organization's fourth annual meeting at the Wausau School Forest. The Trees for Tomorrow program originated in 1944 when a partnership of nine Wisconsin paper mills was formed and landowners were encouraged to practice reforestation, forest protection and timber



management.

**Trees for Tomorrow received the award for its goals and programs which provide for natural resource education that involve the teaching of a full appreciation in the socio-economic lives of Wisconsin's people of all ages.**

Green Bay Press-Gazette, Green Bay, Wisconsin  
07 Oct 1979, Sun • Page 20

### **'Trees' gets service award**

EAGLE RIVER — Trees for Tomorrow has received a distinguished service award from the Forest History Association of Wisconsin for 35 years of service in timber management and harvesting services to private landowners and its resource management and conservation education programs at the environmental center here.

Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin, 09 Oct 1979, Tue • Page 5

### **Program receives award**

Trees for Tomorrow Inc., Eagle River, was the recipient of an award presented by the Forest History Association of Wisconsin at a recent meeting at the Wausau School Forest.

John H. Saemann, president of the association, noted that Trees for Tomorrow has become much more than a tree-planting and forest management service organization. "Its goals and programs now provide for natural resource education that involves the teaching of a full appreciation in the socio-economic lives of Wisconsin's people of all ages," he said.

The organization was formed in 1944 between nine Wisconsin paper mills. It later gained the support of five additional paper companies and seven power companies, and was expanded to include environmental concerns that had become national issues.

Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin, 11 Oct 1979, Thu • Page 7

## **Forest history group to meet here Saturday**

**Between 70 and 80 members of the Forest History**

**Association of Wisconsin will be in Eau Claire Saturday for the annual meeting of the group.**

The session will start at 9 a.m. at the Chippewa Valley Museum in Carson Park and will conclude with a tour of the Paul Bunyon Camp after 3:30 p.m.

The organization is in its fifth year and has a total membership of about 225 persons.

The theme for the meeting is "Pine Logging in the Chippewa Valley."

Among the program's features will be an appearance by the Voyagers, the singing group from Northland College, Ashland, which performs logging and historical songs. The group will perform at 1:30 p.m.

A number of papers on the history of pine logging will be presented. These include a comical selection by Diane Schmidt of the museum staff who will present a paper titled, "Father Went to the Woods."

A business meeting and a lumberjack luncheon will be part of the program.

Leader-Telegram, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, 26 Sep 1980, Fri • Page 5

# SCOPE

## Book Reviews

The following books are available at McMillan Memorial Library, Wisconsin Rapids:

**History**

Recent history works are "The Mormon Trek West" by Joseph Brown; "The 80s," billed as a look back at the tumultuous decade, 1980-1989, edited by Tony Henra and others; and "Some Historic Events in Wisconsin's Logging Industry" edited by Ramon R. Hernandez, the papers and proceedings of the third annual meeting of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin, 1979.

he Daily Tribune, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, 02 Oct 1980, Thu • Page 33

## Group to present history of dance

"History of the Dance in Merrill" will be the next undertaking of the Merrill Historical Society.

Dances from the past 150 years will be performed Sunday afternoon, Feb. 22, in the Merrill High School gym in a program open to the public. More than 100 persons will take part as dancers, musicians and production people, according to Beryl Lewinnek, co-chairman with Royal Henson.

Recognition for their dedication, leadership and contributions was accorded Mr. and Mrs. M.N. Taylor with a plaque presentation when the Historical Society met Tuesday night.

Taylor, a founder and society president for three years, was elected a director to fill the unexpired term of Henson, who resigned when elected society vice president.

President Ray Heckman announced 1981 committee chairmanships and reported the society will host a north central regional meeting of the State Historical Society on Saturday, April 25.

An program of slides showing Merrill in the early years with comparable present-day views was presented by Mary Lagerbloom of the T.B. Scott Library staff.

Frank Fixmer of Mosinee, secretary-treasurer of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin, attended to explain the objectives of the organization in preserving the history of the state's logging and forest products industries and forest progress.

Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin, 31 Jan 1981, Sat • Page 9

**DIRECTOR** — Dr. R.C. Brown, 3824 Nimitz, has been elected to the board of Forest History Association of Wisconsin. He is the author of "Rails into the Pines," covering the Weyerhaeuser and Chippewa River and Menomonie Railway from 1883 to 1910.

Eau Claire Leader Telegram 19 Feb 1981, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Page 4.



## Forest history group elects Connor president

WAUSAU — A meeting of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin has resulted in the election of Mrs. Gordon R. Connor of Wausau as the group's president. She is director of the Camp Five Logging Museum and the Laona & Northern Railway's "Lumberjack Special" steam train at Laona.

Mrs. Connor has also written on forestry and is the author of "A Century With Connor Timber."

New directors include Kenneth Elliott, a retired U.S. Forest Service forester from Rhinelander, and Dr. R.C. Brown, an Eau Claire gynecologist and author. Continuing directors are Jacque Vallier, Milwaukee, founder donor of the Menominee Indian Logging Museum at Keshena, and L.G. Sorden, Madison, a University of Wisconsin professor and author.

The Forest History Association has compiled an extensive bibliography on forest-related history and individuals. It seeks to expand this further and to publicize new authors and historical

vignettes. The association annually honors individual museums, or authors, historians or researchers who draw on the Wisconsin's heritage.

A membership drive is under way, with Frank Fixmer of Mosinee serving as secretary-treasurer. Association headquarters are at the Marathon County Historical Museum, 403 McIndoe St., Wausau, Wis. 54401.

## Former local woman elected head of state forest history group

Mrs. Gordon R. Connor, 1011 Eighth St., Wausau, the former Mary Roddis of Marshfield, has been named president of Forest History Association of Wisconsin.

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She has written and spoken extensively on forestry matters and is the author of "A Century with Connor Timber."

Green Bay Press-Gazette, Green Bay, Wisconsin  
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Marshfield News-Herald, Marshfield, Wisconsin  
23 Feb 1981, Mon • Page 9

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Newly elected directors were Kenneth Elliott, Rhinelander, a retired U.S. Forest Service forester who published the "History of the Nicolet Forest," and Dr. R.C. Brown, Eau Claire, a gynecologist and recent author of "Rails into the Pines."

A membership drive is under way. Association headquarters are at 403 McIndoe St., Wausau, in care of the Marathon County Historical Museum. Inquiries should be directed to Frank Fixmer, secretary-treasurer, a retired Mosinee Paper forest manager.

Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin, 18 Feb 1981, Wed • Page 3

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Leader-Telegram, Eau Claire,  
Wisconsin, 19 Feb 1981,  
Thu • Page 4

# Treehaven trio, others honored by College of Natural Resources

Funds have been raised to cover construction of the first phase of a new natural resources camp for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

A total of \$123,000 in foundation grants, gifts-in-kind and individual donations have been collected for the project, that will be started this spring on a 160-acre wild tract near Tomahawk.

About 500 guests at the annual UW-SP College of Natural Resources recognition dinner here Friday night applauded three people who have played major roles in establishing the Treehaven camp.

Jacques and Dorothy Uihlein Valier of Fox Point, donors of the Treehaven property about two years ago, were given the university's conservationists of the year award.

And Leonard Gibb, director of development for UW-SP, was given an award for outstanding contributions to the College of Natural Resources for his role in finding contributors to finance the camp development. He has been on the school's administrative staff 14 years.

Gibb collected nearly \$7,000 from members of the UW-SP Foundation Inc., \$23,000 from the Sentry Foundation; \$5,000 from the Walter Alexander Foundation of Wausau; \$2,000 from Thomas Jacob Foundation of Wausau; \$5,000 from the Cuddeby Foundation of Milwaukee; \$25,000 from Consolidated Foundation of Wisconsin Rapids; \$2,000 from Koppelman Foundation of Milwaukee; and \$1,200 from Wausau Homes Inc., plus a previously announced \$214,000 from the Irvin L. Young Foundation of Palmyra, \$100,000 from the Krege Foundation of Michigan, \$7,200 from UW-SP faculty and friends of the university and \$3,200 from parents of natural resources majors and alumni of the program.

The remainder of the value of the project came in in-kind grants, including the land itself from the Valiers.

Construction on the property, 12 miles east of Tomahawk, will include a multi-purpose lodge, sanitary field, water system, roads, parking area and station manager's house.

Gibb will now set out to raise money for the second phase of the work, possibly to begin next summer, including a combination classroom and laboratory building, winterized dormitory for 40 people and small housing units for about 120 others.

The main purpose of the camp will be to provide a summer field laboratory

required of all students in the College of Natural Resources. For the past decade, a federally owned camp near Clam Lake has been used but the distance has posed an increasing expense problem and facilities there are becoming inadequate.

In addition to acknowledgement of their land gift to the university, the Valiers were recognized for leadership in the National Audubon Society and in their support of environmental education throughout the state.

Mrs. Valier was one of the founders of an organization devoted to preservation of prairie chicken habitat and has served on the board of the National Audubon Society. Her husband started a logging museum that has become a major tourist attraction in Embena. He is a Milwaukee biology teacher.

The university named Kermit Traska, Perrot State Park supervisor at Trempealeau, as its outstanding natural resources alumnus of the year. He is a Schfield native who graduated from UW-SP in 1958 with a major in resource management.

He has been cited by state and national organizations for his work in environmental education. The Department of Natural Resources' Bureau of Parks and Recreation gave him its 1980 Distinguished Service Award.

Ken Elliot of Milwaukee, a retired employee of the U.S. Forest Service, was designated as an "honorary scholar of UW-SP" in recognition of projects he conducted during his long career, which included the writing of a book on the history of the Nicolet National Forest and leadership in the Society of American Foresters. He was active in the development of the Trees for Tomorrow program near Eagle River.

A representative of the U.S. Forest Service presented awards to forestry specialist William Sylvester, who is retiring from the faculty this year, and to Mully Taylor of Merrill. Taylor long headed Trees for Tomorrow at Eagle River and Sylvester was its first director.

Based on voting by students, Age Razvi, a soil science and water science specialist, was cited as the outstanding teacher of the year in the college. He came to the United States after earning a bachelor's degree in India and earned a master's and doctorate at UW-Madison. Razvi has been teaching here since 1977.

Jeffrey M. Kampu, St. Cloud, Minn., a senior in fisheries management and

biology, was named the outstanding student in the college. He was chosen from an enrollment of about 2,000 students in natural resources. Kampu, whose cumulative grade point is 3.97 on a 4.0 scale, plans to do graduate study in population dynamics in fisheries.

Named outstanding graduate student was Bruce Sullivan of Murphysboro, Ill., who has served as district chairman of the Wisconsin Coalition for Recycling, as a Central Wisconsin Environmental Action summer camp director and as a specialist in his studies in environmental education.

The top students by classes and disciplines who received plaques are: Kim Bettinger of Plain, outstanding senior; Katrina M. Wild of Wausau, outstanding junior; Kay M. Brockman, Vesper, outstanding sophomore; Paul Mleck, Maunten, outstanding Native American student; Jeffrey G. Faust, Cross Plains, outstanding sophomore; Katrina M. Wild, Wausau, outstanding resource management student; Stephen W. Coleman, Wisconsin Rapids, outstanding wildlife student; Carl Nielsen, Freeport, Ill., outstanding forestry student; and Edward C. Rowles, Washell, outstanding water student.

More than \$25,000 in scholarships were given during the program and introductions were made of students in the field of paper science (a branch of the natural resources program) who earlier this year were named to share more than \$25,000 in scholarships provided by the paper producing and allied industries.

The amounts of money, names of the awards and recipients are:

\$500 Wisconsin Wildlife Federation William Avery scholarship to Randy Harpelt of Wausau; \$200 Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Gordon Hahel scholarship to Michael Zechmeister of Saukville; \$400 Wisconsin Trappers Association scholarship to Scott A. Johnson, Warren, Ohio; \$250 Worth Fellowship to Scott Corley of 1236 6th Ave.; \$300 Johnsonville Conservation Club scholarship to Theresa Sanders of Janesville.

\$400 Yahara Fisherman's Club scholarship shared by William E. Cook, Madison, Toni J. Endres, Madison, Karin Swenson, Madison, Michelle Hefty, Mount Hush, Scott Nelson, Madison, and Roger Vandrell, Madison; \$200 UAW Local 88 Janesville Rod & Gun Club scholarship to David Basile of Edgerton; \$275 Isaac Walton League scholarship shared by Christopher T.

Sanner, Endeavor, Katrina M. Wild, Wausau, and Stephen W. Coleman, Wisconsin Rapids;

\$1,000 Wisconsin Sportsman Association scholarship shared by Michael Gerby, Waterford, Brian P. Spencer, Burlington, John Nielsen, Racine, Dan Weidert, Burlington, Kurt Dreger, Kenosha, and Dan Zaker, 1236 North Point Drive;

\$500 One-ida Foods scholarship to Carl L. Haug of Hilton, N.Y.; \$200 Sheboygan County Conservation Club scholarship to Kathleen Bauman, Oshkosh;

\$100 Forest History Association of Wisconsin scholarship to Steve Zebro of Brookfield; \$400 Wisconsin Timber Producers Association scholarship to Cal Doering of Gleason; \$150 Portage County Parks scholarship to Patricia Trauser, 21 Ridgewood Drive;

\$500 Environmental Law enforcement scholarship shared by Michael Kili of West Allis and Jeff Wedige of Platteville; \$400 Wausau Bowhunter's Association scholarship shared by Susan K. Babb of Beloit and Lance T. Perney of Wausau; \$200 Midstate Environmental Consulting scholarship to Rick Fero of Whitewater; \$200 Central Wisconsin Sportsman's Club-Marchfield scholarship to Paul L. Leberg of Clinton;

\$400 Wisconsin Fertilizer and Chemical Association scholarship and National Agronomy Recognition award to Jeffrey G. Faust of Cross Plains; \$250 National Soil Conservation Service scholarship to Constantine A. Carpenter of Eastford; \$100 Wisconsin Chapter Soil Conservation scholarship to Michael Gdyniarski of Brookfield;

\$500 Daniel Boone Conservation League scholarship to Jack Masequist of Milwaukee; \$250 Dean's Award to David Nelson of Eagle River; Wisconsin Rural Rehabilitation scholarship of \$3,250 shared by Wendy Hebel of Poyntelle, Gregory E. Schran of Jansen, Cal Doering of Gleason, Jean Perkins of Merrill and Le Roy Crockett of Neillsville;

\$200 Marjorie Godfrey Memorial Scholarship to Sara LaBorde of Fond du Lac; and the \$100 Joe Karban Memorial Award to Stephen W. Coleman of Wisconsin Rapids. The Karban memorial award was given for the first time this year from a \$4,000 fund established at the university by Karban's friends and relatives. He was a student at the time of his death last summer in a car accident while attending the UW-SP summer natural resources camp at Clam Lake.

## UW-SP senior wins fellowship of \$12,000

The University of Michigan has awarded its first George Staebler Forestry Fellowship — worth about \$12,000 — to a graduating senior from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Steve Ziobro, Brookfield, is to have three masters of graduate study funded by the fellowship. He will receive \$7,000 as a stipend for living expenses plus about \$6,000 to cover tuition and related fees.

The Weyerhaeuser Co. Foundation recently established the fellowship in honor of George Staebler, an alumnus of the University of Michigan who retired two years ago as director of forestry research for the firm. Staebler is considered the principal architect of the high yield forestry concept of industrial forest management.

Among the recommendations Ziobro received as he entered the first annual round of national competition for the fellowship were from his faculty adviser at UW-SP, Professor Robert Engelhard, and another local natural resources faculty member, William Sylvester, who had been a fellow student of Staebler years ago in Michigan.

Ziobro has an accumulated grade point of 3.92 on a 4.0 scale and will graduate this spring with a forestry major. He attended the UW Center-Waukesha for one year before transferring to UW-Stevens Point.

Since coming here, he has attended the last three national conventions of the Society of American Foresters and held an office in the UW-SP chapter of

the Wisconsin Parks and Recreation Association. In 1979 he was named outstanding sophomore in the UW-SP College of Natural Resources. He has received highest academic honors each semester since he began studying here.

This spring, he received a \$100 prize in recognition of his scholarship from the



**Steve Ziobro**

Forest History Association of Wisconsin.

After completing a master's degree in Michigan, Ziobro plans to work as an industrial forester. He has already had experience in that field as an engineering summer intern with the Weyerhaeuser Co.

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02 May 1981, Sat • Page 8

## Campus Notes

Steve Ziobro, a University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point May graduate, has won a history essay award from the Forest History Association of Wisconsin.

He will enter graduate school at Michigan State University.

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## Awards given

The Forest History Association of Wisconsin Inc., 403 McIndoe St., Wausau, has awarded Forest History Essay-Scholarship Awards for 1981 to Steve Ziobro, Brookfield, a University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point senior, and Terry Droessler, Dickeyville, a UW-Madison student. The Association encourages forest history preservation and provides compilations of its historical subjects to state libraries.

Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin  
09 Jun 1981, Tue • Page 26

## Forest history meeting slated

Members of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin will hold their sixth annual meeting in Green Bay Sept. 11. The conclave will coincide with the Logging Congress, sponsored by the Timber Producers Association of Wisconsin and Michigan.

The program includes several speakers who will deliver papers on subjects of historical interest to those connected with the timber industry. One highlight will be a presentation by Gordon Connor, Connor Forest Industries Inc., on the development of mechanized logging in Wisconsin, from the earliest introduction of the chain saw to modern day feller-bunchers and tree-length processors.

The session will begin at 11 a.m. at the Midway Motor Lodge, and includes a luncheon. Non-members of the association are welcome.

The Post-Crescent, Appleton, Wisconsin, 05 Jul 1981, Sun • Page 18

## Forest history group to meet

The Forest History Association of Wisconsin Inc., will hold its sixth annual meeting during the annual

## Lakes States Logging Congress Sept. 11 in Green Bay.

Distinguished service awards will be presented at the noon meeting at Peyton's.

Main speaker will be Sanford Fowler, Gresham, on "The History of Logging on the Menominee Indian Reservation."

Also speaking will be Gordon R. Connor, Wausau, chairman of the board of Connor Forest Industries, who will review "The History of Mechanized Logging in Wisconsin and Michigan."

Green Bay Press-Gazette, Green Bay, Wisconsin

## WERGIN REALTY, INC.

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*FREDERICK C. BRECHLER*



Fred has recently joined Wergin Realty as a Sales As-



sociate. Fred is a native of Wausau and a graduate of Wausau High School. Most recently, he has acted as a consultant with Northern States Development Company and the National Accrediting Commission of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences.

Previously, he held administrative and faculty positions in continuing education at Barry College in Miami, Florida, the University of Missouri - St. Louis, and Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He has been active in developing advanced education programs for realtors and appraisers and has served as Staff Associate with the University of Missouri for the development of a College of Optometry. Fred is a Licensed Broker and has a Ph.D. in Education from Ohio State University and a Bachelor's Degree from Lawrence University. Fred's training also includes studies in City Planning and Journalism and a Research Fellowship at the Institute for Community Studies in Kansas City, Missouri.

He is a member of the Evening Optimist Club of Wausau, the Forest History Association of Wisconsin, American Society for Training and Development, The Wisconsin Organization Development Group, and the American Society of Professional Consultants. He is married and lives with his wife and daughter at 513 South 7th Avenue, Wausau.

querque, N.M., and Mrs. William Haguebeck of Iowa City, Iowa; and train bearer, Melvin R. Laird, Washington, D.C.

The Connors have four living children. Mrs. Dudley W. (Mary) Pierce, Wisconsin Rapids; Gordon P. Connor, Minneapolis; Mrs. Eduard J. (Catherine) Dellin, Glencoe, Ill.; and Mrs. James W. (Sara) Greer Jr., Milwaukee. Another son, David Noel Connor, died in an airplane crash in



**Mr. and Mrs. Gordon R. Connor**

1978. There are 13 grandchildren.

Connor, chairman of the board of Connor Forest Industries, Wausau, and its president from 1965-78, has been a leader in the forest industry. He has been president of Timber Producers Association of Michigan and Wisconsin; president of Northern Hardwood and Pine Association; president of the International National Hardwood Association; director of National Forest Products Association and is director of the national Forest Timber, Taxation and Valuation Association. He also is a member of Michigan

Institute of Technology University's Wood Research Advisory Committee, Houghton, Mich.

Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin  
20 Jul 1981, Mon • Page 29

## Connors host golden event

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon R. Connor of 1011 Eighth St., Wausau, hosted a golden wedding anniversary dinner and dance July 20 for 86 at Birch Lake, Laona, summer residence of their son-in-law and daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Eduard J. Dellin of Glencoe, Ill.

On July 21, 150 guests went to Camp Five Farm for a social afternoon, followed by dancing and barbecue.

Gordon R. Connor, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Connor of Marshfield, and Mary Isabella Roddis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Roddis, also Marshfield, were married July 20, 1929 in a garden wedding at her parental home. The Rt. Rev. William H. Brady, Episcopal bishop of Fond du Lac, gave the July 20 invocation at which Mrs. Connor wore her original wedding attire.

Original attendants present were the maid of honor, Mrs. Robert T. (Catherine Roddis) Beggs, Portland, Ore.; bridesmaids, Mrs. J.R. (Constance Connor) Modrall of Albu-

He is chairman of the board of Peoples State Bank, Wausau; trustee of Suomi College, Hancock, Mich.; has been chairman of the board of First National Bank, Stevens Point, the Bank of Athens at Athens and River Valley State Bank of Rothschild. He recently resigned as director of Life Investors Inc. of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, an insurance company.

