



## "CHIPS and SAWDUST"

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### FIRST LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors, the chairman of the membership committee was reporting on the current status of the Association's membership. He remarked that no one had yet taken advantage of the fact that lifetime memberships are available for only \$100, a real bargain for those who still have a life expectancy of at least 20 years, particularly since the present dues structure will inevitably succumb to inflationary trends.

Quick as a flash, directors NED REVIE and L. G. SORDEN whipped out their checkbooks and wrote out their \$100 checks! It was a photo finish, and a dead heat, as to who became our First Life Member! (Editor's note: "L.G." recently celebrated his 80th birthday!)

### WISCONSIN PIN OAK NATIONAL CHAMPION

The April issue of "American Forests" contains the most recent compilation of the American Forestry Association's National Register of Big Trees. Included in that roster is one champion from Wisconsin: a northern pin oak on the Menominee Indian Reservation with a girth of 11' 10" and height of 81 feet.

The listing of quite a number of champions in neighboring Michigan, which has so many species similar to those in Wisconsin, prompts one to wonder whether Wisconsinites are failing to recognize potential champions, or are neglecting to submit nomination with the necessary supporting data.

Further information on the vital statistics needed, and how to measure them, can be obtained from the American Forestry Association, 1319 - 18th Street, N.W. - Washington, D.C. 20036

### EXHIBIT AT LOGGING CONGRESS

When you attend the annual Logging Congress of the Wisconsin-Michigan Timber Producers Association in Green Bay, starting September 7th, be sure to visit the Forest History Association's exhibit. Meet and talk with other members who share your interest. Our exhibit will feature artifacts of an unusual nature, as well as publications on specialized fields of our forest heritage.

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PROCEEDINGS OF 1977 ANNUAL MEETING BEING PUBLISHED

Earlier this year, members received a copy of one of the papers presented at the 1977 annual members meeting, "Status of Wisconsin Community Forests" by WILLIAM SYLVESTER of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. By popular demand, the Association will soon be distributing a special publication of the entire proceedings of that convention, and has committed itself to a similar course of action for all future meetings.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The third annual meeting of members will be held Saturday, September 9, 1978, at the University Bay Center, Willow Beach, in Madison. Arrangements include ample parking with no permit required. The program committee promises an agenda with "something of interest for everybody". Details will be mailed as soon as commitments are received from the program participants.

AUTHORS AMONG OUR MEMBERS

In the course of compiling the Association's soon-to-be-published bibliography of Wisconsin forest history literature, it was noted that a considerable number of our members have authored a variety of books on a variety of subjects in that field. The following listing is probably not all-inclusive; let us know if there are any author-members that have been overlooked, and the titles of their works:

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| Connor, Mary Roddis | - Wausau        |
| Corrigan, George    | - Saxon         |
| Elliott, K. M.      | - Rhinelander   |
| Kouba, Theodore     | - Madison       |
| LeMay, Neil         | - Tomahawk      |
| Marple, Eldon       | - Hayward       |
| Schels, Carl        | - Eagle River   |
| Scott, Walter       | - Madison       |
| Sylvester, William  | - Stevens Point |
| Sorden, L. G.       | - Madison       |
| Twining, Charles E. | - Ashland       |
| Wilde, S. A.        | - Madison       |

LOGGING DAMS

Most logging dams that were used in the river drives of the late nineteenth century have long since ceased to exist. Vestiges of some still are evident in some locations, but very few are in a condition which makes their function obvious to the casual, uninformed viewer. One exception is the structure located at the outlet of Round Lake in the northeast corner of Price County. It is situated within the 4,200-acre Round Lake Wilderness Study Area of the Chequamegon National Forest and was built in the late 1870's or early 1880's.

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THE WISCONSIN GAZETTEER

We are indebted to WALTER SCOTT, a retired historian of varied interests, for the following excerpt from the "Wisconsin Gazetteer." For those unfamiliar with this publication, it was printed in 1853 and contains the "Names, locations, and advantages of the counties, cities, towns, villages, post offices and settlements, together with a description of the lakes, water courses, prairies and public localities in the State of Wisconsin." All of that phraseology, together with the state seal, the author's name (John Warren Hunt) and the name of the printer, comprised the title page of this reference work!

The description of Chippewa County included these facts:

Population in 1850 was 615. The soil in the western portion is good, in the northeastern less valuable, and covered with forest of excellent pine timber. It is watered by Chippewa river and its branches, and tributaries of Buffalo and Mississippi rivers. The tributaries of the Chippewa river are numerous, and pass through large portions of the county, watering lands as valuable as any in the State. There are now in successful operation eleven saw mills, capable of cutting 30,000,000 feet of lumber annually. The largest of these mills is owned by Allen, at Chippewa Falls; Menomonee, owned by Knapp, Williams and Taintor; and Carson & Eaton, at the mouth of the Eau Galla, which average about 5,000,000 of feet each, per annum, and furnish employment for about 200 hands each.

CREDITING MEMBERSHIP DUES

The Association's fiscal year covers the period from July 1st through June 30th. Membership renewals are credited to the current fiscal year when received, regardless of the month when payment is made. However, in the case of new members, applications may be received in all months of the year, so the question arises as to how long a period is their payment of the annual fee really good for.

For example, under our present by-laws, a new applicant paying his annual fee for the first time in January, is then a member in good standing only to June 30th, or a 6-month period; one applying in April, technically receives only a 3-month membership for his five dollars.

Recognizing that there is some inequity in this situation, the Board of Directors decided at its February meeting to put the matter before the Members annual meeting on September 9, 1978. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions for revision of the by-laws in this regard, please communicate them to our Secretary, so that there will be an opportunity for several options to be considered before a vote is taken.

PRICE INCREASE FOR NICOLET HISTORY

We regretfully announce an increase in the price of "History of the Nicolet National Forest" when ordered by mail. Starting July 1, this will be \$3.75 per copy. The increase is dictated by the recent increases in postage and the cost of the mailing wrappers.

Direct, over-the-counter price of the publication will continue at \$3.00 per copy.