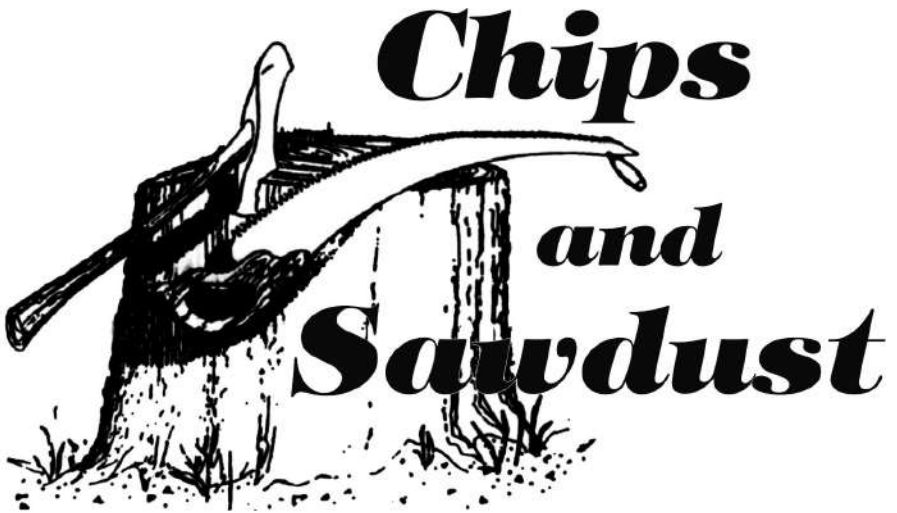


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interpretation, and preservation
of the forest history legacy of the
State of Wisconsin*



From The President's Chair

Friends,

By the time you read this, our incorporation date, May 26, will have come and gone. We didn't have a big celebration that day, but we plan to acknowledge our 50 years of incorporation during the annual meeting in September. To highlight our 50 years and our nation's 250 years, we commissioned the commemorative logo that is displayed in this newsletter. It keeps the iconic tree and book symbol with the tree changed so it is recognized as white pine to signify the importance of that tree to our nation and Wisconsin. A patriotic banner is under the symbol with "USA 250" and "FHAW 50" inserted. The new logo will be on ball caps and mugs that you can order when registering for the annual meeting, or from our website once we get all the details worked out.

Speaking of the annual meeting, registration is open and we are looking forward to another great meeting with field tours and talks ranging from the role white pine played in the Revolutionary War to forest management on privately-owned woodlands in Wisconsin with other related topics. The UW-Stevens Point Treehaven field station located near Tomahawk is hosting us. The 10th annual FHAW meeting was held there in 1985, soon after it opened. If you attended that meeting, make sure to come back and see how things have changed in the past 40 years. A highlight of the banquet is Matt Christoff, musician, who is coming from St Paul, MN to engage us with lumberjack folk songs.

There are a few things this year that are different from recent meetings and worth mentioning here and in the registration materials:

- 1) Lodging is limited so register early if you intend to stay at Treehaven. Other options are hotels in Tomahawk or Rhinelander which are a 20-30 minute drive away. The hotels do not have blocks of rooms reserved and it is the fall color season, so make reservations early!
- 2) The road into Treehaven is closed from Thursday, 7:00 pm to 1:00 am Friday for DNR game warden training. No one can enter or leave Treehaven at that time. If you are staying on Thursday night, come by 6:30 pm.
- 3) Meals for breakfast and lunch on both days are provided by Treehaven and included in the daily registration.
- 4) Treehaven does not serve alcoholic beverages, but we are invited to bring our own and use their refrigerators. Bring your own beverages for the banquet (and some to share) if desired.
- 5) There is a higher registration rate after August 28. This is because we need to send in our meal amounts by September 1 with minor adjustments allowed until September 9.
- 6) The lodging rooms can fit four, but we are limiting them to two, so we don't have to use upper bunks; and
- 7) Lodging linen service is provided and includes sheets, pillowcase, blanket, towels, washcloth, soap and shampoo.

More information on the facilities is found on their website; Facilities - Treehaven | [UWSP https://www3.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/treehaven/Pages/facilities.aspx](https://www3.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/treehaven/Pages/facilities.aspx)

A new program we are trying this year is inviting sponsors to help defray meeting costs. Emails were sent to different businesses and organizations, and we have four commitments at this time; Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WIDNR), the Wisconsin Society of American Foresters (WISAF), Packaging Corporation of America and one anonymous source are sponsoring the meeting. Sponsoring our FHAW webinars is part of the program and the WIDNR generously offered to sponsor one of our future webinars. If you are aware of a business or organization that would be interested in sponsoring either a webinar, this meeting, or a future meeting, send me their contact information and I will contact them.

Continuing with stories about the seven original members of the board of directors, in this issue we feature Ned Revie and L.G. Sorden. There are three more to go; Thomas Fulk, Frank Fixmer and Adrian DeVriend. To help with research, I subscribed to newspapers.com. There is a cost for the service, but it is reasonable when considering how many papers are digitized and the ease of searching for whatever you might be interested in knowing about. In 2021, Don Schnitzler hosted a webinar, "The Value of Historical Newspapers" and gave tips on how to search newspapers online for free. It is worth a view if you haven't yet, and is located on our website under the Collections tab.

Membership reminder postcards are either on their way, or you have already received them. Please remember to renew your membership if you need to this year.

Regards

Jim Kerkman

Association Revises A Chronology of Firsts in Wisconsin Forest History

The Forest History Association of Wisconsin has released a revised edition of *A Chronology of Firsts in Wisconsin Forest History* as the nation approaches the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The Semiquincentennial offers a timely moment to reflect on how Wisconsin's forests have shaped settlement, economic growth, community identity, and evolving stewardship values.

Though many recorded milestones were local in scale, they carried lasting social, economic, and environmental significance for the communities involved. Together, they highlight how Wisconsinites adapted to changing technologies, markets, and public values while remaining rooted in the forested landscape.

The updated print edition, which now includes "firsts" added since the Bicentennial, will be available at the Fall Conference.

Ricky Kubicek Reelected to the FHAW Board of Directors

The Forest History Association of Wisconsin is pleased to announce that Ricky Kubicek of Milwaukee has re-joined the FHAW Board of Directors. Kubicek first joined the Board in 2020, and his return follows the correction of an oversight at the 2025 Annual General Meeting.

A UW–Stevens Point graduate in History and German with a master's degree in Anthropology from UW–Milwaukee, he now works as an archaeologist for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. We are pleased to have him continue his service on the Board.

Members of the 1976 FHAW Board of Directors — Part 2

By James Kerkman

As a tribute to the first Board of Directors—the founding leaders who shaped the early direction of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin—Chips and Sawdust will feature a series throughout 2026 highlighting their lives and contributions. Each installment will draw from the historical information available, along with personal memories shared by those who knew them. In some cases, the details come from online obituaries, a reminder of how important it is to preserve and pass along these stories while we can.

Ned Revie

Ned was born on August 25, 1914, in Wausau and passed away on June 8, 2004.

The Daily Herald, Wausau-Merrill, on Friday, December 9, 1977, published an article about Ned's life. The article was copied in its entirety in Chips and Sawdust, Vol. 3, #1. Following are some quotes from that article:

Revie left his rural Marathon County farm home in 1926 to seek, not fame and fortune, but room and board.

His lumberjack father had died two years earlier and Revie, one of 14 children, chose to follow in his father's footsteps. He hitched a 'side door Pullman' ride up north and spent most of the next eight years logging in northern Wisconsin and upper Michigan.

Revie worked his way onto the payroll in logging camps. By the time he was in his late teens, he was managing a crew of 125 lumberjacks.

When the firm he was working for went bankrupt, Revie left lumberjacking and returned to Wausau. Then in his early 20s, he delivered milk with a horse and wagon for a while and later worked as a wholesale salesman for a hardware company.

He was bound to go back to the woods, however. He signed on with Wausau Paper Mills Company as a yardman, became known as a man who knew his way around woodlands and producers, and became Wausau Paper's woodlands manager. He held that job until retirement in 1976.

In his younger days, Ned entertained at the Grand Theatre, playing his banjo and guitar. Ned was a member of the A.C. Kiefer Fun Band, starring as a clown for many years, which entertained throughout Wisconsin.

Ned was a member of the National Arbor Day Foundation; Wisconsin Valley Shrine Club; Timber Shrine Club; Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Eau Claire, 32nd degree; Wisconsin-Michigan Timber Producers; life member and



Ned Revie, 1967

founding member of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin; and the White Shrine Masonic Lodge.

It is interesting to note that as the manager of the pulpwood department with Wausau Paper Mills, he testified in 1960 at the Wisconsin Conservation Congress' annual meeting to plea for a more "liberal" deer hunt. Ned and other leaders in the forest products industry expressed concern about over-browsing on tree seedlings.

Leland Sorden

Leland was born on May 23, 1898 in Webster, Iowa, and passed away on June 27, 1981.

Leland graduated from Iowa State University in 1923. In 1927 he was a Reserve Officer, 2nd Lieutenant, in Cass County, Iowa. That same year he resigned as the Cass County Farm Agent when he was granted a scholarship to study rural organization at University of Wisconsin, before becoming the Oneida County agricultural agent in 1928. While there Leland made history with his work on the northern Wisconsin settler relocation project, made possible by the development of zoning ordinances and land-use plans promoted by Sorden. Other Wisconsin counties followed suit and by 1940, a total of 24 northern counties had restricted five million acres of land against future agricultural settlement. Lee Mayer, an artist and historian in the



L.G. Sorden

Rhineland area wrote a series of articles called "Historically Speaking" and in his April 16, 1997 article about Leland, called him the "Father of Zoning."

After his work on the Federal resettlement project, he became involved with the Bureau of Agricultural Economics for land use planning. World War II stopped that program and from 1943-47, Sorden worked with the Farm Labor Program where he helped allot foreign workers and prisoners for farm work from Wisconsin's 13 prisoner of war camps. From 1947 until retirement in 1964, Leland worked for the state office of Wisconsin Extension Service. Upon retirement, Leland was granted Emeritus status by the University Regents.

Leland authored and co-authored many books and publications. Some of the more popular books include: *Wisconsin Lore: Antics and Anecdotes of Wisconsin People and Places* (1962); *The Romance of Wisconsin Place Names* (1968) *Lumberjack Lingo* (1969); and *I am the Mississippi* (1975).

Leland is listed as editor of George Corrigan's book, *Calked Boots and Cant Hooks*, published in 1976.

Leland's book subjects showed his interest in history, especially logging in northern Wisconsin. In addition to helping found the FHAW, he was instrumental in creating the "logging camp museum" in Rhineland.

In 1931, as the logging boom faded, the Rhineland American Legion along with UW Agricultural Agent Leland Sorden saw that history quickly slipping away. With help from John D. Mylrea of Thunder Lake Lumber Company in Rhineland, the last of the big sawmills in town, they rallied the community to build something never seen before, a full-scale replica of an 1880s Northwoods logging camp.



2026 FHAW Fall Conference and Annual Meeting

*King's Pines to King's Dam:
Stories of American Forests*

UW-Stevens Point Field Station
– Treehaven

September 24 – September 26, 2026

The 2026 Forest History Association of Wisconsin Conference at Treehaven begins early on September 25 with a hearty 7:30 a.m. breakfast, where attendees will also pack their box lunches for the day's field tour.



Treehaven Information—Information Technology UWSP

After gathering for registration at 8:30 a.m., participants will be welcomed with a brief introduction to Treehaven—UW–Stevens Point's renowned field station—and an overview of the day's focus on forest history, management, and industry across the Northwoods.

At 9:00 a.m., the tour sets off with its first stop just outside the door: the Treehaven parking lot, home to the Wisconsin Forestry Center's Forest Operations Immersion Training Program. This six-week, 240-hour experiential certificate program gives students hands-on experience with the equipment and practices used in tree felling, merchandising, and forest road construction.

The group will then travel to the CASE Construction Proving Grounds at the Tomahawk Customer Center, where staff will share how logging technology has evolved over the decades and reflect on the site's origins in the Drott family woodlands.

The tour then continues to the Steigerwaldt Family Tree Farms, a Northwoods institution since 1957. Here, attendees will learn about the family's long-standing commitment to growing Fraser fir, balsam fir, and white pine—species that have shaped both the landscape and the region's holiday traditions.

Lunch will follow at noon, with the location to be announced.

The afternoon begins at 1:00 p.m. with a visit to the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company's King's Dam. Built more than 150 years ago to support pulp production, the dam is now operated by the Tomahawk Power & Pulp Company and continues to serve the region through hydroelectric generation.

The final field stop brings attendees to the Great Pinery Heritage Waterway, a 108-mile navigable trail along the Wisconsin River and its tributaries.

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FHAW 51st Fall Conference Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

Email _____

Early Bird Conference Registration Received Prior to August 28

Conference Registration Postmarked after August 28

	(amount)	Cost		(amount)	Cost
Thursday Dinner			Thursday Dinner		
\$20/person ()		\$ _____	\$25/person ()		\$ _____
Friday Field Tour FHAW Members			Friday Field Tour FHAW Members		
\$37/person ()		\$ _____	\$45/person ()		\$ _____
Non-Members			Non-Members		
\$47/person ()		\$ _____	\$65/person ()		\$ _____
Friday Banquet			Friday Banquet		
\$25.50/Person ()		\$ _____	\$30.50/Person ()		\$ _____
Saturday FHAW Members			Saturday FHAW Members		
\$45/person ()		\$ _____	\$50/person ()		\$ _____
Non-Members			Non-Members		
\$65/person ()		\$ _____	\$70/person ()		\$ _____
Lodging cost (from page 2)		\$ _____	Lodging cost (from page 2)		\$ _____
50th Items (from page 2)		\$ _____	50th Items (from page 2)		\$ _____
Total Early Bird Cost		\$ _____	Total Cost		\$ _____

The Society of American Foresters Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) credits have been applied for and have not yet been determined.

**Note: Each day's registration includes breakfast and lunch both days.
All prices include tax and gratuity**

Any special dietary consideration? _____

Lodging

On-site Treehaven lodging is on a first come, first served basis. Once filled, additional lodging is located in Tomahawk (25 minutes away) or Rhinelander (30 minutes away). Alternate hotels are listed on page 14 of this newsletter.

	# persons	# nights	cost
Aspen Lodge shared room	\$47/person ()	()	\$ _____
Single room	\$94/person ()	()	\$ _____

White Pine – Vallier Suite

Shared room	\$65/person ()	()	\$ _____
Single room	\$130/person ()	()	\$ _____

Stahmer Suite

Shared room	\$65/person ()	()	\$ _____
Single room	\$130/person ()	()	\$ _____

Friday Night Stay only (Birch Lodge only available on Friday night)

Shared room	\$47/person ()	(1)	\$ _____
Single room	\$94/person ()	(1)	\$ _____

Total Cost (please add cost to first page under Lodging cost) \$ _____

50th Anniversary Items

	(amount)	Cost
Hats	\$20 Each ()	\$ _____
Coffee Mugs	\$12.50 Each ()	\$ _____

Total Cost (please add cost to first page under 50th Items) \$ _____

Register by August 28th for Early Bird Registration

All others

Register by September 10, 2026
Make Checks payable to FHW
Send to Jim Kerkman c/o FHW
PO Box 186, Bangor WI 54614



Please include both pages 10 & 11 with your registration. Thank You!

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This waterway traces the historic logging river runs that once powered the state's timber economy.

By 4:00 p.m. the group returns to Treehaven, where a 4:30 p.m. social hour awaits—complete with historic logging folk songs performed by Matt Christoff. The day concludes with a 5:30 p.m. banquet at Treehaven, followed by more music and a special presentation by Christoff, celebrating the stories and spirit of Wisconsin's forest heritage.

The second day of the 2026 Forest History Association of Wisconsin Conference begins on September 26 with an 8:30 a.m. check-in, accompanied by morning snacks and time to reconnect after the previous day's field tour. At 9:00 a.m., FHAW Board President Jim Kerkman opens the day's program with remarks that trace the Association's origins and highlight the enduring significance of white pine—its role in the American Revolution, its influence on the early economy of the young nation, and its lasting imprint on Wisconsin's forest heritage.

Next the spotlight turns to Treehaven itself. Butch Vallier, a descendant of the property's former owners, shares the story of how the land transitioned from family stewardship to becoming a cornerstone of UW–Stevens Point's natural resources program. A brief Q&A follows, offering attendees a chance to explore this history more deeply.

A mid-morning break provides time to stretch, visit, and enjoy the setting before the next session begins.

After the break, local Rhinelander historian Kerry Bloedorn presents the story of the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company (WVIC), a uniquely Northwoods innovation that shaped the logging and paper industries. His talk explores how coordinated water management and industry collaboration transformed the region's economic landscape.

Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m., paired with the FHAW general membership meeting.

The afternoon program resumes at 12:30 p.m. with FHAW board member Matt Carothers, who traces the complex history of the Tomahawk Mill lands—from Owens-Illinois to Tenneco, to PCA, to Tomahawk Timberlands—and examines how today's successes have emerged despite the challenges of parcelization and fragmentation.

The FHAW extends its sincere thanks to our sponsors for their generous support of the 2026 Annual Conference.



Wisconsin Society of American Foresters



Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources



Packaging Corporation of America

A representative from UW–Stevens Point’s Treehaven or the Wisconsin Forestry Center then discusses forestry education and the evolving role of academic training in preparing the next generation of natural resource professionals.

The final presentation of the day begins at 2:15 p.m., featuring a representative from Timber Professionals Cooperative Enterprises (TPCE). As the first logger- and trucker-owned cooperative of its kind in the United States, TPCE offers a compelling model of collaboration, shared investment, and innovative business planning within the forest products sector.

Closing remarks at 3:15 p.m. bring the day’s sessions to a thoughtful conclusion, wrapping up a program rich in history, industry insight, and the enduring spirit of Wisconsin’s forest community.

Area Lodging/ Accommodations

Tomahawk

Rodeway Inn and Suites

1738 East Comfort Drive

Tomahawk, WI

715-453-8900

(about 20 minutes / ~10 miles to
Treehaven)

AmericInn

108 West Mohawk Drive

Tomahawk, WI

715-301-0650

(about 20 minutes / ~10 miles to
Treehaven)

Rhineland

Holiday Inn Express and Suites

1958 Navajo Street

Rhineland

715-420-2201

(about 30 minutes / ~28 miles to
Treehaven)

Quality Inn Rhineland

668 West Kemp Street

Rhineland, WI

715-628-2340

(about 30 minutes / ~28 miles to
Treehaven)

*If you’re not staying on-site at Treehaven, **be sure to book your hotel room early.** Fall Colorama season in the Northwoods draws heavy visitation, and area motels and hotels fill quickly. Reserving your lodging now will ensure you have convenient accommodations during the conference.*

FHAW 50th Anniversary Commemorative Hat and Mug



Hat — the Adams Optimum II - Crafted from 100% true color cotton twill, this cap features a 6-panel, unstructured design with a Cool-Crown™ mesh lining for comfort. Forest Green color **Price \$20.00 each**

Ceramic Mug Printed 1 side, 4-Color, Forest Green - 11 oz. **Price \$12.50 each**

Order your 50th Anniversary Commemorative hats and mugs on the conference registration form.

If you’re not attending but would like a hat or mug, contact us at thefhaw@gmail.com and we’ll be happy to assist.



From the Board

A column by board members sharing a story, reflection or insight drawn from their work, passions, or encounters in the field.



Camp Boot Lake and the Story of Frank Roberta

By John Lampereur

Five miles from my house is the former site of Camp Boot Lake CCC Camp. Three years ago, I was doing some research on that camp when I stumbled across an interesting letter.

The letter appeared in the July 1, 1937 Minonk News-Dispatch. Minonk, Illinois, a town of 2,000, a half hour north of Bloomington, was the hometown of CCC enrollee, Frank Roberta. Roberta and his company had just been re-assigned to Camp Boot Lake from Camp Crivitz, a state-run camp about 40 miles away. Apparently, for this sharp-witted eighteen-year-old, life at Camp Boot Lake left a little to be desired:

"Now that everything has settled down, I again take my pencil in hand. I am now stationed in Camp Boot Lake, six miles south of Townsend, Wis.

"The enrollees of Camp Crivitz were sent to three different camps. Thirty-nine were transferred to Camp Perkinstown, fourteen to Camp Elcho, and the remaining fifty-nine of us came to Boot Lake. There are just two good things about this camp. One is that there is a comfortable reading room, and the other, that the shower house is very convenient."

"Now, to show you how well the Crivitz boys like this camp, four fellows went 'over the hill' because they couldn't sing, smoke or whistle from the time they got on the trucks in the morning till they got back to camp at night. The dog we brought from Camp Crivitz absolutely would not eat the food they gave us for the first week we were here."

"One fellow has lost forty pounds in the last twenty days. Not so bad, eh? Oh, Camp Boot Lake is all right in its place, but its place hasn't been dug yet.

"Next week, they will start to make a park in the area around Boulder Lake,



twelve miles down the Bear Trail. As I have been surveying in that neck of the woods, I must say that it will be quite an achievement. The lake itself is very pretty; but it has a large swamp around it, and it is infested with those nice, fat, slithery, pine snakes. In twelve chain lengths, which is almost 200 feet, three of us killed fifteen snakes that averaged five feet in length. So, if that job is ever completed, it will be, in my estimation, a great achievement".

I was thoroughly enjoying Frank's wit and wanted to learn more about him. Digging in my files, I found a 1937 photo of Company 2619 and, sure enough, there he was in the top row, looking decidedly unhappy to be there.



Cpt. Frank Joseph Roberta

Further research revealed that, following his CCC tour, Roberta enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943 and was selected for Officer Candidate School. Roberta was badly wounded in his right arm and spent many months in rehabilitation. He made the military a career and rose to the rank of Captain.

In June 1950, North Korea invaded South Korea and Frank Roberta was among those immediately called to stem the communist advance. Following the Incheon Landing, U.N. forces drove deep into North Korea. When they continued northward, crossing the Yalu River, 300,000 Chinese troops counterattacked. Overwhelmed, the U.N. forces began a retreat to the south. The Chinese overran them and captured the area, shooting many wounded G.I.s and taking others prisoner. A few months later, Roberta was reported Missing in Action.



15 September 1950. American forces land in Incheon harbor one day after Battle of Incheon began. Source: NARA 520587

In 1953, the Roberta family was notified that Frank was killed in action on December 1, 1950. He was 32 years old. His remains were never recovered and, for years, his family had no further details. Then, in 1996, a veteran who had been with Frank during the battle reached out to his family and recounted his final hours.

Captain Frank Joseph Roberta's remains still lie somewhere in North Korea. He is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed on the

Korean War Veterans Memorial wall in Washington DC.

This is but one story. Frank Roberta was one random member of a company of 123 enrollees at Camp Boot Lake in July 1937. At that time, there were 29 other CCC camps in the Chequamegon and Nicolet National Forests and approximately 30 more camps being operated by the State of Wisconsin. Every enrollee had a story. Some made the ultimate sacrifice; most didn't. However, we owe all of them our gratitude for the legacy they left us.

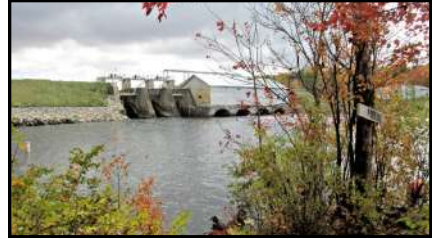


From the Newspaper Archive



Theiler At Helm Of New Pulp Company Will Start Operation of King's Dam Property As Soon As Plant Can Be Reconditioned And Supply Of Wood Received

Immediate operation of the pulp mill formerly the property of the Tomahawk Pulp & Paper Company, by a new organization to be known as the Tomahawk Power & Pulp Company, and headed by Mayor Frank Theiler of this city, was announced here Wednesday afternoon — an announcement which was received with joy on every side.



Kings Dam north of Tomahawk.

Some twenty-five or thirty men will be given steady employment according to Mr. Theiler, who states that one half the output of the mill has already been contracted for. Work on revamping and reconditioning the machinery starts next Monday and as soon as a sufficient supply of spruce pulp wood is received, operation will start. This will probably be about two weeks time.

Mr. Theiler also announced that Art Nickel, former superintendent of the pulp mill has been retained as superintendent.

As much of the spruce wood as is possible will be purchased locally and efforts will be made to get as large a local supply as possible to encourage local employment.

This announcement coming after a series of industrial reverses and with the unemployment situation getting to be somewhat of a serious problem, will be hailed with delight. Mr. Theiler is literally, "Taking the bull by the horns" in this new venture but feels that with good management and close attention to details that the venture can be made a financial success.

Mr. Theiler will have the good wishes of every citizen in this venture; realizing that his ambition to assist the unemployed and to revamp our industrial life is a most meritorious one and likewise that his venture will prove a financial success of no mean character in the long run.

Will Increase Logging Crew

Simultaneous with the above announcement, Mr. Theiler also announced that he has purchased another half section of hardwood timber near Ontonagon, Mich., and that his present logging crew in that vicinity will, be doubled in size. The timber will be converted into ties as far as possible for which Mr. Theiler holds a good sized contract. (from The Tomahawk Leader, Tomahawk, Wisconsin, November 27, 1930, Page 1)

Evolution of Our Name, From W.F.H.C.A. to Present

Many of our newer members may not be familiar with the facts concerning the birth and naming of our Association. As we approach the time of our fifth annual meeting, it seems appropriate to review that story.

The record shows that on October 29, 1975, a group of representatives of forest industry, resource management agencies and educational institutions met in Rhinelander to consider the possibilities of a project or program which would be a part of Wisconsin's celebration of the nation's bicentennial year. Of the numerous ideas suggested and discussed at length, the proposal of George Corrigan was accepted to develop a caravan which would tour northern Wisconsin communities showing pioneer logging, farming, mining and recreational equipment and artifacts. Out of this proposal was derived the name, "Wisconsin Forest Historical Caravans Association."

Subsequent investigation revealed that the funding and logistical problems of such an undertaking were all but insurmountable. Further discussion of alternative programs led to agreement that any change of orientation would require the group to change its name before final approval of the proposed articles of incorporation. Agreement was then reached to drop agriculture, mining and recreation history as their scope was much too broad to include a basic objective. On November 18, 1975, official action approved renaming the group as the "Wisconsin Natural Resources Historical Association."

At the very next meeting of the fledgling organization, January 22, 1976, in Wausau, L. G. Sorden "related his dream of forming an association to preserve and promote the history of forestry in Wisconsin and suggested the name 'Wisconsin Forest History Society'." However, his motion to that effect was amended by Thomas Fulk and approval was then given to adoption of our present name of "Forest History Association of Wisconsin."

Of the three founding fathers cited above, Corrigan and Sorden still serve on the Association's board of directors. Fulk became our first president but had to relinquish his office upon his transfer to California before the expiration of his term. (*from Forest History Association of Wisconsin newsletter, Chips & Sawdust, Volume 5, Number 3, August 1980, page 4-5.*)

A Chronology of "Firsts" In Wisconsin Forest History (an excerpt)

- 2015—The nation's first Good Neighbor Authority was signed between the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry and the Chequamegon-Nicolet Forest to support timber production, reforestation, and the overall health of Wisconsin's forests and forest industry.
- 2017—Wisconsin Budget Committee voted to end the Forestry Mill Tax.
- 2019—The largest windstorm event recorded on Wisconsin National Forest lands occurs in Oconto, Langlade, and Forest counties.
- 2020—Heather Berklund is named the new Chief State Forester of the Wisconsin DNR, becoming the first woman in Wisconsin's history to hold the position.

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Please enroll me as a member and participant in the Association's program of developing the educational and historical aspects of Wisconsin's forestry and logging industry. Attached is payment for:

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