He has been a director of University of Wisconsin Alumni Association, is a "W" Club member and he and Mrs. Connor are members of University of Wisconsin President's Bascom Hill Society.

Mrs. Connor served as corporate secretary of Connor Forest Industries from 1954-1978 and was its legislative liaison. She directs the Connor Country's Camp Five Farm and Lumberjack Special activities and is curator of Camp Five Museum Foundation Inc. at Laona; is president of Connor Foundation Inc.; is vice president of Hamilton Roddis Foundation Inc.; has been active as a speech writer in forestry associations, forestry history and legislation, and is on the Michigan Chamber of Commerce land use sub-committee.

Active in Daughters of American Revolution at state and national levels, Mrs. Connor was chairwoman of conservation for National Society of DAR 1974-1977; was state DAR resolutions chairwoman and state DAR defense chairwoman for many years, a national DAR vice president of national defense and twice was regent of Wausau's DAR chapter. She also is a member of Mayflower and Huguenot societies and Colonial Dames of Wisconsin. She has served on the Wisconsin Federation of Women's Clubs board and was chairwoman of several federation committees.

Mrs. Connor was vice chairwoman of Marathon County Republican Party for 10 years, was active in state Republican activities and was vice chairwoman and legislative chairwoman of Wisconsin Federation of Republican Women.

## **Peshtigo gets history award**

**PESHTIGO —** A Distinguished Service Award from the Forest History Association of Wisconsin will be shared by the Peshtigo Historical Society and the Peshtigo Fire Museum.

The groups were honored for their efforts establishing

a memorial to commemorate the disastrous forest fire of Oct. 8, 1871, which wiped out the entire community and took about 1,200 lives.

Nearly 300,000 persons have visited the museum and adjoining cemetery.

Green Bay Press-Gazette, Green Bay, Wisconsin  
19 Sep 1981, Sat • Page 7

## **Historical meet planned**

A regional convention for thirteen local historical societies and associations from the Northwoods region of the Wisconsin Council for Local History will be held Aug. 7 at the Marathon County Historical Museum, 403 McIndoe St., Wausau.

The day-long program is open to the public. Registration at the museum will begin at 8:30.

A business meeting will be held from 9:45 a.m. to noon at the Wausau YMCA. Topics will include educational programming, preserving collections and soliciting memberships.

Wausau Historic Landmark Commission member Don Aucutt will talk about the commission at 11 a.m.

Marshfield News-Herald,  
Marshfield, Wisconsin  
26 Jul 1979, Thu • Page  
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A luncheon will be held at noon. During the luncheon, state reports will be given.

At 1:30 p.m., Frank Fixmer, secretary-treasurer of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin, will speak on forestry in Wisconsin since 1930.

A bus tour of historic homes in Wausau will be given from 2:45 to 4 p.m.

Cost is \$7. Checks, made payable to the Marathon County Historical Society, may be mailed to Tom Schleif, director, Marathon County Historical Museum, 403 McIndoe St., Wausau.

Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, Aug. 3.

Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin, 29 Jul 1982, Thu • Page 12

## Foresters to meet

The seventh annual meeting of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin will be held Aug. 27-28 at Trees for Tomorrow Resources Education Center in Eagle River. Registration will start at 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 27. The program will include a film of Thunder Lake Lumber Company's narrow gauge railroad logging and a trip to Camp Five at Laona.

Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin, 29 Jul 1982, Thu • Page 27

## Legislation credited for saving forests

By MARY BETH MARKLEIN  
Herald Staff

Two and a quarter million acres of county-owned forests exist in Wisconsin.

There are 1,480,000 acres of forests used for commercial purposes in the state.

State industries also have

1,700,000 acres of tree farms, which are forests used for educational purposes.

Schools own 25,000 acres of forests.

The care of those forests translates into jobs for some 70,000 persons. The timber in those forests equalled \$6,485,808 in sales from 1975 to 1978. And forests form the basis for tourism, Wisconsin's second largest industry.

Although today's forests are both aesthetically and commercially valuable, forests would be little more than stumps and ashes had it not been for some state and federal legislation passed from the 1900s to the 1930s, says Frank Fixmer, secretary-treasurer of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin. Fixmer made his remarks during a Saturday speech at a regional convention of the Wisconsin Council for Local History held at the Wausau YWCA and during an interview with the Herald.

Fixmer said settlers who came to the state in the 1800s were responsible for cutting the virgin forests to build cities, because it was cheaper than transporting wood from the Eastern or Western U.S. Many of the forests were also burned down, when logging debris from this clearcutting caught on fire, Fixmer said.

In addition, farmers, believing the land covered by forests was prime for farming, sought the cheapest measure — fire — to get rid of the woodlands.

While those methods were most economical at the time, the



results were not economical for state residents after the 1930s.

Several pieces of state and federal legislation were passed during the first quarter of the 20th century to aid forest growth, Fixmer said, but it was not until 1933 that the rebirth of state forests really began.

That is when former President Franklin D. Roosevelt created the New Deal federal program, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).

Under that program, Fixmer said some 75,000 Wisconsin men devoted 269,447 days to fighting forest fires, planting 266 million trees, constructing 4,390 miles of roads and truck trails, building 4,040 miles of telephone lines and 483 bridges, as well as establishing tree nurseries and forest fire lookout ties.

Once forests were rebuilt, public demand gave rise to a shift in emphasis from producing timber to preserving resources and developing recreation areas, he said.

However, industrial forests still exist in Wisconsin. In those forests, emphasis has changed from tree planting to management, which involves maintaining maximum and fastest growth. "Nature doesn't always do the best job," Fixmer said.

One aspect of industrial forestry in Wisconsin is the Trees for Tomorrow program, which began in 1944 to produce trees to aid the war effort. Today, it is used for environmental studies.

Similarly, school forests and tree farms, both educational tools, today emphasize forest management.

## Forest History group to meet

EAGLE RIVER — The Forest History Association of Wisconsin will hold its seventh annual meeting Aug. 27-28 at the Trees for Tomorrow Education Center here.

Friday afternoon, Aug. 27, will be devoted to a short business meeting and presentations on the Apostle Islands and logging history of Vilas County. Following the dinner, distinguished service awards will be presented, a movie will be shown on the Thunder Lake Lumber Company's narrow gauge railroad, and the 100-year history of Rhinelander will be reviewed.

On Aug. 28, those attending will go to Laona to ride the Connor Country Lumberjack Special Train and tour Camp Five.

Non-members of the association are welcome at all meetings and activities. Further information is available by contacting Ken Elliott at Trees for Tomorrow, P.O. Box 609, Eagle River, Wis. 54502, telephone 362-4210.

Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin, 09 Aug 1982, Mon • Page 6

## History group plans conference

EAGLE RIVER — The public is invited to the seventh annual meeting of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin Aug. 27 and 28 at the Trees for Tomorrow Resources Education Center here.

Historians from the Rhinelander and Vilas County areas will speak, and a steam-powered train ride to the Camp Five Logging Museum in Laona will be included.

For more information, contact Ken Elliott at (715) 362-4210, or write Trees for Tomorrow, P.O. Box 609, Eagle River, Wis. 54502.

Wisconsin State Journal, Madison, Wisconsin, 18 Aug 1982, Wed, Page 2

## Malcolm Rosholt honored

Malcolm Rosholt has been given the distinguished service award by the Forest History Association of Wisconsin.

The Rosholt resident was presented a plaque embossed with log end marks and bronze legend in ceremonies Friday. It was presented by Mary Connor, president of the group, at the annual meeting near Eagle River.

The award was presented in recognition of Rosholt's authorship of

numerous publications "which help readers to re-live the early days of logging and lumbering in the pineries of Wisconsin."

Also honored was Frederick G. Wilson, 94, who participated in the first tree planting program at Star Lake and was a state forester. He now lives in Madison.

The Eau Claire Kiwanis Club also received an award for sponsorship of the Paul Bunyan Logging Museum in Eau Claire.

Stevens Point Journal, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, 30 Aug 1982, Mon • Page 23

Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin, 09 Aug 1982, Mon • Page 19

# Camp Five farm

Heading for the Wisconsin Northwoods this summer?

Tucked off in Forest county, not far from the Rhinelander-Crandon area, is a slice of history just waiting to be explored.

No neon signs or shimmering road signs point the way to Camp Five, a former logging camp and train which has been preserved and restored to give visitors a taste of logging lore and life.

**TO GET** there, go to Laona, Wis., (population around 700) and follow the directional signs. Visitors park their cars at the old Synder's Landing depot for a ride on the trusty 1916 steam train which leaves the depot six times daily. The three-and-a-half-mile ride is not only a pleasant, rollicking, sentimental journey which sets the mood for a lazy day at Camp Five, but it is also the only way to get there.

As the train clatters and chugs past lakes, ponds, over bridges and beside rice beds on the Rat river, visitors begin to anticipate what's at the other end of the trip. As soon as the train comes to a screeching halt at Camp Five, passengers can see that they're in for something special and different.

There's a large museum to explore, packed with lumberjack tools, photos and artifacts. A slide presentation, "Northwoods Saga," gives visitors a quick perspective of logging life and sets the tone for the self-guided tours throughout the museum.

A highlight is the blacksmith shop, complete with a blacksmith who demonstrates his craft, shows kids how horseshoes are made and gives a mini-history lesson which is as entertaining as it is educational.

**SEVERAL TIMES** a day, a surrey takes off for a trip deep through the

forests, previously managed and owned by Connor Lumber company. The guide describes various trees in the forest which are clearly marked. Those school classes in conservation and forestry take on a new meaning when visitors can actually see the results of proper conservation methods and forest management. This 30-minute tour also passes by portions of the Camp Five farm, where horses and cows are seen grazing under shady trees. The operating farm is the actual farm that served the logging camp.

Because there is so much to see and do at Camp Five, it is easy to bypass the ecology walk through the lowland areas, where visitors can spot jewelweed, Indian pipes, jack-in-the-pulpit, lady slipper and many unusual wild flowers, mosses, ferns and plants. This secluded self-guided walk is worth taking the time.

Camp Five also offers an optional river float trip on a pontoon boat, along the Rat river, where guides point out the history of the region and wild rice harvesting. Visitors ride a hayrack to get to the river.

While old lumberjack songs play in the background, visitors can wander over to the Cracker Barrel, an old-fashioned gift and candy shop, which was moved out to the site just before it was to be razed in downtown Laona. There's also an old slaughter house to see and several outside displays, from Henry Ford's "Big Wheels" to Canadian eight ore pointer boats. The Choo Choo Hut snack bar is open along with picnic tables.

**CAMP FIVE** was the dream of Gordon R. Connor, former president and director of Connor Forest industries, on the event of the company's centennial in 1972. His wife, Mary Connor,

former corporate secretary, almost single-handedly made this dream become a reality. She is an authority on "life as it was" in logging days as told to her by relatives as well as the massive research she has done on the subject. Most of the museums artifacts and antiques are a result of the Connors' searching and collecting for several years plus gifts from across the country. Mrs. Connor also wrote the narrative to the logging film shown at the museum and has written a book on the history of lumbering.

Until last year, the attraction was operated by Connor Forest industries and the Camp Five Museum Foundation, Inc. New owners purchased Connor Forest industries and now the attraction is the sole responsibility of the foundation. The attraction won a national award in education from the Arbor Day foundation, an award from the Forest History Association of Wisconsin, a merit award from the State Historical society, and it has earned the coveted AAA four-diamond rating as an outstanding attraction.

To catch the train, plan to arrive at Laona by 10, 11, 11:45 am. or 12:45, 1:35, 2:30 p.m. The last train ride back leaves Camp Five at 4:20 p.m. To really see and do Camp Five, plan on at least three hours. The attraction is open through August 28.

For more information, contact the Camp Five Museum Foundation, Inc. Laona, Wis., 54541, or call (715) 674-3414 or 674-3620. The tour costs \$5.50 for adults; \$3.50 for children four through 12, which includes everything except the hayride and boat ride. Children three and under attend free. A special family rate includes a \$17.50 ticket for two adults and up to four children.





*A steam train still runs daily in the Wisconsin Northwoods at Laona near Rhinelander.  
The journey takes visitors to Camp Five farm, where logging days are explored.*

Tinley Park Palos Star Herald 24 Jul  
1983, Tinley Park, Illinois, Page 18;  
and Oak Forest Star Herald, 24 Jul  
1983, Oak Forest, Illinois, Page 18.

## Rosholt honored

Two individuals and a service club have received distinguished service awards from the Forest History Association of Wisconsin.

Honored were Malcolm Rosholt, Portage County historian; F.G. Wilson, Madison; and the Kiwanis Club of Eau Claire.

Rosholt has written numerous books, including "Wisconsin Logging Book, 1839-1939," dealing with pioneer days in the pineries of Wisconsin. His newest work, currently being printed, is "Lumbermen on the Chippewa."

Wilson, a professional forester, was cited for his service with the former Wisconsin Conservation Department for 41 years after becoming one of its first forest rangers in 1911. He established the first state forestry headquarters, first system of lookout towers for fire detection and the first state tree nursery. He was also the first state Extension forester.

The Kiwanis Club of Eau Claire was recognized for its contributions to the preservation of the forest history of the Chippewa River Valley. It was largely responsible for the construction of the Paul Bunyan Logging Camp in Carson Park in Eau Claire.

The awards were presented at the seventh annual history association members' meeting at Eagle River. Mrs. Gordon R. Connor, Wausau, is association president, and Frank Fixmer, Mosinee, is secretary-treasurer.

Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin, 31 Aug 1982, Tue • Page 3

## Award

The Dunn County Historical Society has been notified that it will receive the organizational award for its Empire in Pine Lumber Museum in Downsville.

Sponsored by Forest History Association of Wisconsin, Inc., this award will be presented at the annual membership meeting Sept. 16-17 in Appleton.

The Dunn County News,  
Menomonie, Wisconsin,  
15 Jun 1983,

● Frank N. Fixmer, professional forester and retired manager of forest operations from the Mosinee Paper Corporation, recently received the John Macon Award from the Wisconsin Section of the Society of American Foresters. This award is presented for outstanding contribution to forest management in the Lake States. Fixmer worked for Mosinee Paper for 35 years and previously had been employed by the Wisconsin Conservation Department and the U.S. Forest Service. He is a director and secretary-treasurer of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin, a director of the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association, and manages his certified tree farm.

Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin, 19 Jul

## NACCCA

National Association of Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni

Organized — 1977 reunion in California.

Membership — about 13,000.

Wisconsin Chapter 23 — about 205 members; William Wolff Jr., Lakewood, president; information from secretary, Frank Soraci, P.O. Box 369, Rhinelander, Wis. 54501.

Biennial convention — Sept. 20-23, headquarters at Eagle River Sports Arena.

Convention registration — 1,000 capacity already reached, registrations from 48 states and two foreign countries.

Convention speakers — Max Peterson, chief of U.S. Forest Service; Secretary of the Army John Marsh; U.S. Senator John Fulbright; U.S. Rep. Tony Roth; plus state legislators and Department of Interior representatives.

Convention exhibits — open to public daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., exhibitors include U.S. Army, U.S. Forest Service, Christmas Tree Growers Association, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Soil Conservation Service, Forest History Association of Wisconsin and Army Reserve.

Convention highlights — exhibits, tours of CCC camp sites and projects in national forests, fashion show for women, concerts

by Army's Jazz Ambassadors, old-fashioned cookout, convention meeting and banquet.



A manikin in the CCC Museum is outfitted with the dress uniform of "enrollees" in the 1930s, actually U.S. Army wool uniform components with a CCC patch.



CCC camp barracks were 20 feet wide by 100 feet long, made of wood and covered with tarpaper. The museum is built from plans drawn from a remaining building, but is 40 feet long. Part of one such barracks at Camp McCord was used in building the first lodge at the Merrill School Forest. ,

From the Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin, 18 Aug 1983, Thu • Page 26



Various patches and other identifying badges worn by CCC members and supervisors are displayed in the museum along with photographs, books and pamphlets.

## Forest group to meet

APPLETON — The eighth annual meeting of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin will be held Sept. 16 and 17 in Appleton.

The organization's president, Arlan Wooden of Marinette, said the session will take place at the Institute of Paper Chemistry, beginning with a paper mill tour on Friday afternoon and a dinner with social presentations that evening.

The Saturday morning program will feature four speakers whose subjects will include histories of log transportation in Wisconsin, the state's last logging railroad operation, and the operations of the Menasha Wooden Ware Co.

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps, a review of that conservation works program in Wisconsin will also be presented. The conclave will conclude with a tour of the Dard Hunter Paper Museum.

Further details and advance reservation forms may be obtained from the association's secretary, Frank N. Fixmer, 403 McIndoe St., Wausau 54401. The event is open to non-members.

The Oshkosh Northwestern, Oshkosh, Wisconsin  
02 Sep 1983, Fri • Page 21

## IPC will host logging group

The Forest History Association of Wisconsin will hold its eighth annual meeting at the Institute of Paper Chemistry, Appleton, Sept. 16 and 17.

Organization president Arlan Wooden, Marinette, announced that the session will include a tour of a local paper mill Sept. 16.

On Sept. 17, the morning program will feature four speakers whose subjects will include histories of log transportation in Wisconsin, the state's last logging railroad operation, and the operations of the Menasha Wooden Ware Company.

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps, a review of that conservation works program in Wisconsin will be presented. The meeting will conclude with a tour of the Dard Hunter Paper Museum.

Details and reservation forms may be obtained from the association secretary, Frank N. Fixmer, 403 McIndoe St., Wausau, WI 54401. The event is open to non-members of the association.

The Post-Crescent, Appleton, Wisconsin, 03 Sep 1983, Sat • Page 16

## 'Mully' receives award

MERRILL — M.N. "Mully" Taylor, 708 Cedar St., is the recipient of the 1983 distinguished service award from the Forest History Association of Wisconsin.

The award was presented at the annual meeting of the Institute of Paper Chemistry during the weekend at Appleton.

Taylor received the award in recognition of his pioneering contributions to conservation education as the founder and executive director of Trees for Tomorrow for 31 years and as author of "Saga of New Wood Country."

"Trees" at Eagle River was organized in 1944. "Saga" was published by the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters for distribution to its 1,600 members.

During Taylor's term as executive director of "Trees," the environmental center planted more than 23 million trees and prepared management plans on about 400,000 acres owned by about 11,000 landowners. Taylor also helped to establish the Wisconsin Press Association's demonstration forest.



M.N. "Mully" Taylor

Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin  
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## ***Society wins major award***

Calling it the most significant and outstanding "collection of river logging tools in the United States," Jacques Vallier, representing the Forest History Association of Wisconsin, presented the organization's distinguished service award to the Dunn County Historical Society's Empire in Pine Lumber Museum in Downsville.

Accepting the award for the society, John Russell expressed regret that museum curator Stanley Borm was unable to attend the award ceremonies because of ill health.

Presentation of the award was made at the recent annual banquet of the

Forest History Association in Appleton.

The inscription on the award plaque, which is embellished by impressions of four log marks, reads:

"1983 Distinguished Service Award presented to the Dunn County Historical Society by the Forest History Association of Wisconsin in recognition of its contributions to the preservation of its area's forest heritage through the establishment and maintenance of its Empire in Pine Lumber Museum."

The complete text of the comments made by Vallier at the presentation ceremonies along with the plaque will be displayed at the museum in Downsville.

**Forest" and his efforts to create the  
Civilian Conservation Corps Mu-  
seum in Rhinelander.**

Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin, 24 Mar  
1984, Sat • Page 5

The Dunn County News, Menomonie, Wisconsin, 05 Oct 1983,  
Wed • Page 3

## ***Taylor is honored by forest association***

**MERRILL —** The late M.N. "Mully" Taylor was recently honored by the Forest History Association of Wisconsin for his pioneering contributions to conservation education.

He was also recognized for writing "The Saga of New Wood Country," a historical account of the exploitation and replanting of the forest area in western Lincoln County.

The organization's Distinguished Service Award was given posthumously. Taylor, 80, was selected to receive the award before he and his wife, Wilhelmine, 82, died in a fire at their home Feb. 20.

Taylor, a Merrill native, was a founder and executive director for 31 years of Trees for Tomorrow Inc. The non-profit organization first encouraged and assisted replanting of cut and burned lands and then shifted emphasis to outdoor environmental education activities.

The late Ken Elliott of Rhinelander, a retired U.S. Forest Service employee, was honored for writing "History of the Nicolet National



# History speaks at forestry hall dedication

By HILL DERRY  
of the Journal

They dedicated the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame here Friday, and a 97-year-old chap kind of stole the show.

Fred Wilson of Madison is a retired forester. He was one of the first three people to be inducted into the hall, located in the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Natural Resources Building.

And while Wilson showed sharp wit and intelligence as he accepted his honor, his very presence was as much of a statement.

The three men honored Friday were probably considered a bit radical in their day. They had new ideas.

There was Edward Merriam Griffith, Wisconsin's first state forester, who fought for such radical ideas as a forest crop program across the state and a forest fire control program.

Griffith served from 1904 to 1915, a time of vast change across Wisconsin's northland. The timber companies had scraped much of the virgin growth from the land, and there were struggles over how to deal with the slash.

Agriculture won the early rounds, and as the farmers took over the rugged remains of the clear-cut forests, Griffith left his post in some amount of frustration, never to return to Wisconsin.

But Griffith had tutored a new generation of foresters. Their message was simple, yet based on principles of careful management. They said: Give the land back to the trees. They argued for stewardship of those tracts.

Another fellow inducted into the hall Friday was Robert Goodman, founder of the Goodman Lumber Co. in Marinette County. He abandoned clear cutting, and was the first owner of private forest land to embrace a program of selective cutting.

