

## "CHIPS and SAWDUST"

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### ASSOCIATION OBSERVES FIRST BIRTHDAY

The Wisconsin Forest History Association was actually conceived by a group of forestry and forest industry people who first functioned as a bicentennial planning committee in the fall of 1975.

Articles of incorporation were officially adopted on May 26, 1976 by Tom Fulk, supervisor of the Nicolet National Forest, Ned Revie, retired woodlands manager for Wausau Paper Mills, and Frank Fixmer, manager of forest operations for Mosinee Paper Corporation. Subsequently, the by-laws provided for a fiscal year beginning July 1st and ending June 30th. The first official meeting of the newly elected board of directors took place on June 4, 1976. The Board's last meeting on June 3 therefore represented a full year of operation as a legal entity. Happy Birthday to all of us!

### REMEMBER THE SETTLER RELOCATION PROGRAM OF 1934-1940 ?

Following the enactment of rural zoning ordinances by many northern Wisconsin counties during the early '30's, isolated settlers were relocated under a Resettlement Administration Program. Between 1934 and 1940, some 416 families in 20 northern and central Wisconsin counties were moved from their isolated and submarginal farm lands to other locations. In addition to this Federal program, a number of individual counties relocated another 200 families through purchases and exchanges.

Further details about his precedent-setting program can be obtained from L. G. Sorden, a director of the Association and professor emeritus of the College of Agriculture - University of Wisconsin - Madison. "L.G." was the county Ag agent for Oneida County when that county became the first to adopt a rural zoning ordinance.

### LOGGING CAMP TOOL AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED

Members who have visited the Menominee Logging Camp Museum near Keshena are aware that it ranks among the top among museums of that type in the country. Less well-known is the fact that it is owned and operated by Jacque D. Vallier, an Association member. Although his museum has

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thousands of artifacts in the old-time camp office, bunk-house, cook-shanty, blacksmith shop and other buildings, Jacques is still looking for more items to add to his exhibits. If you have any that you want to part with, and still would like to see preserved for future generations, contact him at the Camp or at 7817 N. Club Circle, Milwaukee, WI 53217.

#### LOGGING BALLADS

An inquiry has been received about source material on old-time logging ballads. Anyone with such information to offer should write to Ms. Anna M. Cottrell, Box 1, Eland, WI 54427.

#### LOGROLLING

How many logrollers do we have among our membership? At least one that we know of: Alice M. Kmietek of Madison, who is both a competitive logroller and coach. According to a letter-to-the-editor she wrote to "American Forests" magazine, information on the sport of the American lumberjack can be obtained through the International Logrolling Association, in Chicago.

#### ANYONE HAVE A "THOMAS NESTER"?

Dave Borth of Route 1, Bayfield, WI., would like to get in touch with anyone who has a "Thomas Nester". One has to be a real old-timer to know that this was a four-sleigh horse-drawn rig that hauled an average load of 40,000 to 44,000 board feet. Dave would also like to acquire copies of pictures showing water sprinklers that were used for icing winter logging roads.

#### NATIONAL AWARD FOR BEST FOREST HISTORY BOOK

Our national counterpart, the Forest History Society, based at Santa Cruz, California, has announced that it will award \$500 to the author of the best book published in the field of North American forest and conservation history. The award was made possible from funds given the society by the David T. Mason Trust and by anonymous donors. It will be given first in 1977 and every two years thereafter.

#### PRESIDENT FULK RESIGNS

It is with deep regret that President Tom Fulk announces his resignation due to his being transferred to the regional office of the U. S. Forest Service at San Francisco, California. Our collective thanks go to Tom for his generous contributions of time, effort and leadership during the first year of the Association's existence. We also wish him success in his new assignment.

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At the June 3rd meeting of the Board of Directors, Ned Revie was named to serve in his place until the annual meeting of members on September 24th.

HISTORY OF NICOLET NATIONAL FOREST TO BE PUBLISHED

Under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Forest Service, the Association will share printing costs and will be the sole distributor of a history of the Nicolet National Forest, 1928 - 1976. The publication is the culmination of several years of research and compilation by Ken Elliott, who retired in 1969 after 37 years with the Forest Service. Association members will be given an opportunity to purchase autographed copies at the annual meeting on September 24th.

TRAVELLERS GUIDE TO HISTORIC WISCONSIN

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin has issued a "Travelers Guide to Historic Wisconsin" as a handy reference for reaching the many historic sites throughout the state. Keyed to the official Wisconsin highway map, it lists 217 official historic points of interest, including a number related to forest history. Also listed and described as to location, operating hours, and exhibits are the many museums throughout the state. A summary of state park and forest information provides the history buff with a choice of camping and picnicking spots in the course of his travels. The guide is available at many libraries and museums, but may also be obtained by writing directly to the State Historical Society, 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706.