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A Message From President Albrecht

It is my pleasure to be writing this first "President's Message". This new page, which will be a regular feature of "Chip & Sawdust", is intended to provide members with additional information about our Association, its activities, and significant decisions of its Board of Directors.

Ed Nagel's resignation as president earlier this year was accepted with regrets by our Board. Chuck Twining of Ashland was then selected as the new vice-president and Walt Goldsworthy of Three Lakes appointed as a new member of the Board.

The recently completed Capital Funds Campaign has contributed greatly to the Association's financial well-being. I would like to personally thank all donors for their most generous support. These funds, invested for income to help pay for our operating costs, will pay off in the long-range growth and stability of F.H.A.W. A heart-felt "thanks" goes to Treasurer Frank Fixmer for his promotional efforts in this regard.

The former Scholarship Committee, now termed the Student Awards Committee, has been reactivated under the direction of past-president John Saemann of Florence and "Doc" Brown of Eau Claire.

Our 10th Annual Members Meeting is scheduled for September 27-28th, and the program offers a variety for all interests. And what better a location than TREEHAVEN, near Tomahawk, where so much of the area's forest history originated! I am sure that many members will want to set aside that weekend to enjoy TREEHAVEN's beautiful environment at the height of the "colorama" period. A special attraction this year is that we will be hosting the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame inductions. (See details on next page.)

I hope that all members are enjoying this summer season, which seems to fly by all too fast. I look forward to greeting many of you at the fall meeting!

Tom Albrecht
President

Annual Meeting Plans Finalized

An important milestone in the progress of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin will be reached when its 10th annual meeting of members is held on September 27 - 28, 1985 at TREEHAVEN, near Tomahawk, WI.

Highlighting the agenda for the first day's program will be the induction of three more notable personages into the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame. The ceremony will be conducted by representatives of the Society of American Foresters with several F.H.A.W. members cooperating.

Another significant event during the day will be the presentation by F.H.A.W. of awards to one individual and one organization for distinguished service toward the preservation or sustention of some aspect of forest history.

Several speakers will present papers on such diverse subjects as the use of navigable waters for log drives, the life and death of an early-day lumber town, the history of forest fire protection, and the growth of the Christmas tree industry. Details of the program will be mailed to members and special guests in early August. Advance registrations are advised for this increasingly prestigious event, which promises to set a new record for attendance in view of its special attractions and the opportunity to see an impressive facility for the education of future natural resource managers. Lodging at TREEHAVEN will be on a first-come, reservation basis.

New Director Appointed To Board

At the May meeting of the Board of Directors, JOHN W. "WALT" GOLDSWORTHY of Three Lakes, WI was appointed to fill the vacancy resulting from the earlier resignation of Edwin Nagel of Land o' Lakes.

Goldsworthy is a former editor of the Three Lakes News and when that newspaper merged with the Vilas County News-Review he served as its columnist. He worked for the U. S. Forest Service for a number of years on the nearby Nicolet National Forest and became noted as a naturalist. In recent years he has been active in various capacities with the Three Lakes Historical Society, was instrumental in the development of its museum, and was a guiding force behind the compilation and publishing of a history of Three Lakes, titled "The Pine, The Plow and The Pioneer".

Capital Fund Campaign Limited Success

With the close of the Association's capital fund campaign last May 15th, Treasurer Fixmer reported to the Board of Directors that the goal of \$25,000.00 had not been reached. However, he announced, total receipts during the eight-month long drive did amount to \$15,530.00, including the "challenge grants" from two anonymous foundations.

Investment income from these funds, even at current relatively low rates of return, is expected to add substantially to the Association's operating revenues in coming years and thus improve its ability to continue its publishing program.

The Board expressed its appreciation to all donors for their support and confidence in the Association's fiscal integrity. It added, however, a suggestion for those who have not yet contributed for one reason or another: "It's never too late to make your donation!"

Have You Renewed Your Membership For 1985-86?

Association members were informed, as of July 1st, that their memberships needed to be renewed for the new fiscal year. Response to date has been quite good, reports Treasurer Fixmer, but some do need to be reminded as previous experience has shown.

Notices were mailed at the third class bulk rate of only 5.9¢ each. However, reminders that become necessary will require first class mailings at 22¢ each, so postage costs can add up to a significant figure. Help us save those dollars by mailing your \$10.00 dues check NOW, before a reminder needs to be sent.

Several members noticed last year that they did not receive membership cards upon payment of their dues. This was a cost-saving, as well as a time-saving measure, during a period when we were having a cash-flow problem. Those who really would like such evidence of their affiliation need only request it and the Treasurer will be glad to oblige.

ROBERT BRISSON, extension forester at Marinette, renewed his membership for LIFE. Thanks, Bob, for your faith in the future of the Association, and we hope that you prove insurance actuaries conservative in their estimates of average life spans!

Forest History Often Involves Geneological Research

One of the more interesting aspects of forest history is the frequency of its relationship to other disciplines, such as archaeology, paleontology, ecology, zoology and botany to mention just a few examples. Occasionally, F.H.A.W. is even called upon to assist in geneological research.

Recently, a Minnesota researcher, with ancestral roots in the Glidden, WI area, wondered if we could help her uncover biographical information concerning the CASKINETTE (Caskanette) family, pioneers who came to Wisconsin from eastern Canada. Her special interest is in the logging history of Louis and "Big Joe Caskinette", and in any logging company records that may have listed them as employees.

Association members in Ashland or Iron counties — can you help in this regard? If so, please send your information to our newest member, Carol L. Maki, 1320 Amundson Place, Stillwater, MN 55082, with a copy to the Association's Secretary.

Author-Members Publish New Books

The latest historical work by R.C. "DOC" BROWN of Eau Claire is "Sawmilling and The Sawmills of the Chippewa Valley", a liberally illustrated, 68-page, 8½" x 11" soft cover booklet. In his letter accompanying his gift of a copy to the Association's reference library, "Doc" commented that "it has all the dope that a college student, or high school student . . . will ever need to know about an old sawmill".

The sawmills pictured and described are indeed old, several dating back to the late 1800's. None exist any longer, so it is all the more important that a book of this kind helps to revive recollections of, and to preserve the record of, the White Pine Era in the Chippewa River Valley. Readers will be reminded that it was those early mills, and the relatively inefficient, somewhat wasteful, machinery that ran them, which produced the billions of board feet of lumber demanded by a growing nation during that colorful period in the history of Wisconsin.

"Sawmilling and the Sawmills of Chippewa Valley" may be purchased direct from the author, R. C. Brown, Box 515, Eau Claire, WI 54702, at \$9.00 per copy, postpaid.

Another member, who authored a prize-winning book in 1977 in the field of forest history, CHARLES E. TWINING of Ashland, has written a biography of a Weyerhaeuser executive who directed the destinies of the huge Weyerhaeuser enterprise from 1933 to 1956. Titled "Phil Weyerhaeuser - Lumberman",

Twining details the operations of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company and its efforts over a half century to revitalize and expand the organization that had left Wisconsin in 1900 for the greener pastures of the Pacific Northwest. In the words of one reviewer, "the period witnessed its (the company's) transition from what had been primarily a dealer in timberlands, from a liquidator of forest resources to a manager of tree farms designed to be perpetual"

Twining is a professor of history at Northland College in Ashland, WI. His first book, "Down-river: Orrin H. Ingram and the Empire Lumber Company" won the first biennial Book Award of the national Forest History Society as the 'out-standing book published in 1975-76 in the field of forest and conservation history.

"Phil Weyerhaeuser - Lumberman" can be purchased from the Weyerhaeuser Company, Tacoma, WA 98401, for \$18.95 postpaid.

Exhibit Promotes Interest In Forest History

Past-president JOHN SAEMANN of Florence recently helped to publicize the Association's existence with an exhibit at his home town's "Lumberjack Tournament". Secretary FIXMER subsequently had the same exhibit at a forest landowners field day in Solon Springs sponsored by the Mosinee Paper Corp. Both events provided the viewing public with the opportunity to learn about F.H.A.W.'s objectives, its services and its publishing efforts.

The exhibit features Association literature, books by its member-authors, logging photos and a portable display case containing miniatures of logging tools.

The Association has had this exhibit at the Logging Congress sponsored by the Timber Producers Association of Michigan & Wisconsin, but will not be at that event this year because it will be held at Escanaba, MI. However, it will again be on view at Green Bay in 1986 if the Board of Directors approves a budget that includes that item.

Wanted: Photos of Tramways/Pole-Railroads

DR. RANDALL ROHE of Waukesha is researching the use of tramways and pole-railroads in the Great Lakes region and needs photographs illustrating their use. Association members who may have such photos available for temporary loan may send them to Dr. Rohe at the University of Wisconsin-Waukesha County Center, 1500 University Drive, Waukesha, WI 53186-1628. He assures that they will be carefully handled and

promptly returned after reproduction, and proper credit given if eventually published.

Dr. Rohe will be a featured speaker at the Association's 1985 annual meeting on the intriguing subject of the life and death of a northern Wisconsin lumber town.

News Briefs About Association Members

For outstanding service to forestry and to the profession, four forester-members of F.H.A.W. have been elected to the member class of FELLOW in the Society of American Foresters by their peers in the Wisconsin Section of the Society. Honored at the state meeting in Milwaukee last June were JAY CRAVENS, professor at the College of Natural Resources, U. of Wis.-Stevens Point, FRANK FIXMER, retired forest operations manager for Mosinee Paper Corp., ROBERT PETRY, retired woodlands manager for Nekoosa Papers, Inc., and C.B. STOTT, retired U.S. Forest Service researcher and preeminent timber cruiser.

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WILLIAM WOLFF, JR. of Lakewood, president of Wisconsin Chapter #23 of the National Association of Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni, again presided at the chapter's spring reunion at the Trees-for-Tomorrow Center in Eagle River.

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RICHARD BIERLICH, operations manager for Owens-Illinois Corporation's paper mill at Tomahawk, WI was awarded the 1985 American Pulpwood Association's Safety Award at APA's 51st annual meeting. In the past six years, Bierlich instituted and made mandatory the use of safety shoes, hard hats, leg-, hearing- and eye-protection devices, saw-chain brakes, and safety chains on all of his company's logging operations.

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EDWARD F. STEIGERWALDT, JR., Tomahawk, has been elected as first vice-president of the national Association of Consulting Foresters.

More News Briefs

A most attractive and informative exhibit currently featured at the Marathon County Historical Museum in Wausau is the two-room display depicting the history of paper-making in the northern Wisconsin River Valley and the products of its

three diverse paper mills. The project was funded by the WAUSAU PAPER MILLS COMPANY, a charter member of F.H.A.W. Additionally, the exhibit has a separate photographic display of early-day scenes in "Brokaw: A Company Town", where the Wausau Paper Mills Company is located.

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Every so often, we are surprised — and pleased — to receive notes of appreciation from several of the hundreds of libraries and local historical societies that receive our annual PROCEEDINGS free of charge. A recent "thank-you" note came from the Whitewater Public Library and its director, Virginia P. Follstad. She says: "Please convey our gratitude to the members of the Association for their generosity in making this information available".

Additions to Association's Reference Library

From time to time, the Association is the recipient of valuable books on various subjects of forest history. Such donations are greatly appreciated and add considerably to the Secretary's ability to answer inquiries that cross his desk. Several such acquisitions not previously acknowledged include two from LARRY HATHAWAY of Green Bay, namely Current's "Pine Trees and Politics: The Life of Philetus Sawyer, 1816-1900" and Fries' "Empire in Pine: The Story of Lumbering in Wisconsin, 1830-1900".

As mentioned elsewhere in this issue of "C & S", R. C. "Doc" Brown of Eau Claire has donated a copy of his third and most recent publishing effort, "Sawmilling and the Sawmills of the Chippewa Valley".

The Association still has a supply of its "Bibliography of Wisconsin Forest History" which lists over 1,000 titles of books, periodical articles, thesis, etc. Copies are available from the Association Secretary, 403 McIndoe St., Wausau, WI 54401, at \$2.00 per copy, postpaid.

Franklin A. King, 1923 - 1985

We note with deep regrets the passing of another member and well-known logging railroad historian, FRANKLIN ("Frank") A. KING, who died at his home in Duluth, MN on May 7, 1985. King will be remembered by Association members who were present at the 1984 annual meeting in Ashland when he accepted on behalf of his deceased long-time friend, Howard Peddle, the Association's award for distinguished service. At

that time, he presented his book "Minnesota Logging Railroads" as a gift to the Association's reference library.

King had spent more than 30 years gathering materials and photographs for three books he authored on railroad history. His writings gained him recognition in "Contemporary Authors" and he was listed in "Who's Who in the Mid-West" and "Who's Who in America". A life-long Duluth resident, he retired in 1980 as senior industrial engineer after 40 years with the Duluth, Missabe & Iron Range Railway. He was a graduate of the University of Minnesota.

Many Vocations Represented in F.H.A.W. Membership

Have you ever wondered what occupations various members of the Association might be engaged in? The names might be familiar but their vocations are not always well-known. Though we hesitate to be specific, the following listing, while not complete by any means, will give some idea of the wide variety of vocations that are represented in our membership, yet all have a common interest in Wisconsin's forest heritage:

Administrator	Forester
Author	Historian
Archaeologist	Librarian
Attorney	Logger
Banker	Lumberman
Botanist	Manufacturer
Consultant	Military serviceman
Curator	Professor
Doctor	Public Relations specialist
Engineer	Researcher
Equipment dealer	Tree farmer
Executive	Wildlife manager
Farmer	

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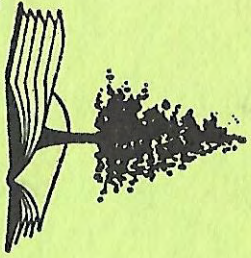
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