Doing so, Goodman ran against the grain. Others in his business still wanted to move in, slash the trees down and move on.



CHARTER MEMBER

Listening carefully to a speaker at the dedication of the Forestry Hall of Fame here Friday were Fred Wilson, 97, and his wife, Amy. He was one of three men inducted into the hall. (Staff photo by Donz Woick)

Much of the public liked that. They resisted Conservation Department attempts to establish forest fire control programs proposed by Griffith and others. What good was the brush?

But things had changed again by the time Wilson rose to prominence as Wisconsin's first chief ranger for fire control and later superintendent of the

Cooperative Forestry Division of the Conservation Department. His work spanned four decades, and he continued to teach and do research after retiring.

As Wilson told people gathered at the dedication Friday, the settlers who followed the logging crews "bet the best years of life against some very poor land."

The soil wasn't right, and the climate didn't help much, he said.

When the farms failed, Wisconsin's counties were left holding the bill, he said. That's because in Wisconsin, "counties are required to absorb uncollected real estate taxes."

A report drafted by Wilson led the Legislature to allow counties to take control of tax delinquent lands. It was 1929.

"They finally provided enabling legislation for states and counties to work together," Wilson recalled.

As the counties got the land, millions of acres, and the foresters helped them use it intelligently.

Herb Fleischer, a former U.S. Forest Service official who introduced Wilson Friday noted that "His efforts led to the first rural zoning ordinance in the U.S."

They didn't call it zoning then, but the intent was clear. "They restricted the land to forestry," Fleischer said.

And the forests came back.

Roughly 19 million acres of Wisconsin — half the state's land surface — is forested.

Wilson didn't pause for a second when asked Friday what he was most proud of in his career. "Providing more than two million acres of county land built out of tax dead lands," he said.

It was Wilson who developed Wisconsin's oldest forest plantation at Star Lake. There are some gaps in the records across the years, Wilson said Friday. "But it's the best documented plantation anywhere," he asserted.

From those times came forest programs that give landowners tax breaks to preserve and manage forests.

It's been 80 years since Griffith fought for the trees in Wisconsin, 50 since Wilson worked successfully for the necessary changes. It's been at least that long since Goodman guided Wisconsin's Conservation Commission along the course that produced today's forests.

C.D. Besadny is secretary of the Conservation Department's spinoff, today's Department of Natural Resources. He mused Friday that three-quarters of a century is quite awhile, "but to provide a tree, it's a short time."

The early foresters like Griffith "were dedicated to correcting many of the mistakes of the past," Besadny said.

Forestry, Wilson told a reporter, "is growing trees for commercial use."

Today, said Besadny in his keynote speech, the forest products industry is the major employer in 22 Wisconsin

counties. It's 13 percent of the state's payroll, providing 75,000 jobs.

But the forests are more. They're comfort to Wisconsin, an important chunk of the state's soul. They're nature, enjoyment, challenge, reward.

"Multi-use concepts," said Besadny, "I doubt that in 1911 Mr. Griffith thought about those benefits."

And so about 50 people gathered to hear the voice of Edward Wilson ring out across the Natural Resources Building Friday. There on the ground of higher learning, he told them that education is the key to thoughtful management of the land.

The Wisconsin Society of American Foresters spearheaded establishment of the hall. Other participants were UW-SP and UW-Madison, the Wisconsin Forest History Association, Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association, the DNR Bureau of Forestry, the Wisconsin-Michigan Timber Producers Association and the U.S. Forest Service.

A permanent display is being completed, and induction ceremonies will be held annually.



DNR Secretary C.D. Besadny gave the keynote address Friday as the Forestry Hall of Fame was dedicated here. (Staff photo by Doug Wojcik)

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Forest History Association of Wisconsin scholarship, \$100, to Sally L. Roberts of Phillips.

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## Forest history group to meet

Tomahawk

Forest history buffs are invited to attend the 10th annual meeting of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin on Sept. 27-28. The association is celebrating its first 10 years dedicated to the preservation of the history of early logging, lumbering and river drives in Wisconsin forests.

The meeting is at Treehaven, a learning facility in the Wisconsin northwoods, near Tomahawk, an area rich in the early history of forestry in the state.

A number of speakers will discuss a wide range of forestry topics, ranging from the history of an early sawmill town to forest fire control. The association also will present its annual distinguished service awards to an individual and an institution for preserving the forest history of Wisconsin. The group is one of seven organizations supporting the Forestry Hall of Fame located on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Representatives of the Society of American Foresters will present the inductees into the Hall of Fame at the September meeting.

Those interested in attending the meeting have until Sept. 24 to make reservations; contact Secretary, Forest History Association of Wisconsin, 403 McIndoe St., Wausau, WI 54401. Meals will be served at Treehaven and there are overnight dormitory accommodations. For more information, contact Frank Fixmer, Mosinee, 715-693-2995.

The Country Today, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, 25 Sep 1985,  
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## Newspaper group, author receive forest history awards

**TOMAHAWK** — The Wisconsin Newspaper Association and a retired U.S. Forest service employee received the 1985 distinguished service awards of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin here Friday night.

The presentations recognize preservation of the state's forest heritage. They were made at the organization's 10th annual convention at Treehaven, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's outdoor education camp.

A 78-acre parcel near Eagle River was purchased by the state association of editors and publishers in 1968. They planted trees and are now selling them to pay the

debt on the only newspaper forest in the nation and provide journalism scholarships.

Considered an outstanding example of a multiple-use forest, the Press Forest is used as an outdoor classroom by those attending the Trees for Tomorrow Environmental Center, provides hiking and skiing opportunities for visitors.

Gordon Sorenson, 78, Drummond, was recognized for his two-year effort in the writing of a 442-page, 100-year history of the Bayfield County community published in 1982. He also is a former officer of the Bayfield County Historical Society, a founder and past president of the Drummond Historical Society and curator of its museum.

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## Corrected copy

If you spot an error, contact the news department in Wausau at 842-2101 or Merrill at 536-5561.

**FIRE PHOTOS** — The Forest History Association of Wisconsin and the Department of Natural Resources will sponsor an early forest protection exhibit at the Marathon County Historical Society. Information supplied to the Daily Herald incorrectly identified the agency on Sunday's Nostalgia Page. The exhibit commemorates the 75th anniversary of state forestry efforts. Photos appearing on the page were courtesy of the Department of Natural Resources.

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Photos courtesy Marathon County Historical Society

**Fire control:** Firefighters (top picture) use back-pack pumps to control a grass and brush fire in this 1954 photo. Tractor and plow units such as the one pictured at right were standard in 1938 for furrowing a control line around a forest fire. The Marathon County Historical Society will feature an exhibit on early forest protection equipment Sept. 6 to May 31. The exhibit of tree planting tools and fire fighting equipment is sponsored by the State Forestry Agency in cooperation with the DNR.



# State Board of Forestry

## NOTICE

**All Hunters, Trappers, Fishermen, Campers, Surveyors, Land Locators, Travelers or other persons,** are required by Section 4405a, Statutes of 1898, to totally extinguish **ALL FIRES BUILT BY THEM** before leaving them and to use all possible precautions to prevent the escape of the fire from their control at any time.

A fine of not more than 50 DOLLARS OR IMPRISONMENT IN THE COUNTY JAIL not more than six months for each offense is imposed by said section for failure to comply with its provisions, and all violations will be vigorously prosecuted whenever detected.

**E. M. GRIFFITH,**

State Forester

NOTE—Any person who destroys or removes this warning notice is punishable by a fine of from \$15 to \$100, or by imprisonment from 30 days to 3 months, or by both fine and imprisonment.

**Warning:** The above poster was used in 1911 and was found in a town hall in Wood County in 1936.

## Fires allowed to burn out

Organized fire control was slow in getting under way in Wisconsin.

Early protection effort was confined to legislation outlawing unauthorized fires, providing a penalty for willfully or carelessly allowing fire to escape, and restricting the use of fire in dry times.

When fires threatened, the usual practice was to backfire around farms and settlements and let the fires burn themselves out.

Early fire wardens and fire fighters provided their own equipment, which usually consisted of a shovel or ax. About 1911 it was suggested that patrolmen be furnished with canvas buckets for use where water was available.

In 1915, Wisconsin pioneered aerial fire detection, being the first state to use an airplane for spotting fires.

Back-pack pumps came into general use about 1918. This led to the development and use of portable power pumps and eventually heavy-duty pumper units mounted on trucks or trailers.

Horse-drawn plows were occasionally used in the early days to build fire lines where the going was not too tough. The plow, however, did not come into its own until the advent of the caterpillar tractor about 1930.



# They can see the forests for the trees

**By Joanne Williams**  
Wausau Daily Herald

A tree's roots run deep, and apparently, so do the sentiments of the people that plant and protect them. At least in Wisconsin.

Although timber has a tumbling history in this lumbering state, forestry preservation has also been a concern.

Just ask the folks at the state's Department of Natural Resources. They are celebrating 75 years of forestry conservation and history, accomplished mostly by the calloused hands of some dedicated people.

People like John M. Grosman, a training officer in the department's bureau of forestry in Tomahawk. He's got a poetic outlook on his position.

"We're in the process of supporting the forestry industry in Wisconsin 'till the sun goes out," he said. "We're working to hand things on to others. We're just a tick in time, handing on the progress to others."

Forestry development is a lifetime commitment, Grosman said. Programs his department are working on now won't be realized in our lifetime. Projects the state's first forest rangers began to tackle in 1911 are just now showing, long after those first 11 rangers have gone.

The job may be never-ending, but it is rewarding. In 1986, 40 percent of the state is still forested, even though trees have been toppled in earnest since the 1830s.



**Planting bar:** Frank N. Fixmer, Mosinee, (left) holds a planting bar and Mike Bailey, a DNR forest survey specialist from Tomahawk, holds a wooden box that would have

carried tree seedlings packed in moss. Fixmer supervised a Civilian Conservation Corps crew in 1933 in Nicolet National Forest, using the same tools.

Forestry conservation and development has been achieved through the foresters and volunteers who have nursed, planted, nurtured, pruned and preserved the land and trees that make Wisconsin one of the most popular nature vacation spots in the country.

People like Frank N. Fixmer of Mosinee, now secretary and treasurer of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin. In 1933, he supervised a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) crew working in Nicolet National Forest, which was established in March of that year.

"I was a junior forester for the U.S. Forest Service at that time," he said. "And I was named a technical foreman." He supervised his crew as they carried seedlings in wooden boxes to be hand-planted in holes made by 10-pound planting bars dug into the ground.

It was hard work, but today those men can step back and see the fruits of their labor tower over the land in northern Wisconsin.

Robert V. Roach of Park Falls know that feeling. A ranger at the DNR station there, Roach oversees a forest area that covers four counties.

And while forestry can be termed a modern science, it still finds roots in its early technology. A variety of hand tools are still used today, including man-carried backpack water pumps, which hold about 5 gallons of water, as well as an assortment of hoes, shovels and other digging tools used to fight fires.

And while many see technology as today's aerial observation of forests from planes, that practice has been going on since 1915, when pilot Jack Vilas first flew his plane over northern Wisconsin forests to locate and detect forest fires.

An overview of 75 years of forestry is now on display at the Marathon County Historical Museum, 403 McIndoe St., including photographs and a collection of firefighting equipment.

The display will be open for six months and is featured on the sun porch. The museum is open free to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The museum is closed Mondays and holidays.

# Lists

Bits of information that might be useful ... might be interesting ... or might just be fun...

## Lumber history

Wisconsin's lumbering industry has a history dating back about 180 years:

- 1809: First sawmill built by Jacob Franks on the Fox River near DePere.
- 1837: First known permission given by Indians to whites to cut timber and build sawmills in the St. Croix River.
- 1840: First general use of mechanically-operated sawmill.
- 1841: First law enacted regulating construction of dams on navigable waterways.
- 1850: First railroad built, the Milwaukee and Mississippi Railroad. Depended on timber freight as main source of revenue.
- 1858: First log drive in on the upper Wisconsin River from Eagle River to Little Bull Falls (now Mosinee).
- 1867: First Forestry Commission authorized by the Legislature to study forest destruction in the state.
- 1878: First state parks established in Iron and Vilas counties, totaling 50,000 acres.
- 1929: Mill tax adopted to produce revenue for improvement and management of state-owned forest.
- 1950: State-wide inventory of forests began, a cooperative effort between state, federal, county and industrial organizations.

Source: Forest History Association of Wisconsin Inc. and the Marathon County Public Library.

Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin, 22 Sep

## LeMay served public in two careers

**TOMAHAWK** — Neil H. LeMay, 83, 517 Park Ave., Tomahawk, who had two careers in government, died Wednesday morning at his home.

He headed what is now the state Department of Natural Resources' bureau of fire control from 1941 until retiring in 1969.

That career was marked by continual updating of forest fire prevention and suppression activities across the state.



Neil  
H. LeMay

First elected to the Lincoln County Board in 1970, LeMay became its chairman in 1976 and had been re-elected since then.

He intended to pursue a career in business after retiring from DNR and became a real estate broker and appraiser, working part time in those fields for a time. He had served on the Tomahawk School Board in 1961-62.

As a board member and supervisor, he served in numerous other leadership roles including president of the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission in 1980-84 and continued on its executive committee.

His leadership in government roles was widely recognized. LeMay was recently named to the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame. He had received the Governor's Service Award and had been cited by the U.S. Forest Service, Forest History Association of Wisconsin, the National Fire Protection Association, University of Wisconsin-Extension, Lincoln County 4-H Leaders, the Wisconsin Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations and other agencies and organizations.

LeMay was in the logging business with his father and brother until 1931 when he became a state conservation warden and a month later was appointed a forest ranger. He served at Winter, as a district ranger at Hayward and at the ranger headquarters in Trout Lake except for a year spent setting up Civilian Conservation Corps camps in northern Wisconsin.

He was born in Cornell, Chippewa County, Sept. 27, 1904, son of Ed and Emma LeMay. On June 3, 1929, in Duluth, Minn., he married Ruby Hanson who survives.

Surviving besides his wife, are a son, N. Curtis, Merrill; two daughters, Jane LeMay, Minneapolis, Minn., and Sharon Lamer, Tomahawk; a sister, Mrs. Bruno (E. Virginia "Dainty") Stein, Madison; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was a member and past president of Grace Lutheran Church, a member of Masonic Lodge No. 243, F&AM, Tomahawk, the Eau Claire Consistory, Timber Shrine Club, Soil Conservation Society and National Fire Protection Association. He had been secretary of the National Forestry Conservation Communications Association.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Grace Lutheran Church, Tomahawk. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Tomahawk. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. Saturday until time of services at the church. Krueger and Sons Funeral Home, Tomahawk, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be given to Shriners Hospitals or Grace Lutheran Church.

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## Wolf River history program scheduled

SHAWANO — Forest history and the heritage of the Wolf River area will be discussed during a program Friday and Saturday at the Best Western Village Haus in Shawano. The Forest History Association of Wisconsin is sponsoring the meeting and inviting the public to attend.

An important route for transportation for early loggers and voyagers, the area was dotted with small frontier towns along the Wolf, including early Shawano. The program also will include history of the headwaters region in Langlade and Oneida counties. A tour of the Menominee Logging Museum will be held Friday afternoon and a fall colorama tour is scheduled for Saturday.

The annual awards will be presented at the banquet Friday night. Robert Hendricks will speak on the first 100 years of Tigerton Lumber Co. More information and details is available from the state Department of Natural Resources, 647 Lakeland Road, Shawano, phone, (715) 524-2183 from 7:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. daily.

Green Bay Press-Gazette, Green Bay, Wisconsin  
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# Forestry Hall of Fame to induct three Friday

Three early advocates of forestry research, fire control and industrial forestry will be inducted into the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame in ceremonies Friday at the College of Natural Resources Building on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

The ceremonies for Raphael Zon, Neil H. LeMay and Frederick George Kilp will be at 4 p.m. in the main lobby of the CNR, it was announced by Thomas Rausch, chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee.

Zon, the first director of the then Lakes States Forest Experiment Station in St. Paul, had a 21-year career that influenced forestry and conservation in Wisconsin by establishing a system of forest experiment stations, doing some of the pioneer work in reforestation, silvicultural forest fire and tax delinquency studies of the vast acreage of cut-over land in the state. Zon worked to foster a political and social climate in Wisconsin and used his influence to get legislation that is today the basis for many of the public forestry programs in Wisconsin.

LeMay, whose 38-year career with the old Conservation Department and the Department of Natural Resources was in fire control, is remembered for his work in the development of firefighting equipment and protection communications. LeMay stressed the creation of a public consciousness of the fire hazard in the state and it is today considered the major reason why forest fires in the state are usually below regional and national averages. LeMay co-authored "The History of Forest Fires and Fire Control in Wisconsin" in 1952.

Kilp was a pioneer and a leader in industrial forestry in Wisconsin. Kilp joined Nekoosa-Edwards Paper Co. in 1924 and served on many committees, boards and councils within the SAF, using his leadership skills to advocate and implement far-reaching forestry policies and practices in reforestation, forest planning, tax law revisions and forest pest control programs.

The induction of the three men brings to 15 the number of members in the Hall of Fame, which is sponsored by the Wisconsin Society of American Foresters in cooperation with the Wisconsin-Michigan Timber Producers, the Wisconsin Forest History Association, the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association, the U.S. Forest Service, the UW-Madison School of Natural Resources and the UW-SP College of Natural Resources.

Stevens Point Journal, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, 23 Feb 1989,  
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## LeMay to enter Forestry Hall of Fame

STEVENS POINT — Three early forestry leaders, including the late Neil H. LeMay, Tomahawk, will be inducted into the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame today.

LeMay, who died June 21, just after learning he would be honored, was director of the state Natural Resources Department's bureau of fire control from 1941 until retiring in 1969.

He is remembered for his development of forest firefighting equipment and communications. His effort to make the public aware of the forest fire threat are recognized today as a major reason why the number of fires in the state is below regional and national averages.

Also to be honored is Raphael Zon, first director of the U.S. Lake States Experiment Station, St. Paul, Minn. He is credited with fostering a political and social climate that influenced legislation for many of today's public forestry programs in Wisconsin.

The Hall of Fame also will recognize Frederick G. Kilp, a forester with Nekoosa-Edwards Paper Co.,

who was active with the Society of American Foresters. He was an advocate for many reforestation practices, forestry planning, tax law revisions and forest pest control programs.

Ceremonies will take place at 4 p.m. today in the College of Natural Resources Building at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, where 15 plaques recognizing recipients are displayed. A reception will follow.

The Hall of Fame committee is sponsored by the Wisconsin Society of American Foresters in cooperation with the Michigan-Wisconsin Timber Producers Association, Wisconsin Forest History Association, Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association, U.S. Forest Service, and University of Wisconsin-Madison and UW-SP colleges of natural resources.



Neil  
LeMay

Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin, 24 Feb 1989, Fri • Page 3



## Three honored for forestry work

STEVENS POINT (AP) — Three men who promoted forest management were inducted Friday into the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Raphael Zon, Neil H. LeMay and Frederick George Kilp bring to 15 the number of members of the hall, which is sponsored by the Wisconsin Society of American Foresters in cooperation with the Wisconsin-Michigan Timber Producers, the Wisconsin Forest History Association, the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association, the U.S. Forest Service, the University of Wisconsin's School of Natural Resources and the UW-Stevens Point College of Natural Resources.

Zon was the first director of the former Lakes States Forest Experiment Station in St. Paul, Minn. He influenced forestry and conservation by establishing a system of experiment stations.

Zon lobbied for laws that became the basis for many of the state's public forestry programs.

LeMay, who spent 38 years with the old Conservation Department and the Department of Natural Resources, specialized in fire control.

His work is credited with keeping Wisconsin's field and forest fire problems below regional and national averages.

He co-authored the *History of Forest Fires and Fire Control in Wisconsin* in 1952.

Kilp was a pioneer in industrial forestry, joining Nekoosa-Edwards Paper Co. in 1924. He served on many committees, promoting reforestation, tax revisions and pest control.

## Lumbering flourished along river's highway

By Terry Rutlin

Wausau Daily Herald

**M**OSINEE — The northwoods was in shambles when Frank Fixmer first saw the land on June 9, 1933.

"It was nothing more than burned over and cut over country," said Fixmer.

"The lumberjacks had just finished and all that was left in many areas was acres and acres of stumps and slash that they had left behind."

It was Fixmer's job, as a U.S. Forest Service forester in the Nicolet National Forest during those Depression years, to re-establish the vast wealth of trees that had been cut and either floated down the Wisconsin River or carried out by railroad.

Fixmer stuck with the job, working for 45 years to reforest the North, until he retired as chief forester with the Mosinee Paper Co., a position he held for 34 years.

"You might say I lived a lot of the history of the northern forest," Fixmer said.

What he didn't actually experience, Fixmer has researched as a founding member of The Forest History Association of Wisconsin.

"It all started with a man and an ax," Fixmer said.

Without the Wisconsin River and its many tributaries, the north country would look vastly different than it does today, he said.

"You can hardly name one city in the northern two-thirds of Wisconsin that didn't have its beginnings as a lumber or sawmill town," he said.

Eagle River, Rhinelander, Tomahawk, Merrill, Wausau, Mosinee and Stevens Point along the Wisconsin River and Gleason and Bloomville along the Prairie River were built where they are for a reason, he said.

"The river was a cheap form of transportation and the only way the early lumber barons could transport the logs any kind of distance," he said. "It wasn't easy work, but there was no other option at that time."

In late fall, pioneering lumberjacks, many of whom were farmers during the warmer months, would enter the forests to set up camp and brush out roads down to the river.

As soon as the ground froze and snow fell, the lumberjacks cut the massive pine trees — some 6 feet in diameter and taller than a 10-story building — and stacked them along the river.

Come spring, most of the "jacks" went back to their farms.

Only a few, the "river pigs," would stay on to guide the logs down the river, Fixmer said.

"This was by far the most dangerous job. Some of those men must have been downright crazy to do what they did."

Problems started when the flotilla of millions of board feet of logs would come to a rock-strewn rapids, like Whirlpool Rapids south of Rhinelander or Grandfather Falls north of Merrill.

Sometimes, these men, carrying pick poles and wearing heavy, calked boots, would ride the logs through the rapids to try and prevent a jam.

"Death was a common occurrence on some stretches of the river, especially where there was real bad falls," Fixmer said.

But often the logs did jam.

When the logs couldn't be pick-poled free, dynamite was used.

"If the guy lighting the fuse wasn't spry enough on his feet, he would end up going down the river with the logs — dead, of course," Fixmer said.

The first log drive down the treacherous upper



Rob Orcutt/Wausau Daily Herald

**Historian:** Frank Fixmer, 604 Ninth St., Mosinee, has lived much of the history of the timber industry in northern Wisconsin. What he didn't experience himself he has researched as a historian of the vast northern pinery.

Wisconsin occurred in 1858 when a flotilla set off from Eagle River on its way to Little Bull Falls, now Mosinee.

For the next 20 years, until the railroads started to penetrate the northern forests, the lumber barons depended on the river to get their product to market, sometimes floating the logs as far south as St. Louis, Fixmer said.

# Immigrant shows love of wood art

By Bob Becker

Special to the Daily Herald

**EAGLE RIVER** — The old adage that beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder certainly holds true for Carl Schels. On this premise, he founded his "Wood Art Museum," located on Highway 70, west of Eagle River.

The building itself stands true to the subject: rustic in design, supported by large white pine log pillars and squared timbers; sheathed with rough-sawn hemlock; and panelled with Wisconsin wood. It houses an outstanding display of distinctive wood art forms and memorabilia.

Schels, his wife, Martha, and son, Ken, operate the museum six days a week throughout the summer.

They also manage an associated lumber business, which produces standard "V"-groove panel lumber. Stock is purchased custom-sawn and kiln-dried. Higher grade boards are sorted and sold locally to building contractors and hobbyists. The remainder is made into panelling for local sale and markets in Milwaukee and Chicago.

Schels, 83, immigrated from Bavaria to America in 1920. Since then, he's been a trapper, a logger, a sawmill owner, and, in recent years, a writer.

His first book, "A Trapper's Legacy," was published in 1984 and describes his experiences in the 1930s when he trapped for a living.

His second book, "Reflections of the Past," will be off the presses soon.

Schels is a charter member of the



Carl Schels

Forest History Association of Wisconsin and a long-time member of the Timber Producers Association.

Back in 1942 Schels decided to build a sawmill at Eagle River. "I approached the city and offered to put up a mill," he said.

"The city leased a site to me for \$10 a year. I ran the mill until 1956, when a fire put me out of business. I had a \$100,000 payroll."

Schels also worked in the woods 50 years ago, cutting logs with crosscut saws, skidding with horses, loading with A-frame jammers and hauling with sleighs.

But his love today is his museum. "It's a collection of nature's work of many shapes and forms, years of accumulation from the forest," he said.

Son Ken is an accomplished chain-saw carver. Standing out front, for example, is a 12-foot, 1,000-pound grizzly bear carved by him from a huge white pine log. There's a 25-foot wooden chain carved from pine; "each link weighs 30 pounds, and its total weight is about 600 pounds," Schels said.

Other museum pieces are life-size figures of elves and old lumberjacks, giant mushrooms, howling coyotes and sturdy picnic tables made from split cedar logs.

Over the entrance to the museum hangs a 10-foot chain-saw blade complete with chain. "It came from out west where they're used to buck large timber at the mills," Schels said.

Inside the lobby is a replica of an early-century trapper's cabin, the kind Schels lived in many years ago. On the walls hang beaver skins stretched on homemade wooden circular hoops. From the ceiling hang fox pelts. There's a mounted beaver chewing on a popple tree, and a giant, handmade steel bear trap.

In a corner stands a display of wooden craft items, knick-knacks and toys. The items are purchased from local artisans.



Ken Schels stands with his chain-saw art.

## Forest history unit to meet this week

**STEVENS POINT** — The Forest History Association of Wisconsin's 15th annual meeting will be here Friday and Saturday, with a program of speakers on the theme of "75 Years of Public Education in Forestry."

Highlights will include induction ceremonies for two honorees into the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame and presentation of awards for distinguished service in the preservation of Wisconsin's forest heritage.

An auction of early day logging and lumbering artifacts will be Saturday morning.

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## Forest history meeting

**STEVENS POINT** — The Forest History Association of Wisconsin's 15th annual meeting will be Friday and Saturday in Stevens Point. This year's theme is "75 Years of Public Education in Forestry."

Highlights will include ceremonies for two inductees into the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame and the presentation of awards for distinguished service in the preservation of Wisconsin's forest heritage.

An auction of early day logging and lumbering artifacts will be Saturday morning.

More information and advance registration forms may be obtained from the Secretary, Forest History Association of Wisconsin, 403 McIndoe St., Wausau, 54401 or by phone, 693-2995.

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## Richard Brown

Richard C. Brown, M.D., 68, 3824 Nimitz St., died Thursday, Oct. 11, 1990, at Luther Hospital.

Dr. Brown was born on Sept. 11, 1922, to Hazel and Harold Brown in Stone Lake. He graduated from New Auburn High School in 1940, served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946 and



the U.S. Navy from 1954 to 1956. He married Lillian M. Moberg on Dec. 29, 1945, at Bruce. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in June 1949. He interned at Philadelphia General Hospital and served his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Milwaukee Hospital. He joined Midelfort Clinic in 1953 and retired in 1987 after delivering 3,049 babies in Eau Claire.

He was past president of the Wisconsin Obstetrical Gynecological Society, past chairman of the State of Wisconsin Maternal Mortality Study Committee, member of the Board of Directors of Chippewa Valley Museum, member of the Board of Directors of Luther Hospital, past president of F.J. Hofmeister Travel Club, member of American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the American Medical Association, member of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin and recipient of their Distinguished Service Award, and a member of the Samaritan Club of



Luther Hospital since its inception. He was a member of American Legion 268 of Bruce and the Tri-County Medical Society.

He was a well-known speaker and author on local history and appeared on Public Access Television with many historical topics. He authored three books: *Rails into the Pines*, *Logging Railroads of Rusk County, Wisconsin*, and *Sawmilling and Sawmills of the Chippewa Valley*.

Survivors include his wife, Lillian; a son, William; a daughter, Anne, and son-in-law, M. Carl Brown, all of Eau Claire; and his aunt, Helen Loch of Stone Lake.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at First Congregational United Church of Christ, with the Rev. Howard Duff officiating. Private burial services will be held in Rest Haven Gardens, town of Washington.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Fuller Funeral Home.

The family prefers memorials to the Chippewa Valley Museum, First Congregational United Church of Christ, Luther Hospital or Sacred Heart Hospital.

Leader-Telegram, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, 12 Oct 1990, Fri • Page 4

Greg Kvale of Kimberly, a natural resources student at Fox Valley Technical College, has been awarded a \$300 Forest History Association of Wisconsin scholarship.

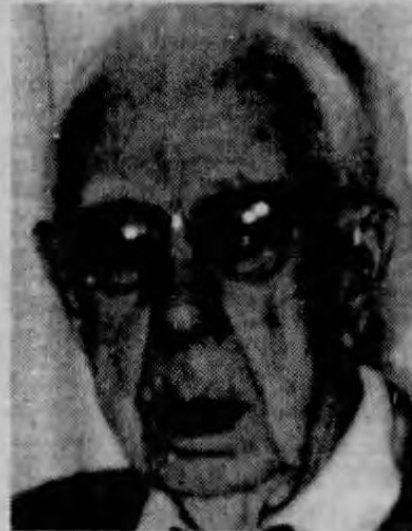
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## From Our Files

### 10 years ago

Dr. R.C. Brown of 3824 Nimitz, author of "Rails into the Pines," covering the Weyerhaeuser and Chippewa River and Menomonie Railway from 1883-1910, is elected to the board of Forest History Association of Wisconsin.

Eau Claire Leader Telegram 19 Feb 1991, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Page 10A



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Wisconsin State Journal, Madison, Wisconsin  
27 Aug 1991, Tue • Page 26

## Forest history group to meet

### Medford

The Forest History Association of Wisconsin has planned its 16th annual meeting for Oct. 5 at the VFW Hall in Medford.

On Oct. 6, a tour of the Mondeaux Dam Recreational area, built years ago by the CCC, has been scheduled.

The theme is "Transportation of

Forest Products by River, Rail and Road?"

The meeting is open to the public for a \$5 registration fee. Meals are extra.

Advance information is available from the Forest History Association of Wisconsin, 402 McIndoe St., Wausau, Wi., 54401 or by calling Frank Fixmer, secretary-treasurer, 715-693-2995.

The Country Today, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, 0 Oct 1991, Page 18

ester for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, receives the 1991 award for dedicated service to the Forest History Association of Wisconsin.

The Capital Times, Madison, Wisconsin, 15 Oct 1991, Tue • Page 16

**The Forest History Association of Wisconsin** has new officers. They include:

President, **Michael Sohasky**, Antigo; secretary-treasurer, **Frank Fixmer**, Mosinee; board of directors, **Thomas Albrecht**, Shawano.

Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin 14 Nov 1991, Thu • Page 19

# Retired forester is rooted in history

By Peg Schmeling

Press-Gazette

Don Lambrecht is doing his part to preserve the history of Wisconsin forests and its logging industry.

"There is such a wealth of information and a lot of it is being lost," said the retired forester.

Much of the equipment displayed in logging museums is familiar to Lambrecht, 70, who spent six years as a forester in the Canadian woods after World War II.

Lambrecht is active in the Forest History Association of Wisconsin and recently joined its board of directors. The private, non-profit organization is aimed



Lambrecht  
Patton St.  
retired forester  
Carol; daughters,  
y, sailing

Press-Gazette photo by Ken Wesely

**Enjoys forest:** Don Lambrecht of Allouez wants to preserve the history of Wisconsin's logging industry.

at stimulating interest in the state's forest history and preserving the record of its logging and forest product industries.

Lambrecht retired in 1984 as an industrial forester in the Woodlands Division of American Can Co., now James River Corp., after a career in forestry.

He grew up in metropolitan Milwaukee, but cultivated an interest in the woods during family summer camping trips. He earned a degree in forestry from the University of Michigan, then spent three years in the Navy.

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Ten families lived in the headquarters town; there were also five or six logging camps as much as 10 miles away. Lambrecht laid out roads and campsites for the logging operations, and supervised cutting.

"We were quite comfortable there," he said. "The house was built on skids. Of course, there was no running water."

His tales of the woods include descriptions of ice roads made with water every winter, on which the trucks brought out the logs cut the summer before. He was woods superintendent when he left in 1952. There was only one power saw there when he left.

"It was an experience I never regretted," he said. But six years was long enough to spend in such a remote setting.

"You need more outside contact over a long period of time," he said.

After leaving the woods, Lambrecht's career continued in Green Bay and included 18 years in Menominee, Mich., before retiring on Jan. 1, 1984. At that time he was company manager of woodlands operations for Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.

Retirement seems to suit Lambrecht. His summers fly by, occupied by activities such as serving on the delivery crew for a racing sailboat owned by Bob Deutsch of Green Bay, going to California with a friend who drives a semi-trailer truck, and volunteering for historical research.

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**Logging scene:** This mural depicting a 19th century Marathon County logging scene was painted by LeRoy Jonas Sr. in 1936. It was displayed in the former

Wausau City Hall on Forest Street for many years and is currently owned by Charles Ghidorzi, Wausau.

# Logging lore

## Group preserves history that grew with Wisconsin

By Jim Lee

Wausau Daily Herald

Why do they call Wausau's annual spring festival the "LogJam?"

Why do seemingly insignificant northern Wisconsin crossroads carry names and appear on local maps when they are little more than a single home and a tavern?

Who was Fred Wilson?

What industry is responsible for the early development of Wisconsin and remains one of the state's top employers today?

If it's up to the Forest History Association of Wisconsin, the answers to those questions will never be forgotten.

This small but enthusiastic organization is dedicated to preserving the timber heritage of Wisconsin, from the language of the early lumbermen to the finesse of forestry practices.

In between is a lot of fertile history, some of it well-documented, others still waiting for attention.

Frank Fixmer, Mosinee, has been a key figure in the formation and continuation of the 240-member organization. A former state, federal and private industry forester for Mosinee Paper Co., he has served as secretary-treasurer of the group for the past 13 years.

"Our basic objective is to educate the general public on the contributions the forest industry has made to the

social and economic development of this state," Fixmer explains.

### Logging history preserved

The association was born in 1975, an outgrowth of a bicentennial committee looking at ways to commemorate the timber history of Wisconsin during the nation's 200th anniversary. The committee decided that forest history deserved a permanent place rather than a fleeting moment in time.

The association was formed "with the stated purpose of stimulating an interest in the discovery and preservation of the record in old journals, aging photographs, and in the fading recollections of those who took their youth into the vast and shadowy depths of the Wisconsin pinery," explains a membership statement.

Those memories include communities that thrived momentarily as logging operations surrounded their perimeter, then died just as quickly when the timber ran out ... leaving little more than a name on a crossroads behind.

Some terms live on, such as Wausau's LogJam, a weekend summer festival along the riverfront that pays homage to the Wisconsin River's heritage as a timber thoroughfare.

The logging industry was responsible for the development of northern Wisconsin and tens of thousands of workers — from loggers to paper mill workers — still depend on forest products for employment.

As for Fred Wilson ... he was a legend in the state's lumber history even before he died less than six months ago in Madison at the age of 103.



**Frank  
Fixmer**



Wilson was named the state's first forest ranger in 1911 and initiated the reforestation of the cutover north. He established the state's first tree nursery in 1913 at Trout Lake in Vilas County. His work resulted in the establishment of county forests and forest tax laws that encouraged private landowners to practice forestry.

Membership in the Forest History Association is open to anyone with an interest in the state's forests. Joyce Bant, Hazelhurst, recently served as president of the organization. She became involved because of family ties to the logging industry.

"My grandfather was a farmer who supplemented his income by logging," she said. "My other grandfather worked in a logging camp. My father owned a logging business. My husband operates a logging business. My sons are loggers."

Bant takes pride in the small role her family has played and continues to play in shaping the state's forest history.

Her only regret, she says, is that there aren't more loggers in the Forest History Association.

## History association

The Forest History Association of Wisconsin is headquartered in Wausau and has approximately 240 members. Many of them have ties to the timber industry but a surprising number are just private individuals interested in preserving the state's logging history.

Among the organization's accomplishments are:

- Assistance in publication of "History of the Nicolet National Forest."
- Publication of "Firsts in Wisconsin Forest History," an educational leaflet describing historic sites and events related to the state's forest heritage.
- Collection of historical forestry and logging publications that are stored at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's learning resources center.
- A quarterly newsletter and annual meeting. Comments of featured speakers and issues addressed at the annual meeting are published and distributed to members.
- Annual presentation of a distinguished service award to an individual and an organization.
- Establishment of a college scholarship fund for grants to students interested in forest history.

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■ **Membership** in the association is open to anyone with an interest in forest history.

■ **Annual dues** are \$15 for an individual, \$25 family, \$25 non-profit organization and \$50 for corporations.

■ **Michael Sohasky**, Antigo, is president of the association, recently succeeding Joyce Bant, Hazelhurst.

■ **To obtain more information** on the organization, write: Forest History Association of Wisconsin, Inc., 403 McIndoe St., Wausau, Wis., 54401.

## When logs ruled the river...

The following is an excerpt from an article contained in the November newsletter of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin. It is a reprint of an article that appeared in the Mississippi Valley Lumberman on June 27, 1884, describing a huge log jam on the Dells of the St. Croix River in northwestern Wisconsin:

"The lumbermen of the St. Croix are in some respects the sharpest log men on the continent, but in some others they are the biggest lunkheads in the world.

"Thirty miles above the booms are the celebrated Dells of the St. Croix. The river here is narrow and its sides precipitous walls of rock, extending some half mile.

"In the middle of this, the river makes a right angle turn and, of course, creates a great whirlpool, which stops all floating matter. Into this logs will run and unless they are pushed out they continue to run around the circle until they block the river and a bad jam is formed.

"Three good men will keep the Dells clear all the time, no matter how many logs are running. And a good sheer boom 100 feet long would forever prevent jams of logs forming.

"Strange to say, time after time, they have permitted from 30 to 50 million feet of logs to jam at that

point and be weeks engaged with hundreds of men, pile drivers, horses, steam-boats, dynamite, etc., in breaking it loose."

"... Another of these jams was formed last Sunday and it is reported as one of the worst ever made.

"... The dark, deep gorge, the towering cliffs, from 200 to 300 feet high, the men swarming like ants on an ant hill, the rushing water and the millions of feet of logs all combine to make this one of the grandest scenes that has ever been seen in this section.

"... Anyone wishing to see a sight they will not forget in a lifetime should visit the Dells whilst the immense jam of logs is still unbroken."

Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin, 06 Feb 1992,  
Thu • Page 11

## Planting for the future

*Conservationists to be inducted into Hall of Fame*

The Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame will honor two new inductees, the first designated state geologist and the founder of Trees for Tomorrow Education Center, during ceremonies Saturday, April 11, in Stevens Point.

The posthumous honors to Increase A. Lapham and Melvin "Mully" Taylor will be accorded during ceremonies at 10 a.m. at Sentry Theater.

Speaking about the inductees will be Robert Ellingson, retired administrator for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and William Syl-

vester, longtime staff member of Trees for Tomorrow and retired University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point forestry professor.

The public is invited to attend the induction, beginning with a coffee at 9 a.m. at the theater and concluding with a Dutch treat luncheon in the John Parker Room of Sentry Headquarters. Reservations for the luncheon are to be made by Wednesday; call 341-1022.

The Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame Foundation, a consortium of 18 conservation-oriented organizations in the state, sponsors the annual recognition.

Interactive displays calling attention to the lives of the inductees are being developed in the new Hall of Fame building adjacent to the Visitor Center of the Schmeeckle Reserve on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's north campus. The WCHF was founded in 1987 by the consortium to recognize nationally-known conservation leaders.

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Lapham, who lived from 1811 to 1875, was a native of New York State who came to Wisconsin in 1836, the year it became a territory. He was once described by the late Walter E. Scott, former director of the Wisconsin Conservation Department, as the "father of Wisconsin's conservation movement," who was the first person to make a major study and record of the state's geology, mineralogy, archeology and meteorology.

He also made records of every bird, flower and odd-looking stone, water levels and weather. He is credited with developing the first storm warning system for the Great Lakes. He served by gubernatorial appointment as state geologist in the 1870s. Lapham lived most of his life in the Milwaukee area.

Taylor, whose life spanned the years 1903 to 1984, was founder of Trees for Tomorrow Education Center in Eagle River in 1944 and served as its executive director for 31 years.

The facility offered the first programs in conservation in the Midwest for teachers. In addition, "Trees" helped 12,000 private landowners manage 370,000 acres of forest land.

Taylor's contributions were recognized by three governors, the Legislature, the U.S. Forest Service and the Society of American Foresters. He was named the Wisconsin Conservation Educator of the Year in 1966 for his pioneering work in conservation education. The Forest History Association of Wisconsin gave him its Distinguished Service Award in 1983.

Taylor's successor, Henry Heskel, said, "Mully fired Wisconsin residents with the idea that planting tree seedlings was the way to rebuild the state's natural resources, so vital to its economy."

Stevens Point Journal, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, 04 Apr 1992, Sat • Page 6

## **Pictorial history of Great Lakes logging donated to UW-SP archive collections**

**A pictorial history of logging enterprises in the Great Lakes States, containing several thousand images, has been given to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.**

**The donor is Jacques Vallier of Mequon and Tomahawk, a retired Milwaukee high school biology teacher and longtime collector of logging memorabilia as well as photographs.**

**Vallier's gift to the university has been appraised at \$15,000.**

**He previously donated the tools and related items used by early woodsmen of this region for the establishment of a logging camp museum on the Menomonee Indian Reservation in Keshena.**

**The photographs, negatives and postcards fill about six boxes the size of portable air conditioning units.**

**The collection will be kept in the University Archives on the fifth floor of the Albertson Learning Resources Center. The public, as well as students and faculty, may use the items for research. With permission, copies of many of the photos may be made.**

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There are scenes of the interiors and exteriors of camp buildings, sawmills, locomotives, lumberjacks at work and showing off their intricately-piled loads of cut and uncut timber and animals such as horses and oxen used to haul the logs from forest to sawmill. There also are some shots of incredibly large log jams in rivers of this region.

Nearly all of the images are of people and places in Wisconsin, Upper Michigan and Minnesota. Most of them were taken prior to 1910.

Vallier said he acquired the photographs from private collectors,



**William F. Collins**

antique shops, second hand stores and auctions.

He had particular interest in donating the collection to UW-SP because of its College of Natural Resources, which includes a forestry program. The university also serves as an archive for the collection of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin.

Vallier and his wife, Dorothy, have been UW-SP's most generous of books on natural history subjects, which are being added to the university's main library collection in Stevens Point and a new library being developed at Treehaven. That collection alone has been appraised at \$13,000.



THESE LUMBERMEN cut white pine into lengths at a logging camp in Michigan around 1900.

Stevens Point Journal, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, 30 Jul 1992, Thu • Page 17

—The Forest History Association of Wisconsin has planned its 17th annual meeting for Oct. 10-11 at Trees for Tomorrow, Eagle River, Wis.

An auction of logging artifacts is scheduled. For details, call 715-627-6236 or 627-4025.

Ironwood Daily Globe 24 Sep 1992, Ironwood, Michigan

## UW-SP professor honored

A retired professor at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is the 23rd person to be inducted into the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame.

William A. Sylvester, 211 Green Ave., Stevens Point, received the honor in a recent ceremony in Eagle River, sponsored by the Forest History Association of Wisconsin.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience," he said. "To even be nominated was a special honor."

Sylvester expressed pride in being placed in the company of a select group of those regarded as the greatest foresters in the history of the state.

At 77, Sylvester is the only inductee who is alive. Most of the honors given in previous years have been bestowed posthumously. Such was the case with the only other inductee this year, Cornelius Harrington.

Sylvester was recognized for his long service to his profession of forestry by helping rebuild the forests of Wisconsin.

Sylvester was involved in forest fire protection and prevention, pioneering



**Cornelius  
Harrington**

**William  
Sylvester**

forest management practices on privately and publicly owned land, providing workshops for agriculture teachers and loggers, and teaching in

the College of Natural Resources at UW-SP. He retired 11 years ago.

Teaching colleagues at UW-SP nominated him for the Forestry Hall of Fame.

A native of Milwaukee with academic degrees from the University of Michigan and Yale University, Sylvester served on the staff of Trees for Tomorrow, headquartered in Merrill, for 23 years.

Sylvester was promoted to the post of chief forester and was involved in the planting of 25 million trees, management plan preparation for 300,000 acres and supervision of timber sale contracts for 2,000 landowners.

He joined the UW-SP forestry faculty in 1969 and became an early expert on the use of computers in forest management. He served part of his university assignment as a UW Extension forestry specialist.

Sylvester helped arrange the transfer of land in Lincoln County owned by Dorothy and Jacque Vallier to UW-SP for use as a natural resources field station.

Harrington served 44 years in the State Conservation Department, part of it as chief state forester. He was largely responsible for establishing the Flambeau River, Kettle Moraine and Black River State Forests.

The Hall of Fame has been in existence since 1984.

Stevens Point Journal, Stevens Point, Wisconsin  
24 Oct 1992, Sat • Page 19



## Forest association presents distinguished service awards

The Forest History Association of Wisconsin's coveted distinguished service awards were presented at their 17th annual meeting held October 10th at the Trees for Tomorrow Natural Resources Education Center at Eagle River.

Each year citations are given to one organization and one person who have shown exemplary contributions to the promotion and preservation of forest history.

James P. Kaysen, Cedarburg, received the 1992 award for his life-long dedication to the preservation of Wisconsin railroad history.

Kaysen earned his degree in civil engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1933. His professional career started as a truck-trail locator in a C.C.C. camp in Forest County because no other jobs were available during the Great Depression.

Subsequent to his experiences in the CCC's, Kaysen served for 18 years with the Milwaukee Road, during which time he acquired an intense interest in the history of Wisconsin's railroads.

In pursuing that interest, Kaysen researched the locations of railroads, and their many branches and spurs, that no longer exist. Among Kaysen's many research projects was that of revising U.S. Geological Survey quadrangle sheets to show the locations of railroad trackage that existed in the 1930's and prior years.

Kaysen completed the most extensive list of logging railroads in Wisconsin that became available to history buffs having that interest.

That list of over 200 logging railroads, together with the counties in which they had operated, was appended to Larry Easton's (past editor of The Soo) paper on Wisconsin railroad locomotives.

The Wisconsin C.C.C. Museum, located at Pioneer Park in Rhinelander, was the recipient of the 1992 award for an organization for its efforts to preserve the records of an extraordinary period in the restoration of Wisconsin's forests.

The museum is a monument to the accomplishments of the 66,000 young men who served in 54 camps scattered throughout the state during the nine years of the program's existence.

It contains hundreds of photographs, mementos, and tools displayed amidst minireplicas of the dormitories, mess halls, recreational facilities and other improvements that typified their lifestyle of those times.

In April, 1933, Congress authorized the establishment of a Civilian Conservation Corps, a federal program designed to provide employment for millions of young men, 18 to 25 years old, who had no jobs and no future.

Thus began a unique era in forest history which lasted until 1942.

Those nine years saw advances and accomplishments in reforestation, soil conservation, forest protection, flood control, recreational improvements and wildlife habitat restoration that had never been seen before, or equalled since, in a similar span of years.

The record of those accomplishments in Wisconsin was in danger of being lost, or mostly forgotten with the passage of time, until a group of former C.C.C.'ers, organized as Wisconsin Chapter -23 of the National Association of Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni (NACCCA) decided that record was worthy of being preserved.

In 1981, under the leadership of the late Ken Elliott, then president of the Wisconsin alumni group, they undertook the task of building a museum for that purpose.

Two years later the museum became a reality and was officially dedicated in a special ceremony in Eagle River.

## Elected to council

PORT EDWARDS — Russ Roberts, a tree farm forester for Georgia-Pacific Corp.'s Wisconsin Forestry operations based in Port



Russ  
Roberts

Edwards, has been elected to the governing council for the Society of American foresters (SAF).

Roberts is the first Georgia-Pacific forester to serve on the council of the 19,000-member professional organization, which exists partly to advance public awareness of forestry.

"We are trying to reassure the public that we can manage our forests for products and still have environmentally sound natural resource policies," Roberts said. "Resource management does not mean environmental degradation."

Roberts will serve a three-year term as one of 11 elected district representatives on the council. His district includes Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa and North Dakota, with a collective SAF membership of 1,500.

AN SAF member since 1965, Roberts was secretary-treasurer for its Upper Michigan chapter in 1975 and 1976. He became vice chairman of the Wisconsin SAF in 1983 and its chair in 1984. Roberts chaired the SAF National Forester's Fund Committee in 1986. He has been the chairman of the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame Committee for the SAF since 1989.

In other professional affiliations, Roberts has been treasurer for the Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee since 1987 and was a board member of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin from 1987-1990.

Marshfield News-Herald, Marshfield, Wisconsin  
14 Dec 1992, Mon • Page 17

**Forest history:** The Forest History Association of Wisconsin will hold its 18th annual meeting the weekend of Sept. 25-26 at the Cutlass Motor Lodge in Antigo.

Theme of the session will be "Forest History Revelations Through Archaeology."

For more information, contact the Forest History Association of Wisconsin, 403 McIndoe St., Wausau, Wis., 54401

Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin  
18 Jul 1993, Sun • Page 16

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Theme of the conference is "Forest History Revelations Through Archaeology."

In addition to presentations by professional archaeologists, attendees may participate in a visit to archaeological sites in the Nicolet National Forest east of Antigo and observe a demonstration of test excavating at the site of old logging camps.

Anyone interested in forest history is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Frank Fixmer, Mosinee, at 693-2995 or Mike Sohasky, Antigo, at 627-6236.

Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin, 19 Sep 1993, Sun • Page 28

## Easton wins service award

Larry Easton of Neenah received the individual Distinguished Service Award during the Forest History Association of Wisconsin's 18th annual meeting.

The association met Sept. 25 and 26 in Antigo.

The Oshkosh Northwestern, Oshkosh, Wisconsin,  
27 Oct 1993, Wed • Page 1

# Couple attends WCLH convention

by Norma Heuer

Al and Norma Heuer attended the 1993 Annual convention of the Wisconsin Council for Local History on Saturday, October 23rd, held at the State Historical Society, with the awards luncheon held at Tripps Commons, on the U.W. campus.

During his farewell address, outgoing President of the Council Rolf Ethun, stressed the importance of guarding against complacency. He advised those present to look ahead for long term planning, the possibility of joint ventures with other societies and planning for the upcoming State Sesquicentennial in 1998. He asked the audience to contact their legislators relating to Assembly Bill 711 in support of the \$16,000 allocation for the Office of Local History which would cover mailing and travel services.

During his inspirational talk, "History, Celebration and Commemoration", Keith Petersen, Author of Historical Celebrations: A Handbook for Organizers of Diamond Jubilees, Centennials, and Other Community Anniversaries, explained how historical societies can play a leading role in helping Wisconsin celebrate and commemorate its Sesquicentennial in 1998. He suggested using energy and imagination to develop rewarding programs for large and small societies, depending on their financial resources.

During the awards luncheon, five historians received the Local History Award of Merit, representing Minocqua, Winneconne, Bayfield, Walworth County and Wauwatosa.

The Forest History Association of Wisconsin and the Forest Hill Cemetery, Madison, were the recipients of the Certificate of Commendation, and the Vernon County Historical Society, the Reuben Gold Thwaites Trophy.

Larry Behlen of the (Green Lake) Historical Society assumed the office of President of the Wisconsin Council for Local History and was presented the gavel from Ethun.

David Stoeri, folk singer and storyteller, Janesville, offered a musical set of rural Wisconsin songs and tunes. A former sixth grade teacher, he is also a member of the Artist-in-Education program of the Wisconsin Arts Board.

Local Resource centers were exhibited by the Sheboygan, Ripon, Crivitz-Stephenson, Reedsburg, Waupaca, Marion, Blooming Grove/Brown County Historical Societies, along with the Wisconsin Council for Local History, State Historical Society of Wisconsin and the UW-Madison Zoology Museum.

The Representative, Fox Lake, Wisconsin, 28 Oct 1993, Thu • Page 3

**Larry E. Easton** of Neenah recently was presented with the Forest History Association of Wisconsin's annual Distinguished Service Award at the association's annual meeting in Antigo.

The Oshkosh Northwestern, Oshkosh, Wisconsin 21 Nov 1993, Sun • Page 47



## Forest history group to meet in city

The Forest History Association of Wisconsin has planned its 19th annual meeting for Sept. 30-Oct. 1 to be held at the Best Western Marshfield Innkeeper.

The program will consist of a panel of guest speakers presenting papers revolving around the theme: "Prominent Lumbermen of Central Wisconsin." Among them are a former governor of Wisconsin who was also a famous lumberman and a mayor of Marshfield, as well as being the founder of a veneer/plywood company that was a leader in its field.

Friday evening will feature dinner and the presentation of FHA's distinguished service awards. Guest speaker will be William H. Upham Jr. A tour of Upham Mansion is planned for Saturday afternoon.

The meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend. Registration deadline is Sept. 27. Advance registrations can be sent to Forest History Association of Wisconsin, 403 McIndoe St., Wausau, 54401. For more details, contact Frank Fixmer at 715-693-2995.

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## 10 years ago

Richard C. Brown, M.D., of Eau Claire, receives the distinguished service award from the Forest History Association of Wisconsin.

Leader-Telegram, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, 13 Nov 1994, Sun • Page 62

**20th Annual Meeting:** On Sept. 9-10, 1995, The Forest History Association of Wisconsin, Elizabeth Inn, Plover, \$7 per person before Sept. 5, to register call (715) 735-9548.

Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin, 20 Aug 1995, Sun • Page 42



## History award

Chippewa Herald Photo by Robert Johnson

Bob Barnier displays an award presented to the Chippewa County Historical Society by the Forest History Association of Wisconsin. The county society was recognized for its outstanding contribution to the preservation of the logging and lumbering industry of the Chippewa River Valley through exhibits, a reference library and an area history center. The symbols on the plaque represent log marks used by lumbering companies during the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Chippewa Herald-Telegram, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, 16 Sep 1995, Sat • Page 4



## **SOCIETY RECOGNIZED:**

The Chippewa County Historical Society has been awarded the Forest History Association of Wisconsin's Distinguished Service Award of 1995.

The historical society was recognized for preserving the forest and lumbering history of the Chippewa Valley.

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## **Annual Forest History Association meeting set**

**Ladysmith**

The Forest History Association of Wisconsin will hold its 21st annual meeting at Best Western El Rancho Motel, Ladysmith, Sept. 28-29. The theme of the 1996 program is "The Flambeau River Area's Forest Heritage."

The program begins on Sept. 28 at 9 a.m. with "A History of Ladysmith: Then and Now" by Mayor Ron Moore and Henry Godat, followed by "Logging and Sawmilling on the Flambeau" by John Terrill, editor of the Ladysmith News.

The second part of the morning program will be devoted to logging in the region. Donald McEathron will speak on "Logging and Log Drives — Daniel Shaw Lumber Company," followed by Robert Barnier, retired Soo Line engineer, on "Railroad Logging in the Flambeau Area."

The afternoon program will be devoted to presentations on the region's forests. David Olson, forest supervisor, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, will speak on "The Flambeau River State Forest," followed by Bernice Dukerschein, Rusk County Board chair, on "The Rusk County Forest."

Rod Gont will give a presentation on the construction of Native American canoes from products of the forest at the society's evening dinner.

The Sept. 29 program includes a box lunch and bus tour of the Rusk County Forest.

Registration begins Sept. 28 at 8 a.m. at the motel. There is a \$10 registration fee to attend the society's meeting. Advance registration for meals and all programs is \$32 per person (after Sept. 25, \$34). People who want to attend all of the society's programs may register in advance by writing to: Forest History Association of Wisconsin, 403 McIndoe St., Wausau, WI 54403.

The Forest History Association of Wisconsin was formed in 1975 by a small group from the wood product industries, conservation agencies and the University of Wisconsin to record and preserve the state logging and forest history. The association of Wisconsin is affiliated with the national Forest History Society, the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters.

Since the association was organized in 1975, it has established a permanent reference library of forestry, logging and land-use publications at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point library, compiled a bibliography of literature and reference works dealing with Wisconsin forest history, and established a scholarship fund for grants to college students with a special interest in forest history.

## **Jacque D. Vallier**

Jacque D. Vallier, 84, Mequon, died Wednesday, Sept. 11, 1996. Vallier, a longtime benefactor of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, donated the Treehaven Field Station.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at St. James Catholic Church, Mequon. The Feerick Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorials can be made to the Schlitz Audubon Center, UW-SP Foundation-Treehaven, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin-Logging Camp Museum or Forest History Association of Wisconsin.

Mr. Vallier taught biology at Washington High School, Milwaukee, for 40 years.

He and his wife, Dorothy (Kopmeier), began their ties with UW-SP in the late 1970s when they sought management help from forestry faculty for their land near Tomahawk. Looking for a way to assure long-term preservation of

their 1,000-acre Treehaven property, they donated the land to create a natural resources camp for the university. Today Treehaven has been developed into a year-round educational facility frequented by UW-SP faculty, students and nature lovers from throughout the state.

The Valliers also donated a collection of pressed goblets manufactured in North America between 1830 and 1900. The 1,200 pieces are displayed outside the Edna Carlsen

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Gallery. They also fund the Dorothy and Jacques D. Vallier Chair of Ecology in the College of Natural Resources. Jane Goodall, internationally known for her chimpanzee research, spoke at the university in October 1994 in honor of Vallier.

Mr. Vallier was also involved in forest history. He built and donated a logging camp replica to the Menominee Indian Tribe, which is open to the public at Keshena Falls. He also donated an extensive collection of early Great Lakes states logging photographs to UW-SP.

Besides his wife, survivors include one son, Jacques M. (Sharon) Vallier; one stepson, William (Alice Lynn) Kummer, Bowling Green, Ky.; one stepdaughter, Wendy Ann Trotter, Christiana, Pa.; one sister, Kathryn Hafey; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Stevens Point Journal, Stevens Point, Wisconsin,  
12 Sep 1996, Thu • Page 2

**FOREST HISTORY:** The Forest History Association of Wisconsin will hold its 21st Annual Meeting at Best Western El Rancho Motel, Ladysmith, on Saturday, Sept. 28, and Sunday, Sept. 29.

The Flambeau River area's forest heritage will be the theme for this year's program. For more information call Cark Krog at (715) 735-9548.

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Fri • Page 15

## Rusk County

Forest History Association annual meeting, Sept. 28-29, Best Western El Rancho, Ladysmith. Registrations due by Sept. 25. Information: Frank Fixmer, Forest History Association of Wisconsin, 403 McIndoe St., Wausau, WI 54401.

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## Weckwerth heads Merrill Little League

Joy Marquardt

Wausau Daily Herald

MERRILL — Sports enthusiast Mike Weckwerth of Merrill is current president of the Merrill Little League Association, serving on the board of directors for more than three years.

"I enjoy watching the games," Weckwerth said. "There's so much that goes on behind the scenes that takes time."

Overseeing the operation of 57 teams in the Merrill area, Weckwerth is in charge of maintaining nine separate boys and girls leagues. He has also been responsible for organizing several indoor baseball clinics which teach the fundamentals of the game as well as an umpires clinic prior to the beginning of the baseball season.

"We try to teach sportsmanship," Weckwerth said. "Winning and losing is not our primary goal. It's the sportsmanship and team work."

The Merrill Little League has hosted several tournaments, taking second place in the 12-year-old division at the Wisconsin State Little League Tournament in 1995.

Funds for the organization are obtained through donations from individuals and businesses and the Merrill Area United Way. The league also holds a fund-raising event each year.

"We have a lot of civic involvement," Weckwerth said. "Some organizations sponsor two or three teams."

Weckwerth has been a 12-year member of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin where he

served on the board of directors for one year. A former 10-year member of the board of directors for the Merrill Historical Society, Weckwerth continues to give lectures and perform research for the organization. He is currently in the process of researching the history of the Merrill Little League which began in 1958.

• Coach of flag football, little league and the seventh grade girls basketball team, Weckwerth has also been a referee and umpire for all age levels. He is also a member of the board of directors for the Silver M Club which honors former football letter winners after 25 years.

• Employed as a member of the Merrill Fire Department, Weckwerth has been an active member of Union Local 847 for 17 years. He is a 1972 graduate of Merrill High School and obtained a teaching degree in social studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1978.

He and his wife, Katy, have two sons and one daughter. In his free time he enjoys watching his children play sports.

• "The Merrill Little League really would like to thank the community for their support, for making donations and all the other things they do to help us out," Weckwerth said. "We sure couldn't do it by ourselves."

• For more information or to become a volunteer with the Merrill Little League, contact Weckwerth at 536-1342.

## CPI honored

WISCONSIN RAPIDS — Consolidated Papers, Inc. was recently honored by the Forest History Association of Wisconsin for its contributions to Wisconsin's forest heritage.

"The company's determination to being a role model as a practitioner of the best forest management procedures is evidenced by its dedication to proving that the good stewardship of all natural resources can be profitable, as well as providing for the wide variety of interests that attract the general public to its forestlands," Frank Fixmer, an officer at FHAW said.

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## Forest history award



Submitted photo

Miles Benson (left), Consolidated Papers Inc. director of timberlands, and John Walters (center), retired area supervisor for CPI's Timberlands Division, join Frank Fixmer, a Forest History Association of Wisconsin officer, to display the distinguished service award the group recently presented to CPI for its contributions to the state's forest heritage. Consolidated became a charter corporate member of the association in 1976. Markings on the award represent log stamps used to identify log owners in the days of river drives.

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1996, Sat • Page 14

The Daily Tribune, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, 12 Nov 1996,  
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## Forest group honors Consolidated

The Forest History Association of Wisconsin recently presented Consolidated Papers with its 1996 Distinguished Service Award at its annual meeting.

During the past 20 years, the association has given its Distinguished Service award to museums with outstanding memorabilia from the early lumbering era, historical societies with special collections or projects that preserve forest history and to educational organizations such as Trees For Tomorrow.

This year is the first time the award has been given to a company.

The award was given in recognition of Consolidated's dedication over the past 65 years to the renewal of timberlands and its programs to educate the public about the values of multiple use forest management.

The Forest History Association of Wisconsin was founded in 1976 and maintains a reference library on forest history materials at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

The Forest History Association of Wisconsin is offering a \$500 scholarship. Candidates must write a paper on an aspect of Wisconsin forests or conservation history.

Pick up applications in Dempsey 104. The deadline is Feb. 10.

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**Forest History Association of Wisconsin Annual Meeting:** Friday and Saturday at the Ramada Inn, Wausau. Open to the public. For more information, contact the F.H.A.W., 410 McIndoe St., Wausau.

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## Forest History group meets Oct. 3-4

WAUSAU — The Forest History Association of Wisconsin will hold its 22nd annual meeting at the Lakeland Community Center, Woodruff, on Oct. 3-4.

The two-day event will include visits to the Lac du Flambeau Chippewa Museum and the recently completed Round Lake Logging Dam in the Chequamegon National Forest.

Speakers will discuss how forests have contributed to the growth of tourism in north central Wisconsin. There will also be an auction of logging era memorabilia.

Both the tours and speakers' program are open to the public. Registration for Saturday's program begins at 8 a.m. at the Community Center.

For more information, contact: Executive Secretary, Forest History Association of Wisconsin, 403 McIndoe St., Wausau, Wis., 54403, or call John Baer at 356-3957 or Joyce Bant at 356-1807.

## Forest History group to meet for 23rd year

WAUSAU — The Forest History Association of Wisconsin will hold its 23rd annual meeting Friday and Saturday at the Ramada Inn.

The two-day event begins with a tour of the different types of forests found in the Wausau area and concludes with a visit to a ginseng farm.

The tour will leave the hotel at 9 a.m. Cost of the tour, which includes lunch, is \$10.

The conference program begins at 9 a.m. Saturday and will be devoted to Sawmills and Pioneer Lumbermen of the Nineteenth Century along the upper Wisconsin River. Speakers will trace the history of lumbering at Tomahawk, Merrill, Wausau, Mosinee, and Stevens Point. Cost of the program and noon luncheon is \$12.

An auction of artifacts and memorabilia from the logging era will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Stevens Point Journal, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, 22 Nov 1996, Fri • Page 18

Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin, 25 Sep 1997, Thu • Page 11



The Forest History Association will present its annual distinguished service award to a person and an organization which made outstanding contributions to the preservation of Wisconsin's forest history during in an induction ceremony prior to the noon luncheon.

Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin, 24 Sep 1998, Thu • Page 15

## Oshkosh museum getting award for logging, lumbering exhibit

The Oshkosh Public Museum will receive the annual Distinguished Service Award from the Forest History Association of Wisconsin during the group's meeting Sept. 17 and 18.

The museum's recent exhibit, "A Big Day's Work: Logging and Lumbering in Sawdust City," drew the association's attention, as did the museum's role in preserving the history of the region through the video, "The Legends of Logging," which was used in schools.

The video and accompanying materials continue to be used by teachers.

Randall E. Rohe, chairman of the association's awards committee, nominated the museum. Museum Director Brad Larson said the award honors the museum and all it does.

"Oshkosh's history is directly tied to the rise and fall of Wisconsin's great lumber industry," Larson said. "The exhibit was an extensive and dynamic temporary exhibit that illustrated the role of both wealthy mill owners and the men, women and children who worked in the mills."

Oshkosh earned its 19th-century nickname "Sawdust City" because the banks of the Fox River once were lined with mills devoted to the manufacture of wood products. Logs were sent down the Wolf River to Lake Poygan and from there to mills in Oshkosh.

Museum archives contain a significant amount of material, including several hun-

### THE OSHKOSH PUBLIC MUSEUM

1331 Algoma Blvd., is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m.

Sunday. It is closed Mondays and national holidays. Admission is free and facilities are handicap accessible. Information is available

through the museum's Web site at [www.publicmuseum.oshkosh.net](http://www.publicmuseum.oshkosh.net) or by phone at (920) 424-4731.

dred historic photographs, devoted to the once-great lumber industry.

The Forest History Association was founded in 1975 by groups from the University of Wisconsin, conservation agencies and wood products industries to remind citizens of the importance of the state's forests, past, present and future.

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The Forest History Association of Wisconsin is offering one \$500 scholarship for students who write a paper on any aspect of forest and conservation history in Wisconsin.

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**Museum award:** Oshkosh Public Museum has received the annual Distinguished Service Award from the Forest History Association of Wisconsin. The honor will be presented at the Association's annual meeting Friday and Saturday in Oshkosh.

Dr. Randall Rohe, chair of the Forest History Association's awards committee, nominated the museum for the award. Rohe based his nomination on the museum's most recent exhibit, "A Big Day's Work: Logging and Lumbering in Sawdust City," as well as the museum's significant role in preserving the history of the region.

The award recognizes the museum's "preservation of the Edgar P. Sawyer home, its collection of archival material related to the history of lumbering in Oshkosh and the Wolf River area and its efforts to educate the public about the region's forest history."

The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. It is closed Mondays and national holidays.

Admission is free and facilities are handicap accessible. Contact: 920-424-4731 or through the museum's Web site at [www.publicmuseum.oshkosh.net](http://www.publicmuseum.oshkosh.net).

The Post-Crescent, Appleton, Wisconsin, 12 Sep 1999, Sun • Page 106

## Oshkosh Museum awarded for lumber collection

The Forest History Association of Wisconsin recently presented the Oshkosh Public Museum with its 1999 Distinguished Service Award at its annual meeting in Oshkosh. In making the presentation, board member Randall Rohe stated that the museum was receiving the award for recognition of "its collection of archival material related to the history of lumbering in Oshkosh and the Wolf river area, and for its efforts to educate the public about the region's forest history."

The museum, located in what once was Oshkosh lumberman Edgar Sawyer's palatial home, has exhibits on Oshkosh's lumber history, including sections on logging, river drives and the lumber mills of Oshkosh. The museum's archives also contain considerable information about Boom Bay, the main log sorting and storage area for the Wolf River lumber district, including a list of about 400 log marks, of which some 230 are identified.

Service and Wisconsin Conservation Department, he became manager of Forest Operations and Wood Procurement for the Mosinee Paper Corporation, now Wausau-Mosinee Paper Corporation. He retired in 1978 after 34 years of service.

Frank was very active in Wisconsin and National Forestry Organizations throughout his professional and retirement years. He was a 1954 charter member of the Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee and co-founder of Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association and Forest History Association of Wisconsin. He served on the Wisconsin Conservation Forest Advisory Councils from 1952 to 1972 and was a member of the American Society of Foresters for over 65 years. He served as the Forest History of Wisconsin Secretary-

Treasurer from its inception in 1976 until 1998, and continued his active dedication in that organization.

Frank has received numerous forestry-related awards including distinguished service awards in each of the above professional organizations. He also received from the Society of American Foresters the John Macon and Fellow Awards. In 1997 he was inducted into the Wisconsin Forest History Hall of Fame.

Frank and his wife, Ruth, have lived in Mosinee since 1954. He was active in many civic organizations including the Lions Club and St. Paul's Catholic Church.

Survivors, besides his wife, Ruth, include a son, John F. (Dixie) Fixmer, Rhinelander; two grandchildren, Michael Fixmer, LaCrosse, and Ann Fixmer, Milwaukee; and a brother, John W. (Gladys) Fixmer, East Brunswick, New Jersey.

A memorial Mass will be held at 12 p.m. Friday, April 14, 2000, at St. Paul Catholic Church, Mosinee. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until time of ser-

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24 Oct 1999, Sun • Page 67

## Frank N. Fixmer

Frank N. Fixmer, 86, 604 Ninth St., Mosinee, died Monday, April 3, 2000, in Naples, Florida.

He was born June 6, 1913, in New York City, New York, the son of the late John and Elizabeth (Schultz) Fixmer. He married Ruth Omholt on Oct. 17, 1936, in Eagle River. She survives.

He came to Wisconsin in 1933, which was shortly after graduation from the former New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse University. After working 11 years with the U.S. Forest

vices Friday at the church. Beste Funeral Home, Mosinee, is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Forest History Association of Wisconsin, 410 McIndoe St., Wausau WI 54403-4746.

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## Forest history group will meet Friday

**RHINELANDER** — The Forest History Association of Wisconsin will hold its 25th annual meeting

Friday and Saturday at Holiday Acres Resort, 4 miles east of Rhinelander along Highway 8.

Speakers will discuss logging history, early logging drives on the Wisconsin River, the development of Rhinelander and early survey work.

There will also be tours of area forests and the Rhinelander Logging Museum.

Featured speaker at the Saturday dinner will be Paul Brenner, who will address "Logging Before the Railroads — 1892-1902."

For more information, call Robert Brisson, executive secretary, at 1-906-863-6850.

Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin, 21 Sep 2000, Thu • Page 26

## Central Wisconsin Archaeology

Central Wisconsin Archaeology Society will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Alexander House Center For Art and History, 1131 Wisconsin River Drive, Port Edwards.

Using a nostalgic period-approach to the subject, John Cline, a vocational archaeologist from Wausau, will present a slide program on the historical significance of an 1840 dam and sawmill that was located in the current township of Weston on the Big Eau Claire River. John's program is based on a paper he presented at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the Forest His-



tory Association of Wisconsin. The paper was also included in the Association's published proceedings, *Sawmills and Pioneer Lumbermen of the 19th Century Along the Central Wisconsin River*.

The meeting is open to the public and free of charge. Area residents are encouraged to bring in their artifacts for display and/or identification.

The Daily Tribune, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin  
29 Sep 2000, Fri • Page 18

## Mary Roddis Connor

Mary Roddis Connor died October 1, 2000, at her home in Wausau. She was the daughter of Hamilton and Catherine Prindle Roddis. Born in Marshfield on May 14, 1909. She attended Wellesley College, University of Iowa and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she was a member of the Pi



Mary  
Connor

Beta Phi Sorority. The marriage of Mary Isabella Roddis to Gordon Robert Phelps Connor on July 20, 1929, in Marshfield was attended by 500 guests to celebrate the union of two prominent lumber families. They lived in Marshfield, Minneapolis, Park Falls, Ironwood and Wakefield, Mich., and moved to Wausau in 1953. She had five children, Mary (Dudley Pierce) of Watersmeet, Mich., and Marco Island, Fla., Gordon Phelps (Sigrid Lund) of

Laona, Wisconsin, and Chicago, Illinois, Catherine (Edward J. Dellin) of Laona, Wisconsin, and Glencoe, Illinois, and Sara of Laona, Wisconsin, and Whitefish, Montana. A son, David N. (Diane Atterbury) pre-deceased Mrs. Connor in 1978. She is also survived by fourteen grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; a sister, Augusta Roddis of Marshfield; and a brother, William H. Roddis of Milwaukee. Three sisters pre-deceased Mrs. Connor.

Always politically active and astute, Mrs. Connor was also an author and accomplished lecturer. She served as Corporate Secretary of Connor Forest Industries for twenty-four years and was the co-founder of Camp Five Museum Foundation in Laona. Mrs. Connor was a leader in forestry conservation for over seventy years. She served on the National Women's Advisory Council of the American Forestry Institute, President of the

Forest History Association of Wisconsin, National Conservation Chairman of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, State Conservation of the Wisconsin Federation of Women's Club and Conservation Chairman of the Upper Peninsula Federation of Women's Club. Mrs. Connor was active in local, state and national Daughters of the American Revolution for over sixty-five years.

Mrs. Connor and her husband founded Camp Five Museum Foundation in Laona, Wisconsin, with its Lumberjack Special Steam Train thirty-five years ago. Mrs. Connor acted as director for many years. Among the awards that she received were the National Arbor Day Foundation's Education Award, two State Historical Society of Wisconsin Awards of Merit and the Wisconsin Heritage Tourism Award for



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Mrs. Connor was a member of the Mayflower Society of Wisconsin, Colonial Dames of America, the Huguenot Society and the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

The family requests that contributions be made to the Camp Five Museum Foundation where a Mary Roddis Connor Memorial Fund has been established.

The funeral will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Wausau on Thursday, Oct. 5, 2000, at 11 a.m. Private interment will be in Marshfield. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the St. John's Episcopal Guild Hall in Wausau.

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Forest History Association of Wisconsin annual meeting.  
Sept. 21-22, Stanley. Information: Bob Brisson, (920) 863-6850.

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### *Forest History Association to meet in Stanley*

Got the hankering to hear some information on forest history? The Forest History Association of Wisconsin will hold its 26th annual meeting at the Stanley Historical Society in Stanley this Friday and Saturday. Both programs are open to the public.

Registration begins both days at 8:30 a.m. with programs beginning at 9 a.m. The total cost for Friday's program, which includes bus, lunch and dinner is \$29. Friday's program includes a tour of IKE<sup>®</sup> International Corporation and a tour of the Cadott School Forest.

Saturday's program, which costs \$10 and includes lunch, is devoted to the history of the Stanley area and will feature sessions on the Porter Mills and NW Lumber companies, the Stanley fire and agriculture and forestry in Northern Wisconsin.

Chippewa Herald-Telegram, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, 20 Sep 2001, Thu • Page 4

## **Clubs and organizations**

**Forest History Association of Wisconsin 26th annual meeting,** Saturday. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with programs beginning at 9 a.m. Information: (715) 735-9548.

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### **Oct. 4-5**

— **Forest History Association of Wisconsin Annual Meeting, Oconto.** Information: Bob Brisson (906) 863-6850.

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### **Sept. 24-25**

— **Forest History Association of Wisconsin Annual Meeting, Ashland.** Information: John Grosman, (715) 356-9603.

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### **Sept. 30-Oct. 1**

— **Forest History Association of Wisconsin Annual Meeting, Sheboygan.** Information: [www.foresthistorywi.com](http://www.foresthistorywi.com).

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# Book recounts vanished mill towns

## Lumber barons dismantled, moved entire communities

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A Waukesha geography professor has begun to unearth information on lumber-era communities that served their purpose for a decade or two, then either were abandoned or relocated.

Randall Rohe wrote a book on the topic, "Ghosts of the Forest: Vanished Lumber Towns of Wisconsin," with financial backing from the Forest History Association of Wisconsin.

All 14 ghost towns Rohe examined in detail are in northern Wisconsin, and they include two in Lincoln County and one each in Langlade, Marathon, Price and Vilas counties. The 344-page book also mentions more than 40 other towns he researched, including Romeo and Holt in Marathon County, Jeffria/Bundy in Lincoln County, and Dexterville and Doudville in Wood County.

Wisconsin has at least 100 ghost towns, and Rohe thinks many of them are as interesting as the more-famous ghost towns in the West.

He hadn't thought of writing a book on the Wisconsin sites until he wrote his doctoral dissertation on mining in the Western United States, where ghost towns are tourist attractions.

"Every state in the West has three or four books on mining ghost towns," he said.

Shortly after he finished his dissertation, he ran across photographs of Star Lake in Vilas County. The first photo, taken in 1885, showed a small village clustered around a sawmill. The second, taken in 1975, was vastly different.



Photo courtesy of John Dyer

When sawmills left temporary communities such as Star Lake in Vilas County, the railroads took advantage of the few buildings left at what was virtually the last stop on the line. Passenger trains like this one from the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul line made regular trips with anglers, hunters and other vacationers. Hintz's North Star Lodge still operates there.

### Find ghost towns

Four of the now-abandoned communities in "Ghosts of the Forest: Vanished Lumber Towns of Wisconsin" are in Lincoln and Marathon counties.

■ **Heinemann:** Take Highway 17 northeast from Merrill to Heinemann Road. Turn left and go one mile to site along Prairie River.

■ **Parrish:** Take Highway 17 northeast to Highway H. Turn right and go 0.75 miles to site.

■ **Harrison:** From Tomahawk, take Highway D east for 11 miles to Highway B. Take Highway B south one mile to former site between two lines.

■ **March Rapids:** From Stratford, go west on Highway 153 for 3.5 miles to Highway P then north on Highway P to the Big Eau Poudre River.

"It went from a thriving mill town on a hillside to a few houses in an open field," he said.

Faye Taylor has heard a lot about what happened in Star Lake. She's the curator of the Vilas County Historical Museum in Sever.

"The whole town was dismantled and taken to

another site" in Columbus, Wis., Taylor said. "A lot of your logging barons did that. That's why they didn't paint the buildings. If they weren't painted, nobody had to match red with red and yellow with yellow."

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### To meet the author

■ **Randall Rohe,** author of "Ghosts of the Forest: Vanished Lumber Towns of Wisconsin," will sign copies of his book from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. June 23 at the Marathon County Historical Society, 410 McIndoe St., Wausau. Copies of the book will be available for sale, and the Forest History Association of Wisconsin will have displays and maps to view.

audacity to paint them."

The same sort of relocation happened throughout the Midwest, said Mary Jane Hettinga, executive director of the Marathon County Historical Society.

"They always said

Wausau could have been a ghost town, too, if it hadn't been for the Wausau group," she said, referring to a group of businessmen who helped the community move away from complete dependence on the lumber business after most of the trees were cut in the Wisconsin River drainage.

March Rapids is the only Marathon County ghost town featured prominently in the book. The town was on the Big Eau Poudre River northwest of Stratford, and in the early 1800s it had streets, two-story houses, a post office, a mostly German population of 200, a sawmill and a two-room schoolhouse. By 1921, the population had shrunk to 100. In 1932, the mill was dismantled and today the only buildings standing are the ones moved to area farms.

# Foresters plan annual state meeting

ASHLAND, Wis. — The Wisconsin Society of American Foresters and Forest History Association of Wisconsin are among 16 organizations that will host an annual conference Sept. 24-25 at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland.

The event will feature a bus tour and conference on forest history of the Chequamegon Bay area.

The historical bus tour on Sept. 24 will feature the recovery and processing operations of sunken timber taken from U.S. and Canadian waters; port and shipping activities on Lake Superior; the history and develop-

ment of Bay area communities; a presentation on the decline and recovery of coaster brook trout populations and a tour of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa's brook trout and sturgeon hatchery operations.

Papers to be presented Saturday include: Mills of the Chequamegon Bay; A Comparative Environmental History of the Bad River Reservation and Non-Industrial Private Land in the Lake Superior Clay Plain; Pre-Euro-American Settlement-1987; Exploitation of the Old-Growth Forest within the Ceded Territories and Logging in the Apostle Islands.

The City of Ashland is observing its sesquicentennial with a variety of entertaining and educational opportunities available to conference attendees.

SAP will award six credits to attendees.

FHAW annual conferences are intended to highlight the role forests had in the economic and social development of Wisconsin.

Open registration for those interested in attending is possible via the FHAW Web site, [foresthstorywi.com](http://foresthstorywi.com) or by calling Nori Newago at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, (715) 685-2646.

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## Mary Roddis Connor: First woman inducted into the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. — The late Mary Roddis Connor was inducted into the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame, the first woman to be recognized. She and her husband Gordon R. Connor, who died in 1986, are the only husband and wife to be so honored.

The Connors formerly operated the Connor Lumber and Land Co., later Connor Forest Industries, north of Wakefield. They lived in Wakefield for several years.

Mary Roddis Connor, who died in 2000, was honored at the Forest History Association of Wisconsin 30th annual conference in Sheboygan, for her more than 60 years of actively participating and appearing before state and national legislative bodies concerning forest products industry issues and promoting multiple-use sustained

yield forest management.

She was a co-founder of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin and a past president.

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Beginning in the 1930s, for example, she advocated the use of metal poles rather than maple trees on train flatcars hauling logs to save on waste of a valuable resource. In the 1940s she advocated for better fire management.

Given that the Connor Lumber and Land Co., along with Goodman Lumber Co. were the first to initiate sustained yield forestry management methods, Mrs. Connor was a proponent of sustainable forestry before it became a mainstay of the forest products industry.

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Nation's World Forestry Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on forestry issues in the 1970s. She worked and wrote tirelessly on forest products industry and environmental issues until her death in 2000. Mrs. Connor was the author of two books and many papers on forestry issues. Throughout her life, she showed great knowledge of forest management.

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She was actively involved in civic organizations and was a historian and an advocate of the U.S. Constitution. Active in the Federa-

tion of Women's Club in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, she was also active on the National Lumber Manufacturers Association Women's Advisory Council.

Mary Roddis Connor, author and speaker, worked tirelessly for 60 years to shape legislation and educate the public about sustained yield, multiple-use renewable forests. Co-founder of Camp Five Museum Foundation in Laona, Wis., with her husband, Gordon R. Connor, its goal is preserving Wisconsin logging history and promoting the wise use of natural resources.

They were married for 57 years and were partners in forestry endeavors. She endowed the Gordon R. Connor Center of Excellence in Forestry at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

## Marshfield native Connor honored for work in forestry

Marshfield native Mary Roddis Connor (1909-2000) was inducted into the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame. She is the first woman, and she and her husband, Gordon R. Connor (1906-1986), are the only husband and wife to be so honored. She is the daughter of the late Hamilton and Catherine Roddis.

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The **University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point LEAF** program is leading the way in statewide K-12 forestry education. LEAF (Learning, Experience and Activities in Forestry) is an educational effort created by legislation four years ago in order to promote forestry education in Wisconsin schools.

The program is housed in the Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education at UWSP's College of Natural Resources. In recognition of this statewide effort, the LEAF program also earned the 2005 Connor Award by the Forest History Association of Wisconsin for distinguished service to the state. LEAF is a partnership between the Center and Wisconsin's Department of Natural Resource's division of forestry.

LEAF has an advisory committee made up of 24 individuals representing an array of forestry stakeholders in Wisconsin.

## **Adamson, James L. "Jim"**

James L. "Jim" Adamson, 72, of Green Bay entered into eternal life on Friday, May 12, 2006. He was born January 18, 1934 in Paint Lake, Mich., the son of Carl and Alice (Johnson) Adamson. Jim graduated from Iron River (Michigan) High School in 1952 and received his B.S.



in Mechanical Engineering in 1956 from the Michigan College of Mining & Technology (Michigan Tech) in Houghton, Mich. He served in the U.S. Army in the Critical Skills Program. Jim married Lois Ann Globokar on August 1, 1959 in Biwabik, Minn. Since 1963, the couple has lived in Green Bay, where Jim worked 25 years for James River Corporation (retiring in 1988 as Superintendent). Jim and Lois lived for shorter periods in Hibbing, Minn. and Monroeville, Penn., where Jim was employed by US Steel Corporation. They raised three daughters together. Jim had an energetic array of diverse and creative interests. His rustic cabin on the shore



of Lake Superior was the pride and joy of his retirement. He showed his grandchildren and others the joys of a simpler time; Jim loved cooking over an open fire, he had a wood-burning Finnish sauna, and he enjoyed picking berries. He planted countless trees and shared with everyone his love of nature. Jim was a skilled woodworker known for his craftsmanship and artistry. He was an avid hunter in earlier years and won awards for marksmanship. Jim was an active member of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin and served on their Board of Directors. He also worked for years as a Brown County poll worker. Jim took special pride in his family and their achievements. Jim, Lois and their children enjoyed traveling in the U.S. and abroad, and they went camping throughout North America. He took pleasure in taking and looking at family photographs. Jim was a long-standing loyal Packer fan until his recent illness; he attended every Packer home game over the past 42 years with only two exceptions.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, two sisters and three brothers-in-law.

Jim is survived by his devoted wife, Lois; their three beloved daughters: Jean (Tom) Theisen of Sun Prairie,

Wis.; Nancy (Chris) Reuter of Beavercreek, Ohio, and Mary Lynn (Philip) Miscimarra of Hinsdale, Ill.; eight grandchildren: Steven and Laura Theisen, Anne, Nathaniel and Matthew Reuter, Andrew, Joseph and Eric Miscimarra; brothers and sisters: Dorothy Johnson, Kenneth Adamson, Pat (Bruce) Valine, Joan Barbacovi, Donald (CeCe) Adamson, Ralph (Gail) Valine, and David (Barbara) Adamson; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Friends may call at Proko-Wall Funeral Home and Crematory, 1630 East Mason Street on Monday from 5-8 pm. Parish Prayer Service at 7 pm. Visitation will continue on Tuesday at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 2040 Hillside Lane from 9:30-10:30 am. Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. at the church with the Rev. David Pleier officiating. Burial in Lakeside Cemetery, Biwabik, MN. On-line condolences may be expressed at [www.prokowall.com](http://www.prokowall.com). In lieu of flowers a memorial fund has been established.

Jim will be remembered most as a person who could always be counted on to provide a helping hand, support and encouragement to others in times of need. Jim never retreated from a challenge, and demonstrated by his example that a person can overcome adversity.



More than 90 professional loggers competed in the regional Prentice Loader Championship at the 61st Lake States Logging Congress Sept. 7-9 in Green Bay. Called the logger's NASCAR, the contest of speed and precision required operators to grab hunks of wood, place them on a checkerboard square and then return them to the original location.

Photo by  
Judy Brown



# Global influence

## Competition slashing region's logging industry

By Judy Brown

Regional Editor

**GREEN BAY —** Competitive problems beset the logging industry, said Gene Francisco of Rhinelander, executive director of the Timber Producers Association. "Things are tight right now as a result of global competition," he said.

A former chief forester for Wisconsin, Mr. Francisco

spearheaded events and activities at the 61st Lake States Logging Congress that brought together more than 250 national and international exhibitors to display the newest innovations in timber harvesting and hauling equipment.

"We are losing some of our markets," Mr. Francisco said.

While some paper and pulp plants are shuttering, he said a bright spot could be the development of a market for using biomass for biodiesel.

"We're hoping some paper mills can use biomass technology to extract lignins from the paper and sell that for wood ethanol," he said. "If they can

do that they can reduce the cost of producing fiber and they'll be much more competitive."

Sourcing raw materials has caused frustration in the logging industry on two counts, Mr. Francisco said.

On the national front, he said that national forests are hardly seeing any timber harvested because of "outdated laws, regulations and lawsuits."

That resource needs to be harvested before it rots or burns, he said.

"Wisconsin is only harvesting about 25 percent a year, amounting to a value of \$4 million," Mr. Francisco said. "That could easily be \$16 mil-

lion."

He estimated another 100,000 cords could be harvested annually from state land in Wisconsin because the state owns or manages about 50 percent of the forestland.

He claimed the state is "not holding up its side of the bargain," and as a result, typical supply-demand issues surface.

"The supply reduces, the demand stays the same, and the price goes up and you become less competitive," Mr. Francisco said.

He called it a "big issue" when raw pulp shipped from Brazil to Green Bay is cheaper than mills buying standing timber in Wisconsin.

Agreeing that imports have depressed the domestic market was Karl Bauman of Marinette, a past president of The Forest History Association of Wisconsin.

"We've lost a number of pulp mills," Mr. Bauman said.

A retired forester and pulpwood buyer, he said the domestic industry faces a "depressed" market.

Imports and tax issues will be addressed when the Lake States Women In Timber travel to Washington, D.C. next spring, said Irene French of Suring, whose husband is a retired logger.

Mrs. French is a founding member of the organization designed to promote a positive image of the timber industry.

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# Solitude a valuable woodlands resource

There are times when cords and board feet are not the most valuable components of our woodlots.

There is a quality to woodlands that cannot be seen nor measured by known standards that often outweighs other values: it's called solitude.

Webster defines solitude as the state of being alone.

It implies not only the absence of other humans, but the absence of tangible reminders of others.

Francis Bacon, the English philosopher recognized its value when he said — "solitude is best suited for both man and beast."

Outdoors people understand the value of solitude. But the quality of solitude can be measured only in individual terms. I'm sure being alone in the same place has a different meaning for each of us. And those of us who spend time in woodlands have favorite places and times to celebrate solitude.

I often spend time alone on a Leopold bench crafted from weathered rough lumber and located overlooking a glacial valley called Coyote Canyon. In summer, tons of green oak leaves fill the canopy around me, absorbing both near and far human sounds, including the interstate highway a mile away. Life's important decisions often are made here.

In autumn, when the oaks become rusty red and maples turn golden, and the slightest breeze releases a ripened petiole from its summer steadfast and causes the leaf to flutter gently to earth near my feet, the human world of negative news and political spin and angry drivers becomes a far-away place. My blood pressure is instantly lowered.

When winter snows lie deep over dead leaves and hang heavy on bare branches I must swipe them from the bench with my gloved hand to prepare a seat. It is a black and white world without the hum of insects. The gentle feeding calls of a nuthatch become greater than the size of the bird.

Planning for any life adventure comes into sharp focus.

There are private moments of solitude associated with woodlands that outdoors people have in common. Every deer hunter savors the time alone before dawn on opening morning.

These are both moments of great anticipation and times of reflection amidst solitude.

The woodland bird watcher finds solitude without seeking it. So does the hiker of woodland trails and the cross-country skier. The same can be said of the landscape photographer or

artist. Sitting with one's back against a giant white oak while waiting for an orange fox squirrel to appear is as much an adventure in solitude as it is hunting.

Owning or controlling woodlands is like possessing a private wilderness. Each woodlot contains a place where the sights and sounds and smells of man's world are absent. It is our personal place of solitude. Our lives are richer if we go there often to reflect and revitalize our inner selves.

Best of all, the solitude of woodlands is something we can allow others to experience without cost or negative environmental impact on our woodlots. We'll all benefit from their experience.

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**from the woodlot**



By Dick Hall



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Sue Paulson of the U.S. Forest Products Laboratory in Madison shows off an exhibit that opens today. It chronicles the state plywood industry's contribution to World War II.

# Wisconsin wood in world war

Exhibit shows the use of state plywood to build aircraft during World War II.

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Bob Ross admits to snooping. But as a college student working at a Marshfield lumber company during the summer of 1978, the exploration of a barn's third floor helped him understand the contribution of Wisconsin's lumber industry to World War II.

Now, almost 30 years after his job at Weyerhaeuser Co., Ross, a project leader and engineer at the U.S. Forest Products Laboratory in Madison, is immersed in history.

The majority is in the form of thousands of research documents compiled by FPL scientists and engineers who have tested and analyzed wood uses for almost 100 years.

Today, Ross will get a CliffsNotes version of some of that history with the opening of an exhibit that traces the use of plywood for the construction of World War II aircraft.

One type included gliders, parts of which were made from thin sheets of wood veneer clipped to lines to dry in the barn in which Ross and his co-workers liked to explore.



What looks like metal is actually wood. "Papreg," developed at the U.S. Forest Products Laboratory in Madison, is a high-strength "paper plastic" made from paper-thin layers of wood. One of the applications of papreg was for the floor of gliders, which hauled troops and equipment to the battlefield.

"If you looked around, the clips were there," said Ross. "They made a lot of neat stuff there."

"Wisconsin Flying Trees: Wisconsin Plywood Industry's Contribution to World War II" is the creation of Sara Witter Connor, granddaughter of Hamilton Roddis, who led the Roddis Plywood & Veneer Co. from 1920 to his death in 1960. Witter Connor is also director of education and curator for the Camp 5 Museum Foundation in Laona, about 220 miles northeast of Madison in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest.

The 23-foot-long, 9-foot-high exhibit is

## If you go

"Wisconsin's Flying Trees: Wisconsin Plywood Industry's Contribution to World War II" will open today at the U.S. Forest Products Laboratory, 1 Gifford Pinchot Drive, near the intersection of Walnut Street and Campus Drive.

A 3 p.m. ceremony will feature talks by Sara Witter Connor, director of education and curator of Camp 5 Museum Foundation in Laona. She led the effort to create the exhibit.

Les Schwarm, a former member of the 82nd Airborne will discuss Operation Market Garden and Battle of the Bulge. John W. Koning Jr., a former assistant director of FPL who spent 25 years with the organization, will receive the Forest History Association of Wisconsin Fixmer Award for distinguished service.

The exhibit is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 23.

on display at FPL beginning today through the end of March. It will then embark on a national tour that includes stops at the Airborne & Special Operations Museum in Fayetteville, N.C.; the Evergreen Aviation Museum in McMinnville, Ore., for the 60th anniversary of the flight of the Spruce Goose and to the National World War II Museum in New Orleans.

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# Wood

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Wisconsin plywood manufacturers during World War II controlled 60 percent of the plywood market in the country. And with the help of FPL, waterproof glues and laminates were invented that helped aircraft withstand the tropical humidity of the South Pacific, Witter Connor said.

"The story hasn't been told. It's just been kind of glanced over," Witter Connor, 57, said from her winter home in Whitefish, Mont. "This is the story of the people who worked in the industry."

ers like Anna Wundrow, whose picture is on the exhibit twice — as a young woman during her working years at Roddis and a more recent photo. Wundrow used an iron to connect pieces of veneer.

"There were glue people that would glue the edges of the panels and we would iron with a flat iron until it made a big panel," Wundrow said in a quote displayed on the exhibit.

"We knew the plywood was going for airplanes," said Verna Fohrman, who started at Roddis in 1941. "It was so secret."

Industries throughout Wisconsin took part in the war effort. Submarines were constructed in Manitowoc,

Allis and ammunition near Baraboo.

Wisconsin plywood companies supplied glider materials to the Northwestern Aeronautical Corp. in Minneapolis, Stearns Aircraft and about a dozen other companies that were making gliders for the war effort.

In Madison, FPL helped develop "papreg," a high-strength "paper plastic" used for the floors of the gliders, which were used to haul men and cargo.

"They were light and extremely strong," Witter Connor said of the paper floors. "They could hold a jeep."

The exhibit features a 5-foot by 4-foot piece of a glider wing

manufactured by Roddis for the Pratt-Read Co., which made the "Voo-Doo" glider.

Staff at FPL also dug through archives, closets and offices looking for artifacts from the war era that relate to the exhibit. They include wood propellers, a piece of papreg from a glider and a model of wood shipping crates that FPL researchers helped design. The crates were used to ship rifles, cannons and machine guns overseas.

"It's work like that that led to sometimes tripling the amount of materials in the boxes and getting it there with less damage," said FPL Director Chris Rishruff. "People don't realize the role FPL played."

Besides gliders, Wisconsin plywood was also used to make the DeHavilland Mosquito, the fastest airplane manufactured for the war. Over 7,700 Mosquitos were built in 43 variants, including the Sea-Mosquito LR-359, the first twin-engine airplane to land on an aircraft carrier.

The state also played an instrumental role in the construction of one of the most well-known airplanes ever made but which only got about 70 feet off the water for just under a mile.

Yellow birch for the Hughes Flying Boat, better known as the Spruce Goose — a 300,000-pound cargo plane with a wing span the length of a football field — was harvested from Vilas County and turned into plywood at Roddis.

FPL was asked by Howard Hughes to study the durability of glue joints exposed to water, gasoline, oil and weather; the rates of water absorption or weight increases; and the suitability of spruce and birch for the job.

"This is called civil research military history. People are just not aware of this," said Witter Connor, who worked about 15 months on the exhibit. "It's been a full-time job. I've had a lot of amazing discoveries."

## Wood widely used during war

Forest products were in high demand during World War II.

At the conclusion of the war, it was estimated that the United States used 10 million acres of forests and 215 billion board feet of lumber.

That's the equivalent of more than 40.3 billion, 8-foot-long 2x4s, which, if laid end to end, would stretch over 61 million miles, according to Sara Witter Connor, director of education and curator of Camp 5 Museum Foundation in Laona.

According to the U.S. Forest Products Laboratory in Madison:

- 17 billion board feet was used for packaging in 1944.

- Each soldier required 1,400 board feet for housing, 300 board feet to be sent overseas and 50 board feet per month to be supplied.

- Each minesweeper and submarine chaser contained the wood equivalent of 10 average houses.

- The average battleship contained 200,000 board feet of wood.

- 300,000 prefabricated housing units for war workers and thousands of other military structures were built.

— Barry Adams

## FROM THE FILES

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Calling it the most significant and outstanding "collection of river logging tools in the United States," Jacque Vallier, representing the Forest History Association of Wisconsin, presents the organization's distinguished service award to the Dunn County Historical Society's Empire in Pine Lumber Museum in Downsville. The award was presented at the annual banquet of the Forest History Association in Appleton...

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## Hathaway, Larry Hatzel

Larry Hatzel Hathaway, 76, Cresco, Iowa, formerly of Hayward, Wis., died Wednesday, July 1, 2009.

Larry Hatzel Hathaway was born on Aug. 10, 1932, in Hammond, Ind., the son of Hatzell H. and Ila "Mae" (Bircher) Hathaway. He spent his childhood and young adulthood in Loretta/Draper, Wis., on the family farm. Larry attended Draper High School and graduated valedictorian of his Class in 1950. On Aug. 16,

1952, he married Zeota May Hansen in Winter, Wis., and they raised five children. Larry went on to college at the UW-Eau Claire receiving his Bachelor of Science degree. In the years ahead he continued his education and received his Masters Degree in Science from UW-Madison. Larry taught sciences in Ridgeway, Ill., and at Monona Grove High School in Madison, Wis. After retiring from teaching, he became a Field Representative for the Wisconsin Education Association; later the Executive Director of the Parma Education Association. Parma, Ohio: and fi-

nally the Executive Director of the Green Bay Education Association, Green Bay, Wis., where he remained until he retired. In 1989, Zee and Larry moved to Teal Lake near Hayward, Wis. and operated their successful, educational recognition and awards business, Apple Awards Inc., until 1997. After Zeota's death in 2000, Larry remained in the Hayward area enjoying life in his Geodesic

Dome home on the Chippewa River. In 2005, health concerns brought him to Cresco, Iowa, to be near his family.

During his lifetime, Larry especially enjoyed walks in the Wisconsin Northwoods; taking pictures of flowers and plants — particularly native orchids. He took great pleasure in visiting with new and longtime friends, sharing memories of his life in a Wisconsin rural community during the 1930's and 1940's. He was an amateur photographer, winning a prestigious award in 1979 in a Kodak International contest. He was also an avid camera collector as well as a stereoscopic card collector with a special interest in historic logging and forestry images. He was a member of The Forest History Association of Wisconsin. Larry was active in the Chequamegon Lions Club and also served as a club officer. He spent many happy hours visiting with friends at the Spider Lake Meal Site, Hayward, Wis. and at

Country View Adult Day Care in Cresco, Iowa. Larry loved a good meal, singing and notably, Zeota's Banana Cake.

Grandchildren remember him well for his early morning wake up calls to breakfast via exuberant whistling and singing and his trademark — home-made pancakes and waffles.

Larry is survived by five children, Larry Hatzell Hathaway Jr. (Juli), Green Bay, Wis.; Karyn (Earl) Henry Jr., Cresco, Iowa; Michael (Lucy) Hathaway, Danville, Ind.; Daniel Hathaway, Hastings, Neb.; and Andrea (Kim Klemenhagen) Hathaway, Missoula, Mont.; 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Zeota, and one sister, Jo Ann (Steve) Krynski.

Funeral services will be held at the Nathan-Anderson-Koerpel Funeral Home in Hayward, Wis., on Friday, July 10, 2009 at 10 a.m.





**Join private woodland owners working together today to enjoy and sustain tomorrow's forests and wildlife through education and good resource use.**

**For more information, visit  
[www.wisconsinwoodlands.org](http://www.wisconsinwoodlands.org) or contact  
Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association (WWOA) at  
715-346-4798, [wwoa@uwsp.edu](mailto:wwoa@uwsp.edu) or  
WWOA, PO Box 285, Stevens Point, WI 54481.**

## **WWOA woodlands calendar**

**WWOA 30th Anniversary/Annual Meeting** .....Sept. 10-13  
Ramada Inn, Stevens Point

*Information: [www.wisconsinwoodlands.org](http://www.wisconsinwoodlands.org) or 715-346-5798*

**64th Annual Lakes State Logging Congress** .....Sept. 10-12  
Escanaba, MI

*Information: [www.timberpa.com](http://www.timberpa.com)*

### **Pond Boss Conference and Expo:**

**Managing Private Recreational Waters** .....Sept. 17-19  
Big Cedar Lodge, Ridgedale, MO

*Information: [www.pondboss.com](http://www.pondboss.com) or 800-687-6075*

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Mihalko Land and Logging, Crandon

*Information: Dave Czysz, email: [david.czysz@newnorth.net](mailto:david.czysz@newnorth.net)*

**Tree Planting Workshop** .....Sept. 22, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Middle Inlet Town Hall Hwy 141/Cty X

*Information: Kate Lenz 715-582-5045 or  
[Katherine.Lenz@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:Katherine.Lenz@Wisconsin.gov)*

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**WWOA Bad Axe Fall Field Day .....** Oct. 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

18214 Pregal Drive, Northeastern Richland County

*Information: Gary Rieniets [rieniets@mchsi.com](mailto:rieniets@mchsi.com)*

*or [www.badaxeofwwoa.org](http://www.badaxeofwwoa.org)*



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Larry Severeid leads a tour Wednesday on land on top of Grandad Bluff to a group from the Forest History Association of Wisconsin talking about the prairie grass and different trees that grow in the area.

# The birth of a forest

## Wisconsin forestry historians gather in La Crosse to see Hixon project

By **CHRIS HUBBUCH**  
 chubbuch@lacrosetribune.com

A group of people interested in preserving Wisconsin's foresting history got a glimpse of a future forest Wednesday.

About 30 members of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin are having their annual meeting this year in La Crosse, a city that once boomed with more than 30 sawmills to cut the pine logs that floated downriver each spring.

Sara Connor is president of the FHW, a nonprofit dedicated to discovering and preserving the legacy of the timber industry in Wisconsin. She spent the past five years researching Wisconsin's role in providing wood for World War II gliders and airplanes.

"It's an amazing story, and people have no idea," she said.

Connor grew up in a timber family, and her parents started the Wisconsin Forestry Museum in Leona, which she now runs.

She is as passionate about contemporary forestry as she is about the logging camps that dotted northern Wisconsin in the late 19th century.

"There is a huge gap in knowledge," she said. "(People) think that logging ended after railroad logging."

It didn't.

Connor is quick to point out that forestry remains a \$28 billion industry in the state.

The group — mainly forest industry professionals — gathered at Myrick Hixon EcoPark to hear about a project to restore about

**Without intervention, oak trees will vanish from the forest, done in by shade and an overpopulation of deer.**

3 acres of Hixon Forest to its native state.

Former park board member and volunteer Dr. Larry Severeid showed off the project.

Severeid, a retired ear, nose and throat specialist, is a self-taught forester. He got his start when he moved to La Crosse in 1971 and began planting trees on 70 acres near Rockland and another 70 that his father bought near West Salem. He jokes that his hobby keeps him out of the bars.

In 2003, Severeid and Dr. Fred

Skemp spearheaded the restoration project on a 1.5-acre patch next to a clearing in the park. They cut down box elders, elm and cherry trees, and cleared lots of buckthorn. They then planted more than 1,000 red and white oak, black walnut, butternut and hickory.

Without intervention, Severeid said, oak trees will vanish from the forest, done in by shade and an overpopulation of deer.

Seven years later, they're still fighting off deer and trying to decide which of the 20-foot trees to cull so others can flourish. In another 60 years, if their plan is followed, there will only be about 25 to 30 mature trees.

"This is quite an experiment," Severeid said. "We've created a mixed forest."

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## Eick, James G.

James G. Eick, 1900 Wisconsin St., Mosinee, died Saturday, April 30, 2011, at Hospice

House, Wausau, under the care of Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice Services.



He was born Feb. 18, 1939, in Seymour, the son of the late Clarence and Mildred (Landwehr) Eick. He married Patricia Van Straten on Aug. 18, 1962, in Black Creek. She survives. Jim received his bachelors degree from UW Oshkosh and his masters from UW Stevens Point.

He taught history and economics at Mosinee High School for 31 years until his retirement in 1995. Jim's love of government and of his country was evident in his life long service to the community. He served as an alderman for six years and as Mosinee's mayor for 10 years.

During his term in office the Mosinee industrial park was purchased and

developed. Jim also served as a Municipal Judge for four years and as Mosinee's representative on the Marathon County Board for two and a half years.

Additionally, twice Jim ran for a seat in the State Assembly. He remained an active member of the Mosinee Area Action Committee, the Marathon County Economic Development Corp., and the League of Municipalities. As a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church Jim had a strong faith in God. He loved reading and writing and published a short story in a collection called "The Noble Generation". He also wrote an article published by the Forest History Association of Wisconsin. Jim loved watching sports, especially when his grandchildren were participating. He enjoyed spending time with his family at their cottage in Eagle River, studying genealogy, and playing cards. In retirement he enjoyed traveling with his wife, friends and family members. Jim will be remembered for his many

talents and as a man who loved to laugh and to make others laugh. He joked and kidded with his friends to the very end.

Survivors, besides his wife, Patricia, include a son, Christopher (Megan) Eick, Mosinee; a daughter, Shelly (Mark) McDougall, Chelsea, Mich.; four grandchildren, Jack and Alex McDougall and James and Caroline Eick; eight brothers and sisters, Shirley Kielar, Seymour; Jean Tierney, Appleton; Roger (Janice ) Eick, Seymour; Marilyn (Tom) Gonnering, Freedom; Ken Eick, Green Bay; Patty (John) Letourneau, Ramsey, Minn.; Tom (Jean) Eick and Steve (Nancy) Eick, both of Seymour; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Debbie Helms.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, May 6, 2011, at St. Paul Catholic Church, Mosinee. The Rev. Donald Przybylski will officiate. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery, Mosinee. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Beste Funer-

al Home, Mosinee, where at 7 p.m. there will be a prayer service followed by sharing of memories. Friends may call again from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, a scholarship fund at Mosinee High School will be established in Jim's name or donations can be directed to St. Paul's Church Building Fund.

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## **North Wood County Historical Society**

During the July 25 meeting at Governor Upham Mansion, members presented a show and tell of their historical keepsakes. Many items had a historical significance relating to the presenter's past. Old cookbooks, an accordion, paper dolls and cast-iron toys were some of the keepsakes presented.

The general membership meeting will be at 7 p.m. Aug. 29, featuring a presentation on the history of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin presented by

Don Schnitzler. Additional information will be available about the 36th annual conference and meeting to be held Sept. 15 to 17 at Holiday Inn & Conference Center. A social and refreshments will follow.

Interested members and guests cordially are invited.

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## Forest History Association of Wisconsin to meet

The 36th annual meeting of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin is set for Sept. 15 to 17 in Marshfield. The three-day event includes tours, living history presentations, lectures and more.

The meeting's opening event will be at the Historic Parkin Place, 108 W. Ninth St., just south of the Holiday Inn & Conference Center. The West 14th Restaurant will be the site of the dinner,

first living history presentation and auction.

FHAW member Sterling

"Lumberjack Louie" Strathe will round out the evening's events with an auction of logging items.

The event continues Sept. 16, when attendees will board a bus and head to the George W. Mead State Wildlife Area for a presentation by Pamela Resech, Mead's natural resources educator.

Following a catered lunch, the group will head to the the Wisconsin

Conservation Hall of Fame in the Schmeeckle Reserve in Stevens Point.

There, John DuPlissis, a forest specialist with the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Extension, will share findings from his 10-year review of the Woodland Leadership Institute.

Next up will be Jeremy Solin, director of Learning Experiences and Activities in Forestry. Solin will discuss how the program is used in schools.

Back in Marshfield, a "Taste of History" dinner will be served at the Chestnut Center for the Arts, 208 S. Chestnut Ave.



The dinner will feature a living history presentation.

After dinner, participants will move to the Chestnut Center Performance Hall for live entertainment.

On Saturday, the meeting will continue at the Marshfield Public Library, 211 E. Second St.

Following a general membership business meeting, John Berg will share tales of blacksmith-

ing during the 1880s and '90s. He will be followed by Don Schnitzler, who will highlight historic activities and opportunities in the Marshfield area.

Mary Schueller, author of "Soldier of Poverty," a tribute to the men of the Civilian Conservation Corps, will join in for the final conference presentation.

Deadline to register is Sept. 7. Go to <http://chip.sandsawdust.com/news.htm> for a registration form.

## Mosaic exhibit opens at Chestnut Center

For the Marshfield News-Herald

An opening reception for the Endrizzi Mosaic Exhibit will be Sept. 15 at Chestnut Avenue Center for the Arts, 208 S. Chestnut Ave.

This reception will mark the opening of Gilbert Endrizzi's first showing of mosaic artwork in Marshfield since his show at New Visions Gallery in 1980. Forest History Association of Wisconsin members might recall the glider mosaic he created for the second World War II Glider Symposium held last year and that appeared at times with the touring exhibit "Wisconsin's Flying

Trees: The Plywood Industry's Contribution to World War II," currently on display at Marshfield's Municipal Airport.

Endrizzi was a design engineer for Consoweld Corp. of Wisconsin Rapids, a subsidiary of

Consolidated Paper Co. The Consoweld product was the precursor of plastic and was used to make World War II glider floors. The original material was a phenol-saturated sheet of "papreg." Papreg had been developed by the U.S. Forest Products Laboratory in Madison and shipped to paper manufacturers in the state. The phenol-saturated sheets, when heated, bonded together into a hardened product. Today, we know the product by the trade name Formica. Consoweld and Formica were competitors.

Once Endrizzi's ideas are down on paper, the mosaic pieces are cut from former Consoweld products, and the art pieces created using colors, great care and dedication in a tedious process. The subjects range from the religious to the sublime, but all pieces reflect his artistry, his joie de vivre and his philanthropy.

The public is cordially invited to drop in at Chestnut Gallery anytime

between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., view the exhibit, meet the artist and enjoy refreshments.

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## LOGGING PRESENTATION



Bob Walkner, member of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin, gives a presentation about Wisconsin logging and sawmill history during "The Wonder of It All: Wisconsin Logging History" program at Woodland Dunes Nature Center in Two Rivers on Wednesday. The event was sponsored by the Dominion Foundation. For more photos, visit [www.htrnews.com](http://www.htrnews.com). Sue Pischke/HTR

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## Volunteer opportunities in Manitowoc County

There are many opportunities to share your talents and time. Here is a list of some registered non-profit organizations (public charities, clubs, organizations and others) in Manitowoc County. Information for much of this list was gathered from the Urban Institute: National Center for Charitable Statistics, 2011



Jim Eke, volunteer van driver, poses with a wheelchair next to the patient transport van at Aurora Medical Center in Two Rivers.  
SUE FISCHKE/HTH

- 4-H Clubs - Aldo Fisker Farms, Clarke Mills Steel Sports, Gladwin Eye Reading, Knobby Tires, Liberty Go-Gators, Maribel Mighty Kids, Meemie Easy Badgers, Plover N Pals, Red Milk Roadrunners, Rockland Survivors, Taus Livewires, Whitelaw Wild Kids
- Adaptive Art, Inc.
- Alamo Society of Manitowoc, Inc.
- American Chiropractic Cancer Crg of the Lakeshore Counties, Inc.
- American Federation of State County & Municipal Employees (multiple groups)
- American Legion Posts (multiple groups)
- American Legion Auxiliary (multiple groups)
- American Postal Workers Union 10360 Manitowoc Local
- American Production & Inventory Control Society-Groveland Chapter
- Americans Serving African Children, Inc.
- Artists
- Anchor Fellowship Church, Inc.
- Arise Peace Zedel Synagogue
- Association for the Developmentally Disabled of Manitowoc County, Inc.
- Austrian Society of America/Austrian Society of Wisconsin
- Austrian Society of America/Lakeshore WI Chapter And
- Belt & Girth, Inc.
- Berserkers & Protective Order of Elks of the USA - Manitowoc and Two Rivers
- Bethany Lutheran Church/Bethany Lutheran School
- Big Brothers - Big Sisters of Manitowoc County
- Blue Angels WI
- Blue Line Club of Manitowoc, Inc.
- Blue Bird International 1071 Manitowoc
- Boysch Area Fire Fighters, Inc.
- Branch Volunteer Fire and Rescue, Inc.
- Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees (MWE)
- Catholic County National Teachers Association
- Cavalry Association of God Church
- Capital Civic Center Foundation, Inc.
- Capital Civic Center, Inc.
- Card Rose Women Memorial Race
- Catholic Order of Foresters (multiple groups)
- Cenerville Settlement, Inc.
- Chiefs Football, Inc.
- Childrens House of Manitowoc, Inc.
- Christian Life Resources, Inc. - Groveland
- Church of Christ
- Citizens for Skateboarding - Manitowoc Chapter Inc. Manitowoc Chapter
- Clarke Mills Sportsman Club, Inc.
- Cleveland Fish and Game Association, Inc.
- Cleveland Snowhawk, Inc.
- Cleveland Volunteer Fire Fighters, Inc.
- Columbia, Inc. K of C Club House
- Community Chest of Kewaunee
- Conservation Education, Inc. of Manitowoc County Wisconsin
- Conventual Community Church
- Courage One-Mile Ministries
- Dave To Dawn Theatre, Inc.
- Daughters of Isabella
- Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865
- Deacon Foundation, Inc.
- Delta Kappa Gamma Society WI Alpha Epsilon Chapter
- Disabled American Veterans 24 Andrew Miller Chapter
- District Number Twelve of the Wisconsin Nursing Association, Inc.
- Exa 360 Rally Hunger Foundation, Inc.
- East Twin Lutheran School
- Economic Development Corp of Manitowoc County Foundation
- Economic Development Corporation of Manitowoc County
- Educational Heritage Foundation, Inc.
- Employers Guild of America, Inc. Calumet Chapter
- Episcopal Synod Alpha International Council 2655 Beta Theta Chapter
- Exa-Pyng Methodist Church
- Experimental Aircraft Assoc of Manitowoc Chapter 383, Inc.
- Fourth Evangelical Free Church
- Fourth Lutheran Cemetery Association
- Frederick Village Incorporation
- Firefighters of the Town of Two Rivers, Inc.
- First German Lutheran Church of Two Rivers Lutheran School
- Forest History Association of Wisconsin, Inc.
- Frederick Creek Community Development Corporation
- Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity Healthcare Advisory
- Frederick Order of Eagles (multiple groups)
- Free & Accepted Masons of Wisconsin 65 Manitowoc Lodge
- Free Roaming Feline Program
- Frederick Sundtland, Inc.
- Friends of Manners Trail, Inc.
- Friends of Port Beach, Inc.
- Friends of St. Patrick's, Inc.
- Friends of the Branch River
- Friends of the Manitowoc Quilts/Quiltwork, Inc.
- Friends of the Manitowoc Family/Social Center, Inc.
- Friends of the Two Rivers Senior Center
- Future Farmers of America and its State Associations
- Future Lady Girls Basketball Association, Inc.
- Glass Molders Pottery Plastics & Allied Workers 301 Local
- Gauging of Manitowoc, Inc.

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## Lambrecht, Donald G.

Donald G. Lambrecht, age 90, Kalamazoo, Mich., formerly of Green Bay, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012, at Rose Arbor. Donald was born April 26, 1921, in Milwaukee, to Edwin and Ida (Jaeger) Lambrecht. He received a degree in Forestry from the



## University of Michigan in 1943.

Donald enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as the Executive Officer aboard the LCI 423 ship in the Pacific during World War II. He was discharged in 1946, having earned a final rank of Lieutenant. After the war, Donald started working in the paper industry in the Lake States and Canada as a Woodlands Manager. Over the nearly 40 years of his



career, he lived in Hansen, Ontario, Menominee, Mich., and Green Bay. By the time of his retirement in 1984, he was in charge of over 266,000 acres.

Throughout his life, Donald was an avid traveler and went on many extended road and boat trips, as well as many bicycling adventures. He was a devoted Packers fan, owned season tickets since Lambeau was built, and attended most of the home games since that time. He was also active in service and volunteer work in the communities in which he lived. Some examples of this service include time served as the Menominee County Supervisor while living in Michigan, and then on the Allouez Board of Appeals in Wisconsin. He served on the Board of Directors for the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame. He was also active with the Forest History Association of Wisconsin, serving a term as their past President and was recently honored by them



with Fixmer Award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the forest products and forest resources community. Donald was also an active member of Ascension Lutheran Church in Allouez.

In 1943, Donald was united in marriage to Kathryn "Kay" Zinke, who preceded him in death in 1956. In 1963, he married Carol Diley who preceded him in death in 1994.

He was also preceded in passing by a sister, Pearl (Phil) Servais.

Donald leaves to cherish his memory two daughters, Anne (Pat) Dolan and Susan (David States) Lam-

brecht; two grandsons, Nicolas and Matthew Dolan; a niece, Marita Servais; a nephew, Paul (Mary) Servais; and several other nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

A memorial service to celebrate Don's life will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012, at Ascension Lutheran Church, 2911 Libal Street, Green Bay, at 5 p.m. with Pastor Lori Swenson officiate. A private interment was held in Valhalla Memorial Park in Milwaukee.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Forest History Association of Wisconsin, c/o the funeral home. Friends may share a condolence online at [www.joldersma-klein.com](http://www.joldersma-klein.com).

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## Lumberyard Bar & Grill highlights local logging history

**By Marisa Cuellar**

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Marshfield native Adam Jacobson said he always has been interested in the city's history, so he decided to showcase turn-of-the-century central Wisconsin lumber camp photos at his new restaurant, Lumberyard Bar & Grill, which opened in March.

"It's neat because if you look at some of those pictures, there are some people from Marshfield in the early 1900s at work," said local historian Don Schnitzler, who helped Jacobson assemble the photos. "It's a cool way of connecting Marshfield's past with its present."

Schnitzler said he gathered the photos from his personal collection, the Forest History Association of Wisconsin and the North Wood County Historical Society.

"Marshfield has a rich lumber and logging histo-

ry, and I thought it would be interesting for people to see, especially visitors to Marshfield," Jacobson said.

Jacobson even incorporated local logging history into the Lumberyard's menu. He named one of his breakfast selections Hungry Dan, after a famous Wisconsin lumberjack.

The restaurant's menu also features burgers, sandwiches, entrees such as steak and pasta, and a large collection of tap beers and Wisconsin craft brews.

Jacobson said the restaurant, inside Woodfield Inn & Suites, is a good addition to the hotel, which is owned by his brother.

"A lot of the customers asked about local restaurants and bars, and we saw a need for it not only for hotel guests, but for the community," Jacobson said.

The area now occupied by the Lumberyard previously was used for meetings and a breakfast buffet, but Jacobson said 12 years in the hospitality industry taught him the space could



Adam Jacobson owns the new Lumberyard Bar & Grill, which opened in March at 1651 N. Central Ave. in Marshfield. LAURA HILLER/NEWS-HERALD MEDIA

be used to offer guests additional amenities.

Before opening the Lumberyard, Jacobson served as general manager of the Marshfield Hotel and Clearwaters Hotel and Convention Center, and he worked with his brother at Woodfield Inn & Suites.

"I enjoy the hospitality industry," Jacobson said. "The fast pace of the restaurant and bar business is fun for me, and I enjoy working with the employees and seeing and talking to the customers."

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## **Benson, Miles K.**

Miles K. Benson October 21, 1937-October 9, 2014

Miles was born on Octo-



ber 21, 1937, in St. Paul Minnesota to Myrtle and Irvan Benson. He was the eldest son of four children. His siblings were Gloria (Richard) Magnuson, Lois (Donald) Johnson, and David Benson.

Miles graduated with a B.S. in forestry from the University of Minnesota in 1959.

On August 27th, 1960, he married the love of his life, Judith Ferree Dale in Madison, Wisconsin and they remained married for 54 years. They first settled in Appleton, WI where he worked at the Institute of Paper Chemistry. There he did genetic research on improving production of the Quaking Aspen for our paper industry.

While in Appleton, three children were born to him: Andy (Liz) and Catherine both of Madison, and Kristin of Greenville, Tennessee.

Later he took a job with Owens Illinois in Tomahawk, WI. Soon after he was transferred to Lynchburg, Va. where he managed the woodlands. In 1978, he accepted a job for Consolidated Paper com-



pany in Rhinelander, WI so he could return to the area he loved the most.

In 1988, he accepted a promotion as the Director of Timberlands for Consolidated Paper Company and moved to Wisconsin Rapids. There he retired in 2000.

Miles was the beloved grandfather of six grandchildren: Frayah, Chloe, Dylan, Grant Bartuska, along with Grace, and Reidar Benson all of Madison.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He particularly enjoyed goose and duck hunting in the Horicon area with his previous boss and friend for over 50 years, Dean Einspahr, of Appleton. He shot his

final goose last fall and took pride in his recipe for goose jerky.

Miles was a member of The Ridge gun club where he participated in Trap shooting with his close friend Lee Amundson. He recently ended his last day of trap shooting with a perfect score.

Miles received numerous awards throughout his life for the variety of organizations he gave his time to. He served as president and active member of the local chapter of the Society of American Foresters, American Pulpwood Association, and The Forest History Association of Wisconsin.

He was a man of strong faith and belonged to several Lutheran churches throughout his life. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Wisconsin Rapids where he served as President of the Church for several years.

Our family would like to thank the nurses and staff on the 5th wing dementia unit at Edgewater Nursing Home for their highly professional and compassionate care they

gave to Miles during his short stay there.

Visitation will be held on Thursday October 16th from 10:00-11:00 am with a service to follow at Grace Lutheran Church in Wisconsin Rapids. Memorials may be made to Grace Lutheran Church.

Miles loved the trees and forests of which he planted many. He found solace in his garden along with the outdoors.

"I have planted three trees for every one I cut down," Miles would proudly say, "Who wouldn't care more for the tree and environment than a forester?"

When you look at a tall, strong pine ...think of Miles.

Herman-Taylor Funeral Home and Cremation Center in Wisconsin Rapids is assisting the family. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.taylor-funeralhome.net](http://www.taylor-funeralhome.net)

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## **WISCONSIN RAPIDS —**

So far this winter, Heart of Wisconsin Genealogical Society programs have included visiting the Mead



## Paper Museum where a tour was given by Spyros Heniadis and Don Schnitzler of the Forest History

## Association of Wisconsin. They spoke about Lumbering in Wisconsin's history.

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### David Fred Peschau



David Fred Peschau was born April 1, 1948, along with twin brother, Richard, in Minneapolis, to the loving care of Kenneth and Jean (Swenson) Peschau. Seven years later, sister Debra came along. Raised first on Blaisdell Ave. in Minneapolis and later on Warren Ave. in Edina, Minn., David attended Cahill School and Edina High School, enjoying close times with family and good times with eventual lifelong friends,



playing youth basketball and other sports, cribbage games and many fun-filled summers at local YMCA Twin Cities Camp Idubapti.

Dave also was an active youth member at Normandale Lutheran Church. At age 17, David and the Peschau family relocated to Wausau, Wis., during the summer between his junior and senior year of high school. David quickly made many new and eventual lifelong friends in Wausau before graduating from Wausau High East School Class of 1966.

David attended Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, graduating in 1970. David was actively involved in Luther College student government, serving in numerous leadership roles and Sigma Chi fraternity member. Upon graduation from Luther, David joined the National Guard, relocated back to Wausau and served as a history teacher at Wausau West High School before making a career move into broadcasting.

While in Wausau, David met Helen Noble. It was love at first sight and they soon married there in 1973. Dave and Helen each soon found compelling career opportunities to move to Madison, Wis., were there for a year, made some more lifelong friends and then found themselves with even more compelling career opportunities during 1974, finally settling in La Crosse, where they eventually raised their family and made their life together.

Professionally, David first worked for the Horizon Communications and Liberty Television, owned Wisconsin Television Network stations in various broadcast sales positions at WAOW ABC TV 9 in Wausau, WKOW ABC TV 27 in Madison and later as general manager of both WKOW ABC TV 19 in La Crosse and WQOW ABC TV 18 in Eau Claire, Wis. After an ownership change at the Wisconsin Television Network stations, David soon found himself with the opportunity to manage the competing television station in La Crosse, WKST CBS TV 8, serving as general manager for several years, before eventually co-owning and managing many various radio and other communications properties including WKBI Radio in La Crosse. David later served as a consultant in the communications industry serving various commercial, non-profit, educational, foreign and domestic government customers. After retirement, David frequently volunteered his time and talent in these areas

to assist many projects and causes near and dear to his heart. During the final weeks of his life, David was still actively assisting local organizations with media buy strategies and helping to organize video production shoots for local organizations to work with the local television stations that he once managed years ago.

Service was a large part of David's life. David volunteered time to numerous organizations, including Mobile Meals and had the opportunity to serve many local service and organizations in advisory and leadership roles, including Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce, Viterbo University, the American Cancer Society, the Forest History Association of Wisconsin and others. David also served terms as president of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in La Crosse and president of the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association.

David loved entertaining and travel, was an avid reader, enjoyed current events and civics, was a huge sports fan, loved time spent traveling with and visiting friends, loved gatherings with his local friends for gourmet dinners and bridge club parties. He also particularly enjoyed playing cribbage and mentoring numerous students that he came to know over the years.

David was a family man. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, son, nephew, brother, uncle and cousin.

David had a special ability to open his ears, listen diligently, care deeply and positively impact everyone within his ambit.

David had frequent and highly enjoyable visits with family and friends during the last many years. He cherished these deeply. The family would like to thank his care team for their excellent work and devotion to David's care over the years and also for the extra special things they did to help make these many cherished family and friend visits over the years so special for everyone.

David passed away Monday, Oct. 15, 2018, at home. David is survived by his two sons, Matthew Peschau of La Crosse and Christopher (Dawn) Peschau of Chandler, Ariz.; his twin brother, Richard (Shavella) Peschau of Paoli, Okla.; sister, Debra (Craig) Jones of Minneapolis; sister-in-law, Margaret Jorris of Newton, Iowa; cousin, Reynold Hokenson of Vashon, Wash.; cousin, Karen (Larry) Lee of Long Beach, Calif.; and cousin, Jim (Kathy) Bratty of Edina, Minn.; plus many other special nieces, nephews, other relatives and family friends. David was preceded in death by his wife, Helen; and his parents, Kenneth and Jean.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2135 Weston Street. Pastor Bruce Iverson will officiate and burial will be in the Oak Grove Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at the Dickinson Family Funeral Home, 1425 Jackson St., and again from 9:30 a.m. until time of services Saturday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that any memorials be directed to the charity of their choice or the family for distribution. Information and online condolences may be given to the family at [www.dickinsonfuneral-homes.com](http://www.dickinsonfuneral-homes.com)

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