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As I began writing this column I would first like to thank my fellow members of the TPA for your confidence in allowing me to serve as president and for your strong support of the Minnesota Timber Producers Association. I have always felt that logging is a great occupation and I hope that through our efforts it will

President's Column



continue to be a vital part of industry in Minnesota.

With spring breakup over and equipment ready for another year, we all wonder what

new challenges lie before us in this next logging season. With the amount of public concern over the future of the forest, we all have an obligation to do a better job of harvesting and managing our resource.

The Minnesota Forest Summit, which was a vision of DNR Commissioner Allen Garber, was held in Grand Rapids on May 30 - June 1, 2001. This was an introduction to developing a working, demonstration forest to apply and test innovative techniques for sustainable forest management. With the many different land owners in this forest it will be interesting to watch the results of these efforts.

The mechanization committee has been busy planning for the North Star Expo which will be held on July 27 and 28 at Ironworld Discovery Center in Chisholm. This has always proved to be a very informative time for all of us - I hope to see you there. And remember to work safely this summer.

Minnesota Forest Summit Launches Demonstration Forest

The Minnesota Forest Summit today wrapped up an unprecedented three-day discussion about the future of forest management in the state. More than 100 participants, representing the spectrum of stakeholder interests, agreed to proceed with plans for a 240,000-acre demonstration forest.

The site, located in Itasca and St. Louis counties, includes parcels owned by the counties, the state, the federal government and several private landowners. The site will be a living laboratory for innovative forest management practices, while still functioning as a working forest. As with other forested land in Minnesota, the demonstration site will continue to be managed for timber harvest, wildlife habitat, hunting, fishing and recreation. However, Forestry Summit participants have committed to providing the necessary time, staff and expertise to carefully monitor the results of various management practices.

DNR Commissioner Allen Garber, who convened the Forestry Summit, was delighted with the results. "This is just the beginning," Garber said. "Most of the work is still ahead of us, but we are now poised to move forward to build cooperative relationships among the various forest interests and away from the confrontation that has too often characterized past discussions."

Summit participants - many of whom have been long-time adversaries - toured the planned

demonstration site on Thursday. They witnessed firsthand some of the innovative management practices that will take place there. Through extensive discussions, they proposed ways to promote sound science, ongoing public oversight, coordination among the site landowners, public education and outreach, and cooperative decision-making about how to manage the site and monitor outcomes. The landowners have already planned a subsequent meeting for June 14.

It's a rainy Sunday morning (sorry, I'm neither joining my Lutheran brethren for services nor fighting with them over timber policies today) here in Duluth and we've held the presses about as long as we can on this issue of the *Timber Bulletin* in order to include a complete wrap up of the state legislative session. Unfortunately,

Executive Vice President's Column



the session hasn't wrapped up as I am writing this column. Elsewhere you will find what amounts to a status report that is current through the end of the regular legislative session and the completion of the working group (conference committee) on the Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Omnibus Finance Bill which I anticipate will be considered during a special session.

The status report will show that this has the potential to be the best session ever for forest management issues at the state capitol. Even more important than that, and no matter the final outcomes, the hearings and discussions in committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate were very important.

Committees of both bodies held very rational, positive hearings and discussions about forest management, forest land taxation and timber harvesting. No acrimony, no hysterics, just positive discussions about managing and harvesting state lands within the context of current DNR plans and positive discourse about the need to provide better property tax treatment for private forest lands.

Ray Killmer made many trips to St. Paul, accompanied by new TPA President Clarence Johnson on several occasions, to testify on behalf of TPA. We also organized one small lobbying trip with several TPA directors and members to work the halls. The efforts of Ray, Clarence and our members

were key to the successes that we may have.



I want to thank Ray Killmer for his dedicated service as TPA president for the past two years. While not given to fits of verbal excess, Ray is one of the most knowledgeable association officers we have ever had. I was constantly amazed at the depth of understanding and information about all of the issues that he carries in his head.

Thank you Ray.

Clarence Johnson is our new TPA president. I know that he will do a great job. One of the things that separates TPA from many organizations is the quality of volunteer leadership that we have had throughout our history. In my experience, each of these leaders has looked selflessly at what is best for all of our members over the long term.



DNR Commissioner Garber's Forest Summit was held May 30 - June 1. One hundred ten people were invited as participants along with the press, staff and a few observers. Clarence Johnson, Lowell Pittack and Ray Killmer were there from TPA. I was there as a member of the Forest Resources Council. TPA members Buzz Mannausau and Rich Holm represented ACL. There were also several of people from various forest products companies who participated.

The Summit was a positive three-day event. A demonstration forest is being organized to implement silvicultural practices that were discussed. The demonstration forest, which was nominated by the Minnesota Forest Resources Partnership, is comprised of lands owned or managed by the DNR, St. Louis County, Itasca County, Rajala Companies, Potlatch Corp., Boise Cascade, UPM-Kymmene, various non-industrial private owners and the Superior National Forest.

The role of "stakeholders" and other follow-up working groups still needs some work. We suggested that the demonstration forest partners utilize the Minnesota Forest Resources

Council and its existing structures.

The two most positive things at the summit were the lack of acrimony over the topic and the desire of most people to move forward and quickly implement practices on the ground. The biggest concerns were the potential impact of these practices on game and other wildlife species.

I do think that we should tip our hat to Commissioner Garber for his interest in forest management and his willingness to commit the prestige of his office, along with his personal time, to forestry issues.



Some publication that I used to read, I can't remember which, had a column titled "Things I Learned While Looking for Something Else." Two items that caught my eye recently were in southern Minnesota newspapers.

The Houston County News of La Crescent, Minn., reported that woodlands in their county were hotter investments than high tech stocks during the 1990s. According to an article in their May 3 issue, woodlands that sold for \$50 an acre 10 years ago began skyrocketing in price in 1994. These lands increased in value to \$900 per acre over a seven-year period. I hope that this was a recognition of the value of the forests. I fear it was a response to development and conversion opportunities.

The St. Peter Herald of St. Peter, Minn., reported in their May 10 issue that the state's biggest tree was in Nicollet County. The tree, a cottonwood, is 344 inches in circumference (more than 28 feet), is 124 feet tall, has an average crown spread of 108 feet and is estimated to be 125 years old. The Herald reports that the most unique thing about the tree is that it grew over and around an artesian well which now spouts water from its trunk. No estimate of the number of board feet the tree might contain was provided.



Cry me a river of tears. As reported in a *Timberjay* reprinted elsewhere in this issue of the *Timber Bulletin*, Wildlaw, SWAN and Lake Vermillion retreat owners Doug Wallace and Peggy Hunter aren't



OLD LOGGING EQUIPMENT NEEDED!

The North Star Expo committee is looking for old logging equipment to display at the year 2001 show. If you have any equipment we can display, please contact Linda or Bruce at the Timber Producers Association office - 218-722-5013.

going to sue over the USFS EIS on Little East Creek salvage projects.

It's not that they don't want to, they just figured out that they had no legal basis for a lawsuit. They did file three unsuccessful appeals and caused the expenditure of untold amounts of time and money by the USFS, DNR and St. Louis County as these land managers attempted to salvage and harvest timber in the area.



We received a lot of positive comments about this year's TPA Annual Meeting. Banquet attendees were all smiles after Dr. Patrick Moore's keynote address. Dr. Moore's presentation was sponsored by Minnesota Forest Industries. He also appeared on WCCO and KSTP AM radio programs in the Twin Cities and did interviews with Duluth TV stations along with the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, *Minneapolis Star Tribune* and the *Duluth News Tribune*.

It was also a great send-off for Bruce Barker from his many friends and family members in attendance. Thanks to the generous contributions from many people, Bruce was given a special new rifle and a handsome gift certificate. It was a fine tribute to a great person.



I was visiting with a friend of mine at the State Capitol a few weeks ago. He was telling me that he used to cut some pulp when he was younger. He said he had a new chainsaw and was getting ready to go after a patch of trees on his land. I sternly warned him about all of the safety risks, no matter that he did some cutting many years ago, and told him to get a pro.

Our members are pros. But, we've got to be vigilant and be a pro for safety all the time. Get a Professional – Be a Professional. Work safely.

Truck Driver Workshops 2001

The Truck Driver Workshops were completed in mid-April after the last *Timber Bulletin* was published. In the last edition we reported on the Winona workshop. There were two additional workshops held in April, one in Hackensack and the other in Grand Rapids. There were a total of 67 drivers that attended this year's workshops. Again this year we had excellent participation from the State Patrol.

In our efforts to change and improve the training program we added a couple of new features this year. The Minnesota Department of Transportation provided employees from their Construction Zone Safety Speakers Program at each of the three locations. The other addition was Dan O'Dowd, from CATCO, who provided an excellent program on brake systems and their adjustment and a second part of the program on transmissions and shifting. I



Highway patrol reviews the tie-down requirements for equipment and out-of-service critique for lowboys.

would like to take this time to thank both CATCO and the Minnesota Department of Transportation for their support and assistance in making our workshops a success this year and also in the past.

A special thanks to Pittack Logging and Sawyer Timber for providing trucks for the Grand Rapids and Hackensack workshops. Without the support of the logging and trucking industry these safety programs would not

be possible. The other component that has made this program a success over the years are the volunteers who have given of their time to provide the leadership for this program – the discussion leaders. Again this year a special thanks to David Amundson, Lumberman's Underwriters Alliance; Dick Olson, Boise Cascade; Bruce Drotts, UPM Kymmene; Kevin Dalhman, Trus Joist MacMillan; and Guy Wold, International Paper.



Harris' woods office.

Harris Walsh Logging

by Dennis Lampi

On an early May morning I headed west from Cloquet. What started out as a cloudy morning emerged into a beautiful sunny day the farther west I traveled. The aspens had just started leafing out, the evergreens were a brilliant green and the open lakes were a deep blue; spring had arrived.

Jodi Walsh of Dick Walsh Forest Products had graciously agreed to show me around the Park Rapids area so I could meet some of the local loggers. Cell phones and two-way radios are great tools when you're trying to find a logging site.

Our last stop was at Harris Walsh Logging. His crew was processing a 20-acre red pine stand for Potlatch in LaPorte, on the south side of Highway 200. Harris had already left the site to attend to some business so I discussed the operation with his three-person crew. They explained that Harris does the felling with a Hydroaxe 511 feller buncher. He also does the road building with a P31 Komatsu dozer. The crew enjoys the fact that Harris is an early riser and has all the equipment running and warmed up for them when they

arrive for the day. Clyde Koch runs the John Deere 548G-II grapple skidder moving the logs to the 110 Hahn processor. Philip Fix operates the Hahn from the lower cab while his son, Jeff, is in the upper cab. This part of the operation is going to require new personnel as Philip is retiring on May 29, 2001, after



Harris at his office.

working for Harris for 42 years! Clyde will also retire on June 1, 2001, with 23 years of service. Congratulations on your retirements, Philip and Clyde.

The wood from this sale was either going to Potlatch Grand Rapids or to their lumbermill in Bemidji. Harris Walsh Logging has two trucks, a new Sterling which is driven by Harris' grandson, Brent Manners, and a Ford driven by Joe St.Clair. Joe also helps out in the woods when needed.

After leaving the logging site we met up with Harris at his home. He and his younger brother, Chester (who is also in the logging business with his son, Mike), were having a chat when we arrived. Harris, at age 90, (I would have guessed him to be in his sixties-especially with that grip) has been in the logging business a long time. When he first started in 1942, logs were cut with a "Swede saw" and skidded with horses. His crews would number as many as forty at one time. In 1949 he cut a 160-acre site of jack pine and then had the unique distinction of harvesting the same site 50 years later in 1999.

In February 2000, Harris underwent open heart surgery and had two leaky valves replaced. The new valves are from a pig and Harris said he has had "a good recovery," but he has noticed that he "is squealing and grunting now." His good sense of humor probably has had a very positive effect on his health. He also gardens and has a beautiful flower bed for all passersbys on Highway 71 to enjoy.

Harris has the same concerns as many other loggers, "stumpage is too high and government agencies are not letting loose enough wood." When asked when he thought logging was the best for him, he answered "In the nineties because it's so much safer for the worker." With age comes wisdom and reflection of what is really important. He also stated, "as you grow older, equipment breakdowns bother you more."

Some people retire and some just keep on doing what they truly love and what is a part of their being. I've got to get back to see Harris again - He's done a lot of logging!

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Clyde Koch operates grapple skidder.



Brent Manners and the Sterling.



Joe St. Clair.



Philip Fix – 42 years with Harris Walsh Logging.



Jeff Fix below his cab.

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Friday, July 27

- 9:00 a.m. Equipment Displays Open
- 10:00-11:30 a.m. "Logging Business Accounting Software" –
Presented by Minnesota Logger Education Program.
Registration will be taken at the door 30 minutes prior to workshop.
- 10:00-11:00 a.m. Loader Contest (sign up at site)
- 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Celebrity/Media Loader Contest
- 12:30-3:00 p.m. Loader Contest (sign up at site)
- 2:00-3:30 p.m. "Logging Business Accounting Software" –
Presented by Minnesota Logger Education Program.
Registration will be taken at the door 30 minutes prior to workshop.
- 5:00 p.m. Equipment displays close
- 5:00 p.m. Cash Bar Social Hour
- 5:30-7:30 p.m. BBQ/Door Prize Giveaways (Inside Ironworld at the Pavillion. No Ironworld admission for this event.)

Saturday, July 28

- 9:00 a.m. Equipment displays open
- 10:00-11:30 a.m. "Light-on-the-Land Equipment Options" –
Presented by Minnesota Logger Education Program.
Registration will be taken at the door 30 minutes prior to workshop.
- 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Loader Contest (sign up at site)
- 2:00-3:30 p.m. "Light-on-the-Land Equipment Options" –
Presented by Minnesota Logger Education Program.
Registration will be taken at the door 30 minutes prior to workshop.
- 3:00 p.m. Equipment displays close

CONTESTS

- Guess the Weight** – Guess the weight of a fully loaded truck
- Wood Identification** – See how many tree species you can identify
- Loader** – Test your skills against the clock
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sign up at site to test your skills against the clock
- Best Load** – Come and see the Best Loads of Wood on Display

For additional information, contact:

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Ruffed and Sharp-Tailed Grouse Numbers Drop

It's not as though anyone was really surprised.

Minnesota's ruffed grouse numbers declined for the second year in a row, indicating that the regular 10-year population cycle identified by wildlife biologists is still in charge of the state's grouse population.

Statewide, drumming counts were down 40 percent from 2000. The northeast, north and central hardwoods regions all showed similar declines of 45 percent, 42 percent and 46 percent, respectively. Grouse drumming dropped in the northwest region by just 13 percent, but that region had seen a substantial drop (35 percent) from 1999 to 2000. The only zone showing no decline was in the southeast, where counts were low but stable.

DNR wildlife biologists attribute the decline to the ruffed grouse's inexplicable 10-year population cycle, which they have tracked for more than 50 years.

"The extent of this year's decline," said Bill Berg, DNR wildlife research biologist, "may be partially due to the cold wind chills and severe snow crusting in the north in late winter."

Berg also noted that the wet and cold late spring, when hen ruffed grouse were on their nests, "does not bode well for chick survival this summer."

The grouse survey, which has been run for 52 consecutive years since 1949, tallied the number of drumming male ruffed grouse on 113 routes throughout the species' Minnesota range.

Berg said that the ruffed grouse's population cycle will likely continue dropping over the next few years. Despite the decrease, Berg noted that there still should be some excellent grouse hunting in most of the range this fall. "Even with the decline, Minnesota will continue to have the highest population of any state in the country," he said.

The ruffed grouse's 10-year population cycle occurs naturally, but Berg said that hunters have helped enhance populations overall through hunting fees. Those fees fund DNR habitat programs that provide the birds with additional food and shelter. One such program is cooperative work between DNR wildlife managers and foresters to increase grouse habitat on timber sales of state forest land.

Berg also reported that sharp-tailed grouse numbers declined substantially in both zones to near-record lows. After nearly a half decade of slight population increases, sharptail numbers dropped 37 percent range wide.

Observers looking for male sharptails dancing on the bird's traditional mating areas, called leks, noted 43 percent fewer in the east-central range and 30 percent fewer in the northwest range.

Berg said the late winter conditions likely contributed to the decline in sharptails. In recent years, the DNR has increased prescribed burning and shearing that keeps trees from overtaking the open brushlands that sharp-tailed grouse need to survive.

Though discouraged by the decline – northwest sharptail numbers are down 76 percent from 1980 levels – Berg remains optimistic that the bird can recover.

"We're working on the habitat, but there's not much we can do about the weather," he said.

Berg also reported that snowshoe hare numbers were at their highest level since 1990 and suggests an upturn in the state's hare population.

Ruffed and sharp-tailed grouse surveys are conducted each spring by DNR Wildlife Division staff and other cooperators. Trends in the more than five decades of ruffed grouse survey information have verified the 10-year population cycle. Knowing that the natural cycle, and not hunting harvest, is responsible for regular grouse population declines, DNR wildlife managers have been able to increase the hunting season to nearly four months. In the 1940s, before they had survey data, wildlife managers often closed the grouse season to protect populations that fluctuated naturally regardless of season length.

This spring, ruffed grouse drumming routes were completed by cooperators including DNR Wildlife, Chippewa and Superior national forests, Tamarac and Agassiz national wildlife refuges, Camp Ripley, Vermillion College, land departments of Cass and Beltrami counties, Blandin Paper Co., the Ebert Family, 1854 Authority, and Fond du Lac, White Earth, Leech Lake, Red Lake and Mille Lacs Indian bands.

Sharptail dancing ground counts were conducted by staff and volunteers from the DNR Wildlife Division and Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge, and by volunteers from the Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Society.

Years Ago

20 YEARS AGO

- Wesley Hedstrom, general manager, Hedstrom Lumber Co., Grand Marais, Minn., was elected president of the 77-year-old Northern Hardwood and Pine Manufacturers Association, Inc., Green Bay, Wis.
- AFI has reached an agreement with actor Andy Griffith to act as an industry spokesman and lend his name to communications efforts in behalf of the paper and wood products industry. Griffith, a practicing Tree Farmer with property in North Carolina, is dedicated to sound forest management.
- Position statement 3 from Minnesota Timber Producers Associations 44th annual meeting: When the BWCA Wilderness Act of 1978 was passed, Minnesota loggers and the forest industry were assured that appropriations to intensify forest management on public lands in Minnesota were integral to the intent of the law. Congress and the Office of Management and Budget has honored this commitment for the last two years, and now these funds appear to be in jeopardy. We urge the federal government to continue to honor its commitment to intensified forest management. The \$3 million proposed for forest management are part of a matching fund pact. The Minnesota DNR is preparing to provide its share of the matching funds. We believe the federal government should likewise keep its word to the loggers and forest resource users of Minnesota.
- Robert Herbst, former Minnesota natural resources commissioner and assistant interior secretary in the Carter Administration, has been named executive director of Trout Unlimited Inc., the organization announced.
- With the continuing dry weather that northern Minnesota has been experiencing, pine plantations and natural stands of pine may suffer from bark beetle attacks this coming summer.

30 YEARS AGO

- The bill authorizing the donation to the federal government of state lands needed for the establishment of Voyageur's National Park was signed June 4 by Governor Wendell Anderson.
- A colorful era on the Great Lakes will draw to a close next year. Consolidated Papers, Inc. of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., has announced plans to discontinue long-distance rafting of pulpwood from Grand Marais and Sugar Loaf, Minn., to Ashland, Wis., at the end of the 1972 rafting season.

Little East Creek Battle Finally Over

by Marshall Helmberger

After more than three years of controversy, lawsuits and appeals, it appears the fight over the future of Little East Creek is finally over – at least for now. Key opponents of road building and logging in the area, located north of Lake Vermilion, said this week they don't plan to pursue further appeals or litigation over the issue.

That decision, however, doesn't reflect a lack of desire on their part to continue the fight. "We couldn't find the legal hook to press our case," said Doug Wallace, who along with his wife, Peggy Hunter, has been the most outspoken critic of road building plans by the U.S. Forest Service, the Minnesota DNR and St. Louis County.

The bottom line is, we're not going to institute a lawsuit," Wallace said. That decision applies as well to WildLaw attorney Leigh Haney, who has represented the Superior Wilderness Action Network and Defenders of Wildlife in an appeal of the project. Haney said she was "frustrated and discouraged" by the lack of a legal avenue to challenge the project.

"That's definitely good news," said Jim Thompson, assistant ranger with the Forest Service's LaCroix District. "I wouldn't say it's a nice surprise. We felt we did a thorough job of addressing environmental effects and the issues raised by the public," Thompson said. The Forest Service completed a lengthy environmental impact statement (EIS) on the project back in November. That EIS was the subject of three appeals, one by Wallace and Hunter, another by Haney, and a third by a coalition of two Washington, D.C.-based groups. All three appeals were rejected by the Forest Service's regional office, leaving court action as the last resort of project opponents. With a lawsuit by the Washington-based groups seen as highly unlikely, it now appears all but certain that the issue is finally settled.

The controversy over the project has had relatively little impact on it. New road building and salvage work in the wake of the 1999 blowdown has been largely completed in the area. According to Thompson, Forest Service salvage work in the area will be completed next winter and most state and county work has been completed as well, although timelines for completion on those lands are not as stringent as on the federal ownership. Over 1,100 acres of storm-damaged timber was salvaged on federal lands this winter, with about the same number of acres yet to be treated next winter.

According to Thompson, the access road into the area was physically blocked this spring to prevent unauthorized access, in accordance with requirements handed down by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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Minnesota Timber Producers Association Meet the Directors

Ed Hedstrom was born in Duluth, Minn., and raised in Grand Marais, Minn. After high school Ed enrolled at Duluth Area Institute of Technology (currently Lake Superior College) and was in the first graduating class of Forest Harvesting, in 1970. He then started working at Hedstrom Lumber Co., where he is a co-owner. Ed was elected to the TPA board of directors in 1988 and has been an active member of the safety committee for years.

Ed and his wife, Kris, have two children, Sam and Karel. Kris is the receptionist at the Cook County North Shore Hospital in Grand Marais. Ed is a life member of the Minnesota Trappers Assn., fire chief of the Maple Hill Fire Department and finance secretary for Bethlehem



Lutheran Church.

Ed looks forward to his annual moose hunting trip to Canada, along with trapping, hunting and fishing in Minnesota. He also enjoys restoring old automobiles and snowmobiles. He owns 1962 and 1963 rear engine Polaris snowmobiles.

Gilbert to Build High Rotation Felling Heads for Timberjack Feller Bunchers

Timberjack is pleased to announce they have entered into a supply agreement with Les Products Gilbert Inc. of Roberval, Quebec, to produce two high rotation felling heads, exclusively for factory installation on its Woodstock, Ontario, manufactured track feller bunchers.

The new FG18 and FG22 felling heads are built to Timberjack design and quality standards and are offered to loggers as factory installed optional equipment on new feller buncher machine orders. These felling heads feature a wrist rotation of 220° (±110°) allowing machine operators the flexibility to increase production and reduce ground impact. The FG18 and FG22 also feature a field proven, patented offset saw blade design with integral tooth holders and single piece tooth construction for durability.

"The FG18 and FG22 complement Timberjack's existing offering of factory installed and warranted felling heads. The increased rotation angle dramatically improves felling and bunching cycle times, reduces machine travel and minimizes ground impact. Our customers can now better match their feller bunchers to their harvesting applications," says Brian Lowe, product manager tracked harvesters.

Product information on the Gilbert felling heads can be obtained from local Timberjack dealers.

Timberjack is the world's leading manufacturer of forestry equipment, with machines working in some 80 countries. Today, Timberjack's product range covers nearly 90 percent of the harvesting needs of professional loggers worldwide. Timberjack has its factories in Canada, the United States, Finland and Sweden and its own marketing and sales companies in nearly 20 countries. The Woodstock factory is ISO 9000 and 14001 certified.

Early Loggers in Minnesota

by J. C. Ryan

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Clarence Johnson presents Ramon Killmer a plaque, thanking him for his TPA presidency.



DNR Commissioner Allen Garber



Mike Phillips

64th Annual



Clarence Johnson presents a plaque to Dick Olson for his service on the TPA Executive Committee.

The Minnesota Timber Producers Association's 64th annual membership meeting was held Friday, April 27, at Spirit Mountain Resort in Duluth. President Ramon Killmer welcomed all the members and made introductions. Executive Vice President Wayne Brandt reported on the association's activities for the past year including legislation affecting the timber industry and the on-going legislative session. The committee chairmen reported on the activities and concerns addressed during the past year.

Birchdale, as second vice president, and Warren Johnson, Ely, as secretary/treasurer. Richard Olson, Jr. was presented a plaque in honor of his years on the executive committee.



Mike Turner

Chairman of the nominating committee, Dick Walsh, reported that the committee had recommended the nomination of 46 current directors and the addition of the following members: Mark Bowman, Solway; Roger Liimatta, Menahga; and Ken Venhuizen, Isle.

Mike Turner, executive director of Minnesota Logger Education Program, started off the morning program with an overview of how the program is doing, and the future direction of the classes offered.

Rick Horton, Minnesota Ruffed Grouse Society, spoke about the importance and benefits of a young forest for wildlife.

Tom Wagner, deputy supervisor, Superior National Forest, updated the members on the forest plan revision and the stages that still need to be done.

To top off the morning program, DNR Commissioner Allen Garber presented "A Vision for Minnesota Forests" and the upcoming Forest Summit.

Mike Kilgore, executive director of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council, gave an update to the members on the Sustainable Forest

Ramon Killmer handed the reigns of presidency to Clarence Johnson. Clarence will be the TPA president for the next two years. Newly elected to the TPA Executive Committee is Dale Erickson,



Rick Horton



Mike Kilgore



Dr. Alan Ek



Dr. Patrick Moore



Mike Barker wins the grand prize.



Bruce Kleven

Membership Meeting

Resources Act.

Mike Phillips of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources presented an overview of the baseline monitoring of the sustainable forest management guidelines.

Dr. Alan Ek, Department of Forest Resources head, University of Minnesota, provided more information on the forests of Finland.

A panel discussion was held regarding the biodiesel program.

The social hour and banquet proved an opportunity to meet new members and visit with old friends. Thank you to the following social hour hosts:

RihmKenworth, Two Harbors Machine Shop, Jake's Quality Tire, St. Joseph Equipment Inc., Cummins North Central, Road Machinery & Supplies Co., Hahn Machinery, Arrowhead Equipment, Lumbermen's Underwriting Alliance, Skubic Bros. International, and Menominee Saw & Supply. Thank you also to Nortrax for providing the refreshments for the morning and afternoon breaks.

A portion of the banquet program was dedicated to honoring the companies who participated in the TPA Safety Contest and completed the year without any lost time accidents. They included the following businesses:

Logging Division

C & M Walsh Logging, Park Rapids
C.O. Johnson Logging, Blackduck
Dean & Bob Walsh Logging, Park Rapids
Dick Walsh Forest Products, Park Rapids
Doug Foster Logging, Ely
Dukek Logging, Bagley
Harris Walsh Logging, Park Rapids
Johnson Logging Inc., Cannon Falls
Knaeble Timber Inc., Northome
Lundberg Forest Products, Solway
M & R Chips, Grand Rapids
Northwoods Chipping, International Falls
Olson Forest Products, Bemidji
Pittack Logging, Bovey
RBC Ent/Manners Logging, Park Rapids
Rajala Mill Co., Bigfork
Root River Hardwoods, Preston

Shuster Logging, Gheen
Tim Kelm Logging, Bemidji
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Knaeble Timber Inc., Northome
Lake Nebagamon Trucking, Lake Nebagamon, Wis.
Lundberg Forest Products, Solway
M & R Chips, Grand Rapids
Norman Johnson Trucking, Baudette
Northwoods Chipping, International Falls
Olson Forest Products, Bemidji
Page & Hill Forest Products, Big Falls
Pittack Logging, Bovey
RBC Ent/Manners Logging, Park Rapids
Root River Hardwoods, Preston



Tom Wagner





The Barker family



Staggemeyer Stave Co., Inc.,
Caledonia

Sawmill Division
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Bergstrom Wood Products,
International Falls
Cass Forest Products, Cass Lake
DeMenge Sawmill, McGregor
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Marais
Johnson Logging Inc., Cannon Falls
Land O' Lakes Wood Preserving,
Tenstrike
Page & Hill Forest Products, Big
Falls
Staggemeyer Stave Co., Inc,
Caledonia

The featured speaker, Dr. Patrick Moore, was one of the highlights of

the evening.
Also at the banquet TPA said goodbye to one of its friends. Bruce Barker was honored by Bruce Zumbahlen, Minn. Department of Natural Resources; John Bray, Minn. Department of Transportation; Paul Jensen, (retired) Woodlands Manager, Boise Cascade; Mike Barker on behalf of the Barker family; and Wayne Brandt spoke about Bruce's many accomplishments throughout his many years at TPA. Bruce was presented with a hunting rifle and case, and a gift of money.
The program concluded with the drawing for door prizes. Mike Barker was the winner of the grand

prize drawing of the chainsaw donated by Tilton Equipment Co. Thank you to the following companies who contributed door prizes:
Boise Cascade
Hahn Machinery
International Paper
Land O Lakes Wood Preserving
Lindsay Machinery
Nortrax
Potlatch Corporation
Road Machinery & Supplies
Serco Loaders
St. Joseph Equipment
Tilton Equipment
UPM Kymmene
Wells Fargo
Ziegler



An attentive audience at the banquet.

MN/DOT District One 2001 Construction Season Announced

The Minnesota Department of Transportation, District One, will invest more than \$90 million dollars in new and continued projects to restore, preserve and update northeastern Minnesota's state highway infrastructure.

The 2001 construction season consists of 33 new projects, with an estimated value of \$79.4 million, as

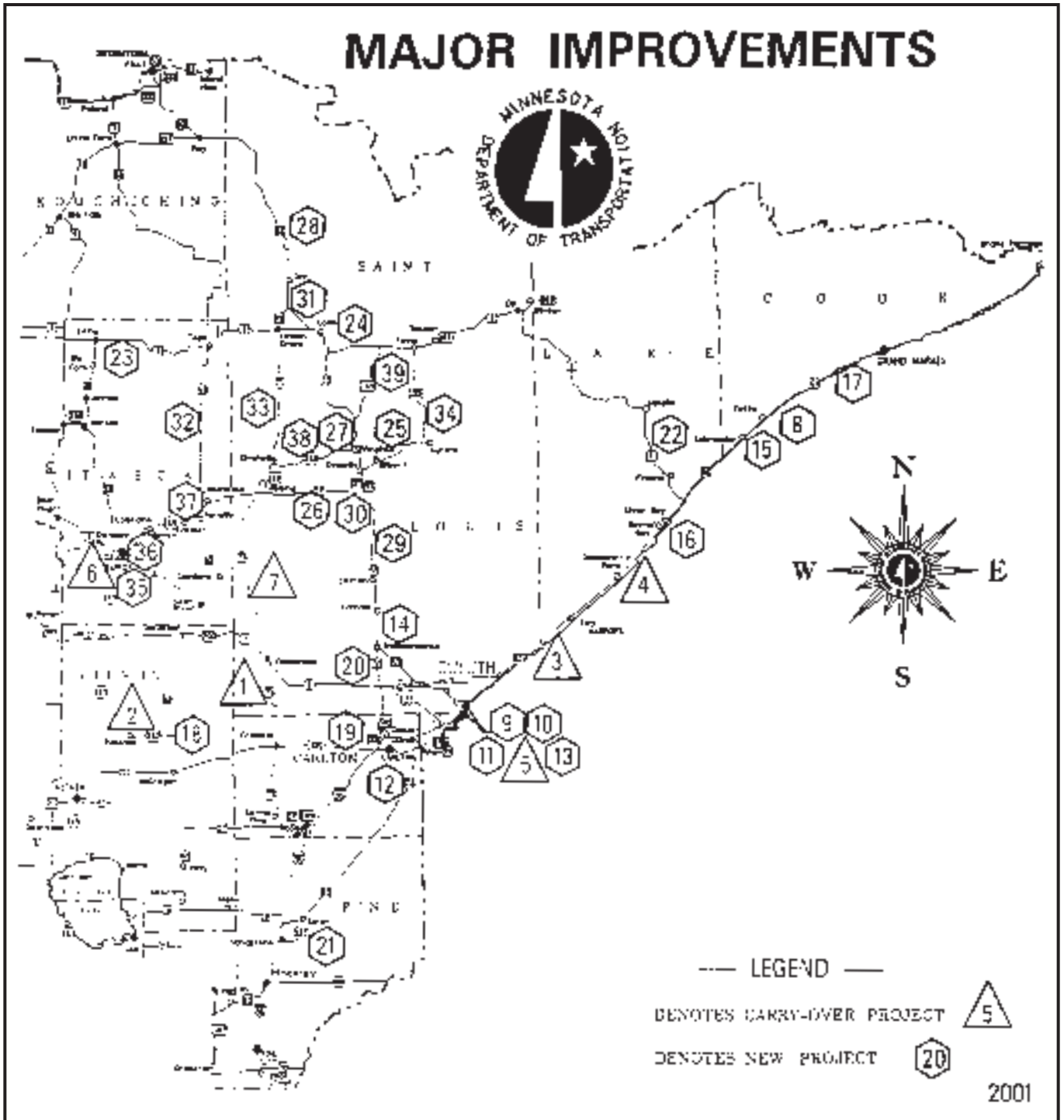
well as seven carryover projects, worth \$12.2 million. Included in these numbers are the \$35 million in accelerated projects to help the Iron Range community.

Significant traffic restrictions will occur during several of these projects:

- TH 61, between Duluth and the Canadian border
- TH 169, between Hill City and

Grand Rapids

- TH 53 at Jct. of TH 33 near Independence
- TH 53/194 at Central Entrance and Trinity Rd.
- TH 232 between Jct. of TH 65 and Palisade
- TH 2 in Proctor
- I-35/535/TH 53-21st Ave. West Interchange



Duluth Resident Office 2001 Construction Program

Map Ref.	S.P. Location Work Description for 2001	Start Date/ Comp. Date	Traffic Restrictions
Carryover Projects			
1	6927-17 (TH 73) Prairie Lake to Floodwood, reclaim, shoulder widen, pipes and bit surf.	May 15 to Aug. 1	Daytime lane restrictions with flaggers for slope widening, reclaiming and bituminous surfacing. Traffic on gravel surface during significant portions of the project.
2	0122-10 (TH 232) Over Mississippi near Palisade, Minn., bridge replacement, grading and bit surf	April 1 to July 15	During most of the project work will be completed with no additional restrictions to traffic. The connection between the new alignment and old alignment is currently single lane, stop, take turns at the in-place bridge.
3	8821-34 (TH 61) (northbound) Knife River to Two Harbors and (southbound) Two Harbors to Homestead Road and shdr. repairs to Duluth, both lanes, bit overlay, culverts, shdr. repair.	May 1 to July 15	One lane in each direction, under flagger control for bituminous paving.
4	3806-57 (TH 61) Gooseberry Falls to one mile N., grading, rock exc., culverts, bit surf.	May 1 to July 15	Occasional daytime single lane closures under flagger control.
5	6915-104 (TH 53) Duluth, intersection reconstruction and revision at Central Entrance and Trinity Rd.	Apr. 15 to Oct. 15	Four lane undivided on Central Entrance, two lane on Trinity Rd., with additional lane closures during non-rush hour traffic. No left turn movements from Central Entrance onto Trinity Rd. or Joshua Ave. during project. Major traffic restrictions will be completed by Aug. 31.
New Projects			
8	1601-47 (TH 61) from north limits of Tofte to 0.8 miles south of Onion River, major reconstruction, grading, drainage and bituminous surfacing.	July 15 to Oct. 30	Lane closures under flagger control. TH 61 traffic will be on a gravel surface for significant period of time.
9	6908-54 (TH 2) Through Proctor, complete urban highway reconstruction.	July 9 to Oct. 13	Truck detour on Midway Rd. Passenger vehicle detour on local streets. Some local traffic on gravel surface for short periods of time.
10	6982-260 (I-35) Central Ave. to Lake Ave., misc. pavement repairs and new guardrail installation.	July 9 to Aug. 24	One lane closed in each direction, with intermittent ramp closures. No restrictions on Blues Fest weekend. Some weekend and night work.
11	6915-69802C (TH 53) In Duluth Can-of-Worms, bridge and ramp repairs on TH 35/53/535.	July 16 to Oct. 30	Bridge closed to through traffic. Detour on TH 194 (Mesaba Ave.).
12	0901-66 (TH 23) CSAH 1 to CSAH 4 in Carlton County, pavement reclaiming and bituminous surfacing.	July 16 to Sept. 15	Lane closures under flagger control. Traffic will be on a gravel surface for a significant period of time.
13	6916-90 (TH 53) Hermantown: TH 53 at Miller Creek, extend box culvert (inlet).	July or Aug. start. 2 weeks work once started.	EB TH 53/194 shoulder closure at project location, and intermittent lane restrictions.
14	6917-102 (TH 53) Independence (Jct. TH 53 and TH 33), reconstruct SB bridge over Cloquet River, reconstruct SB TH 53 from Jct. TH 33 to 1.5 miles north.	Apr. 15 to Oct. 26	Single lane traffic bypassed to NB TH 53 and temporary signal system at Jct. TH 53 and TH 33 for duration of project. Traffic delays expected.

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15	1601-56 (TH 61) Schroeder, landscaping.	Apr. 15 to June 15	No traffic restrictions.
16	8821-46 (TH 61) Lake County overlay, Two Harbors to Lake/Cook Co. line.	June 4 to Sept. 15	Lane closures under flagger control. Work in Two Harbors must be completed by June 28.
17	8821-44 (TH 61) Cook County overlay, north of Tofte to Canadian border, with minor exceptions.	July 9 to Oct. 15	Lane closures under flagger control.
18	0122-09 (TH 232) Bridge replacement over flowage 1 mile west of TH 65, and bituminous overlay from TH 65 to Palisade, Minn.	May 15 to Nov. 1	TH 232 traffic detoured on Co. Rd. 63 for bridge replacement, bituminous overlay constructed under lane closures with flagger control.
19	0910-27 (TH 210) Carlton to I-35, mill and bituminous overlay.	Sept. 15 to Oct. 10	Lane closures under flagger control.
20	xxxx-xx (TH 33) north of TH 2, microtexture surfacing.	Aug. 15 to Aug. 31	Single lane in each direction under flagger control.
21	5802-18 (TH 123) near CSAH 29, box culvert replacement.	Sept. 4 to Sept. 28	Single lane bypass, stop, take turns.
22	3803-31 (TH 1) Finland to Isabella, bituminous overlay.	Aug. 15 to Sept. 30	Lane closures under flagger control.

Virginia Resident Office 2001 Construction Program

Carryover Projects

6	SP3115-56-169 Grand Rapids, grading phase I.	May 15 to June 15	Occasional daytime single lane closure under flagger control.
7	SP6928-25-73 Floodwood to Hibbing, overlay/reclaim.	May 28 to June 30	Daytime single lane closure under flagger control for entire project.
23	SP3101-31 on TH 1, TH 38 to TH 65, culvert replacement.	July 6 to Oct. 30	Daytime single lane closure, under flagger control for entire project.
24	SP6902-24 on TH 1; TH 53 to TH 169, bituminous mill and overlay.	July 6 to Sept. 30	Daytime single lane closure under flagger control for entire project.
25	SP6914-16 on TH 37; TH 53 to TH 135, bituminous mill and overlay.	July 6 to Sept. 30	Daytime single lane closure under flagger control for entire project.
26	SP8821-50 on TH 37; CSAH 25 to TH 53, bituminous mill and overlay.	July 6 to Sept. 30	Daytime single lane closure under flagger control for entire project.
27	SP6818-69 on TH 53, 2nd Ave. exit ramp, bridge removal and 3rd lane added.	July 6 to Sept. 30	Through traffic on TH 53 not restricted, 2nd Ave. ramp detoured.
28	SP6942-42 & SP6922-51 Virginia to TH 73, safety turnlanes and mill and overlay on TH 53	July 6 to Sept. 30	Daytime single lane closure under flagger control for entire project.
29	SP6917-121 on TH 53 Paleface River to CR 93, reconstruct northbound lane	July 6 to Oct. 30	N.B. traffic bypassed to two way on the S.B. lane.
30	SP8821-50 on TH 53; CSAH 16 to TH 169, bituminous mill and overlay.	July 6 to Sept. 30	Daytime single lane closure under flagger control for entire project.
31	SP8812-51 on TH 53, bituminous mill and overlay.	July 6 to Sept. 30	Daytime single lane closure under flagger control for entire project.

New Projects

32	SP8821-53 on TH 65, Goodland to TH 1, bituminous mill and overlay.	July 6 to Sept. 30	Daytime single lane closure under flagger control for entire project.
33	SP8821-53 on TH 73, Chisholm to TH 53, Bituminous mill and overlay.	July 6 to Sept. 30	Daytime single lane closure under flagger control for entire project.
34	SP8821-54 on TH 135, Virginia to Tower, bituminous mill and overlay.	July 6 to Sept. 30	Daytime single lane closure under flagger control for entire project.

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35	SP3115-55 on TH 169, CSAH 67 to Grand Rapids, reconstruction.	June 4 to Oct. 30	Through traffic detoured, local access only. Daytime lane restrictions with flaggers will be used to install culverts.
36	SP8821-24 on TH 169, Grand Rapids, 3 intersections reconstructed.	July 6 to Sept. 30	Daytime single lane closure under flagger control for entire project.
37	SP3116-122 on TH 169, east of Calumet, frost heave correction.	June 4 to July 1	Daytime single lane closure under flagger control for entire project.
38	SP6935-86 on TH 169, Virginia to Chisholm, reconstruct both north- and southbound lanes.	Aug. 30 to Oct. 2002	N.B. traffic bypassed on two-way on the S.B. lane.
39	SP6936-13 on TH 169, CSAH 26 to Pike River, bituminous mill and overlay.	July 6 to Sept. 30	Daytime single lane closure under flagger control for entire project.

Obituary

Angele J. Haugen, 74, died Sunday, May 6, 2001, in Monroe, N.C., after a long illness.

Mrs. Haugen was born in Calumet on June 6, 1926, the daughter of the late John and Caroline Crottier. She was a 1944 graduate of Greenway High School, Coleraine, and also attended the Minnesota School of Business in Minneapolis. She and her late husband, Thomas L. Haugen, who died in 1987, owned and operated several Duluth travel agencies. She retired in 1990 from the Minnesota Timber Producers Association, where she had worked since 1974. In 1995, she moved to the retirement community of Velda Rose in Mesa, Ariz., where she lived until April 2000, when she moved to Monroe.

(excerpt of Ange's retirement article, August-September 1990, by Russ Allen)

"Ange Haugen, office manager for the Association, retired August 31, 1990, after more than 16 years with the organization.

"She served faithfully and with competence to help the Association meet its objectives and goals. She always dealt pleasantly and patiently with members to assist them in their many requests for information and assistance.

"Ange was invaluable to the executive staff in helping to organize and coordinate the myriad details of appointments,

meetings, activities and projects that are involved with extremely busy industry associations such as ours.

"Ange was a competent, diligent worker, highly dedicated to her work, the Association, and the timber industry."



Feller buncher in action with delimeter and skidder in background.



One of the 30 jack pine loads is almost ready to head for Boise mill.

Log a Load for Kids Timber Harvest

There was a party in the woods on Wed., June 6, just west of Big Falls, Minn. It wasn't your ordinary picnic; it was actually an intensive logging operation for the benefit of the Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare (a Children's Miracle Network affiliate hospital). Boise Cascade donated the 44-year-old jack pine stumpage and purchased the wood. Ken Olson (Boise procurement forester) was in charge of the sale, with help from his colleagues Chuck Hughes, Dan Klocek, Craig Halla and Harold Wennerstrand. There was a lot of work accomplished in a short period of time. A road for loading had been put in earlier by Gerald Mannausau, who donated his fee to Log a Load for Kids; he sure was busy helping shorten trailers the day of the harvest, too. The comradery and working together says volumes about people who make their living from trees.

The logging was donated by Sidney Nelson and Dobbs Logging with the feller bunchers; Peterson Logging and Northwoods Chipping with the skidders; Killmer Bros., Bruce Junker and Little Logging with the delimiters; and Hasbargen Logging and Pelland Logging with the Loaders. Trucking the tree-length logs was donated by Imhof Logging, Rasmussen Logging, Brad Lovdahl, Sokoloski Logging, Ziembra & Sons, Wagner Construction, Olson Logging, Jim Kennedy, H&S Logging and Wendt Logging.

Jeri Nordlund (executive director of Minnesota Log a Load for Kids) organized an excellent picnic lunch,



Kristen Cornwell with son, Jacob.

with the food and tent being donated by the Boise Community Credit Union of International Falls, Minn. Boise Foresters cooked the brats and hamburgers. Dessert bars were provided by Linda Graham and Kids Plus. The only unwanted guests were the mosquitos, who cooperated by reducing their numbers during most of the midday activities.

A short program was held with speakers Paul Klocko (Forest Resources Association), Jeff Schommer (Trus Joist a Weyerhaeuser Business and chairman of the Log a Load

Committee), Lorrie DuBois (Children's Miracle Network), and Kristen Cornwell. Lorrie DuBois stated \$173,000 has been raised in Minnesota since 1997, which helps support Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare. Ten outreach clinics which have seen hundreds of patients are also included in the system. Christine Pulkrabek represented the Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare and experienced her first timber harvest. The Cornwell family was the first contributor to Log a Load for Kids in Minnesota, and now, years later, Kristen Cornwell explained, her son Jacob will need the services of the Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare to repair problems with his legs. Jeff Schommer said it was a heart-warming experience to see so many people working together for such a good cause.

Time, equipment and hard work made this party a big success. Raising money to help kids was the most important happening, but it was very obvious that a fun time was had by all.

A big *Thank You* to all who contributed to the success of this harvest!



A good time was had by all.

8th Annual TPA Golf Tournament

The 8th Annual TPA Golf Tournament was held on June 15 at the Wilderness Golf Course in Bigfork. Twenty-two teams participated in the tournament this year. The weather was rainy at times but the golfers didn't seem to mind.

The Hegg-Stevens team took first place; Hegg-Hadroga second and the Kingsbury team third place. Event winners were Mark Stevens, closest to the line #3; Keith Hegg, longest drive #6; M. Hegg, longest putt #8; and Keith Hegg, closest to pin #9.

Minnesota Timber Producers would like to thank Nortrax for providing gifts to each golfer at registration and to UPM Kyemmene - Grand Rapids Mill, Boise Cascade, Potlatch Corporation, Lumbermen's Underwriting Alliance, W. W. Wallwork, International Paper, Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith and Frederick, and Blackduck Auto Parts for the generous door prizes. Thanks also to Brad Lovdahl of Wilderness Wings for the five bird hunt. TPA also thanks Rajala Companies, M & R Chips, Figgins Truck and Trailer Repair for providing refreshments to all of the thirsty golfers and to Bergstrom Wood Products for the snacks served throughout the day.



Wayne Skoe "closest to the water."



Kit Hasbargen, Dale Erickson, Ramon Killmer and Wayne Skoe looking pretty proud of themselves.



Some of the participants resting in the clubhouse after the tournament.

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News from the American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA)

Administration Says Go – Court Says No

Sec. of Agriculture Ann Veneman announced May 4 that the administration would allow the roadless regulations to go into effect on May 12 as scheduled. However, the Forest Service would propose amendments to the rule in June that would allow the local forest planning process to guide implementation on the ground. Sec. Veneman stressed that the process by which the rule was promulgated was flawed and that the amendments to the rule would attempt to “fairly address concerns raised by local communities, tribes and states impacted by the rule.” Once the amendments are complete, said Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth, on-the-ground implementation of the rule would be guided by the local national forest planning process. Veneman and Bosworth stressed that they were concerned about the accuracy of maps used to develop the roadless policy. Veneman’s announcement of the administration’s approach acknowledged many of the concerns that AF&PA has raised about the roadless policy, particularly its impact on access to private lands and the Forest Service’s ability to address the forest health crisis on the national forests.

The Dept. of Justice filed the administration’s announcement in the Idaho litigation challenging the roadless regulations, as required by Judge Edward Lodge, arguing that the injunction was not justified. The judge disagreed. On May 10, Judge Lodge enjoined implementation of the “Roadless Initiative,” consisting of the Jan. 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule and Section 219.9(b)(8) of Nov. 2000 national forest planning regulations. In April, he had found serious deficiencies in the Forest Service’s compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and

concluded that the plaintiffs were likely to prevail in the Idaho lawsuits. He reserved ruling on whether the plaintiffs would suffer irreparable injury if the initiative went into effect, the final element necessary to issue the injunction, until the administration completed its review. Judge Lodge concluded that the “vague commitment” by the government to propose changes in June was not sufficient to prevent irreparable injury if the regulations went into effect on May 12.

The Latest on TMDLs

After the heated battles of promulgate changes to the total maximum daily load (TMDL) regulations last year, several follow-up actions are occurring while the final rule’s fate remains uncertain. The National Academy of Sciences (NAS) is expected to issue a final report in early June on the scientific underpinnings of the TMDL program. The Environmental Protection Agency is expected to issue a revised cost estimate for the public and private sectors to implement TMDLs in impaired waterbodies, and Congress is contemplating hearings on the rule.

Early indications are that the NAS is expected to endorse a going-forward strategy on TMDL implementation. While acknowledging the scientific uncertainty, the NAS panel will advocate for better data and models to make the program more scientifically credible. