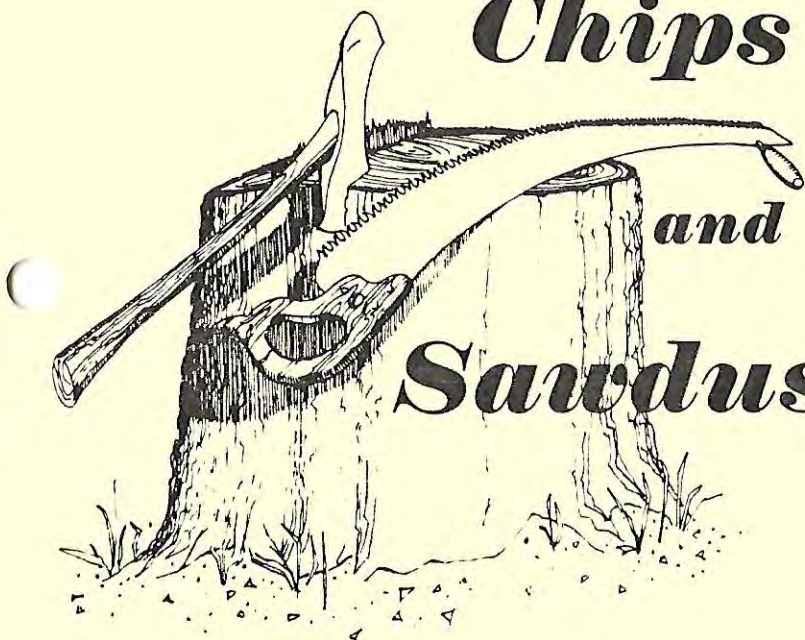


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President's Message

This spring was one of progress for our association and its members. We are happy to have new board members **Karl Baumann** of Marinette and **Russ Roberts** of Tomahawk on board. They are both fine academic and active individuals who will help maintain our stature and growth. Also to be commended is our Chips and Sawdust editor **Bob Brisson** for the excellent job he is doing on our newsletter.

The Annual Meeting planning is proceeding quite well thanks to **Doc Brown** and **Gene Harn**. It will be held September 11 and 12 at the Chippewa Valley Museum in Eau Claire. A fine agenda is planned with plenty of area forest history about the Black and Chippewa Rivers. One of our most successful annuals meetings was held at the Chippewa Valley Museum, and this one has the makings of another of our best. Details will follow.

It is important that we as members reflect on the progress we have made in the recording of old journals, aging photographs, and the fading recollections of those who took their youth into the vast and shadowy depths of the Wisconsin Pinery. That pinery has changed significantly today, and is either a second or third growth forest that is managed for a multitude of purposes. We must also record today's forest history as well as tomorrow's. More and more groups are becoming concerned about our forests for a multitude of reasons. It will be interesting to see what is written of the 1980s in the year 2000. I wonder how this period of forest history will be labeled.

My next message will review the progress our association has made over the last 11 years in detail. But it is still summer; time to enjoy the northwoods, wet a line, and cook out. Enjoy it in whatever part of this beautiful state you may reside or visit.

Tom Albrecht
President

ANNUAL MEETING PLANS

A progress report from co-chairmen **"Doc" Brown** and **Gene Harm** of the annual meeting planning committee indicates that most program details have now been formulated. The annual conclave is scheduled for September 11th and 12th, 1987 at the Chippewa Valley Museum in Eau Claire.

The Friday afternoon program will include tours of the Paul Bunyan Logging Camp in Carson Park and the "Empire in Pine" Lumber Museum at Downs ville, followed by the dinner program featuring the presentation of the Association's distinguished service awards and entertainment. The business session on Saturday morning will be followed by a series of speakers who will cover various aspects of the early logging era in the Chippewa River Valley. The conference is expected to close by 3:00 PM.

Complete details will be mailed in early August. Members planning to attend are urged to send in the advance registration forms as soon as possible so that the arrangements committee can prepare accordingly. As in previous years, the general session will be open to non-members.

WISCONSIN COUNCIL FOR LOCAL HISTORY

Local historians from throughout Wisconsin will hold regional conventions this summer. The region, date and location for those yet to meet are:

Central	July 25	Iola
Southeastern	August 8	Delafield
Northeastern	August 15	Oconto
East Central	August 22	Hustisford
Northwestern	August 29	Superior
Capital	September 19	Beloit
Metropolitan	September 26	Bay View
Northwoods	October 3	Shawano

DUES INCREASE

By action of the Association's Board of Directors at its regular quarterly meeting on May 28th, individual membership dues will be increased by \$2.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1987.

Higher membership rates had been proposed at the 1986 annual members meeting, but action was deferred pending a study of potential adverse effects of any increases. Proponents pointed out that there had been no increase during the past four years and that higher operating costs, particularly for publishing and postage, justified higher dues. At least two other state-wide organizations in forest-related activities have recently raised their dues structures by at least 25% in one case and 70% in another.

In addition to FHAW's dues increase for individuals going from \$10 to \$12, corporate memberships will hereafter be \$50 per year and life memberships \$250.

WANTED/FOR SALE

Books, literature, photos, and maps relating to lumber and logging history in the US and Canada, especially Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota. Also log stamping hammers. Books for sale: "Redwood Classics", "Looters of the Public Domain" (1908), "Log Transportation in the Lake States 1840-1918", "Green Timber", and "The Loggers".

Contact Ray Clark, 519A Bonafin, Dugway, UT 84022

BRUCE BUELL 1898-1986

The passing of one of the first four industrial foresters in the Lake States, Bruce Buell, Chassell, Michigan, is belatedly noted here because a considerable portion of his career was spent in the employ of a Wisconsin paper mill and because he was known to so many fellow foresters, wood suppliers and the forest products industry in general.

Buell died September 16, 1986, after a short illness. The spring issue of the American Tree Farmer magazine stated "industrial forestry had its beginnings under the leadership of pioneers like Buell". Certainly he also practiced what he preached. His small tree farm near Green Bay during his tenure there was the first tree farm officially registered in Wisconsin, and in 1983, the management of his 3,600 acre tree farm in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan earned him the "Outstanding Michigan Tree Farmer Award" and a special tribute from Governor Blanchard.

Following graduation from the University of Michigan in 1929, Buell first worked for the US Forest Service in Wyoming and for a Canadian firm in Manitoba. He then became the first industrial forester in the Upper Peninsula when he was hired by the Patten Timber Company, a logging subsidiary of Northern Paper Mills, to work at Amasa. Northern subsequently was acquired by Marathon which in turn was absorbed by American Can and is now owned by James River Corporation. In 1948 Buell was transferred to Green Bay as manager of Northern's forestry and wood procurement. In the course of his career Buell served as the presiding officer of a number of organizations, including the Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee, Lake States Council of Industrial Foresters, Lake States Technical Division of the American Pulpwood Association, and the Michigan-Wisconsin Section of the Society of American Foresters.

"Bruce Buell: Mr. Forester" is available at \$10 per copy from Mrs. Bruce Buell, 1330 N. 16th St., Escanaba, MI 49829.

"Trees" 21st Century

Trees for Tomorrow, a well known educational center promoting the wise management of natural resources in our state, is planning a Twenty-First Century Campaign to increase its environmental educational capabilities. The campaign goal is set at \$2,000,000, and includes construction of two new dormitories, an addition to the dining hall and major renovations of other existing buildings. Equipment needs include two busses and a van, audiovisual items, and outdoor recreation gear.

Trees for tomorrow is a private non-profit organization which has been a pioneer in conservation education and an advocate of the use of renewable resources. Organized in 1944 by the forward looking paper companies and the Wisconsin Press Association, Trees was originally formed to encourage the reforestation of northern Wisconsin.

Today, "Trees" conducts an extensive program of conservation education; reaching students, teachers, businessmen, communications specialists, and many of the small landowners of Wisconsin. Each year 5,000 people participate in conservation workshops at the center. The capital campaign will allow the capacity to double to 10,000 participants per year in its highly regarded programs.

The campaign will center in three states with 12 regions and will extend through 1988. Trees for Tomorrow publishes Northbound, an educational newsletter about natural resources and outdoor education. To inquire about membership in Trees for Tomorrow or to make a 21st Century Campaign donation write Trees for Tomorrow, Box 609, Eagle River, WI 54521.

WARE PLANTATION FOR SALE

The oldest pine plantation in the state is found on a ten acre parcel of land near Hancock in Waushara County. The history of this plantation is an interesting story. Walter Ware, an area wheat and potato farmer planted these trees between 1869 and 1876. He transplanted seedlings from a nearby marsh that had huge sentinels on its edge. On rainy days he would pull natural seedlings, and haul them by stone-boat and oxen to his planting site. Because he spent a lot of time and energy transplanting, often working from dawn to dusk, he was regarded by some to be an eccentric fool, since it was believed that white pine would not survive in the harsh, dry, "central sands" environment. Ware proved the skeptics wrong and his young plantation stood out like a green oasis in a sandy desert. Ware passed away in 1900.

William Morris, Department of Agriculture forester, wrote of Ware in 1942, "would that more of the pioneers of this state been as far sighted and interested in planting trees as well as cutting them down, our sawmills would be humming today and ghost towns of old logging days would be unknown."

The plantation still shows an indistinct but definite pattern of rows. Underneath this white pine forest abounds beautiful spring flowers and shrubs.

The present owner of the Ware plantation is in the process of selling. His asking price is not yet known. Contacts are being made with conservation groups who may be interested in preserving this site. Hopefully it will remain intact in its present state rather than reverting to a dry sandy potato field. Its historical value is too great to let that happen.

To view the Ware plantation take County V west from US 51 for 1/2 mile, turn right on Bighorn Avenue for 1 1/2 miles, turn right on KK for 2 miles to County O, then left or west on O for 1 mile to the plantation.

RECENT LIBRARY ADDITIONS

We gratefully acknowledge the following additions to the Association's reference library as a result of donations by their respective authors:

"Photos from Wisconsin's Past", by Malcolm Rosholt. Includes a chapter on logging and lumbering, a glossary of logging terms and a list of firsts in the logging industry over a period of one hundred years.

"C.H. Nichols Lumber Company", by Lt. Col. Barbara J Nichols, ANC Retired. A history of the author's father, grandfather and great-grandfather and their logging and lumbering enterprises in LaCrosse and Jackson counties from 1852 to 1920.

"Bruce Buell: Mr. Forester" by Jean Worth, Buell's son David and widow Priscilla. An overview of the life and experiences of a pioneer industrial forester in Wisconsin and Michigan.

"The Wisconsin Logging Industry, 1840 to 1920" by D. John Withers, forestry major, UW-Stevens Point. An essay submitted in the competition for the Association's 1987 student scholarship award.

"History of the Holt Lumber Company" by Brian D. Kloeppe, forestry major at UW-Madison. Winning essay for the Association's 1987 student scholarship award.



Aldo Leopold — Commemorative Year 1987



Reading Resources

The History of Wisconsin Volume III: Urbanization and Industrialization, 1873-1893. By Robert C. Nesbit.

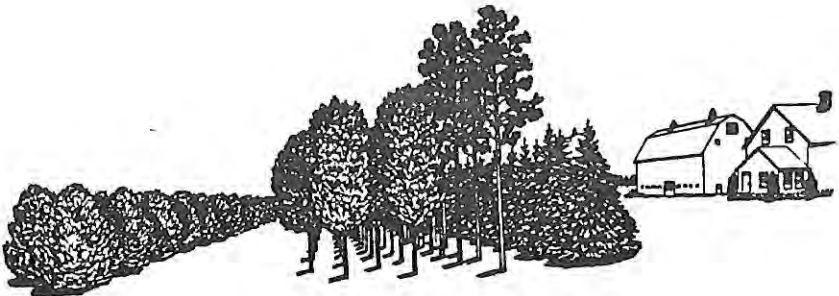
"What had been in 1873 an extractive frontier economy producing grain and lumber for export had by 1893 emerged as an urban-centered industrial economy operating on the leading edge of contemporary technology."

Available for \$31.50 from: Publication Orders, State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706.

"Lumberjack Lingo". By L. G. Sorden and Jacque Vallier. Revised and reprinted in 1987. Available for \$9.95 from NorthWord, PO Box 128, Ashland, WI 54806.

"Calked Boots and Cant Hooks". By George Corrigan. Also revised and reprinted in 1987 by NorthWord. \$11.95.

"We Went a Loggin'". By Esther Gibbs, R1, Spooner, WI 54801 A story of life and logging in 1920s Wisconsin. Available from the author.



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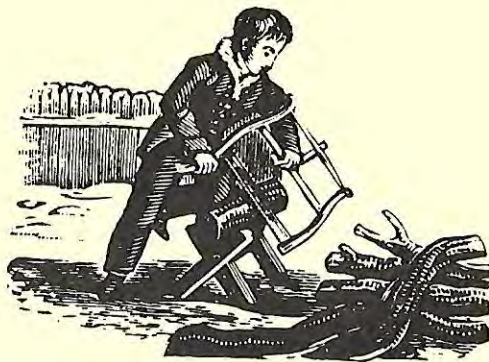
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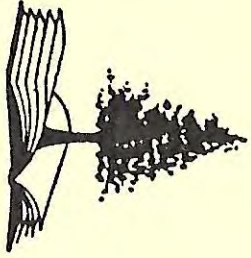
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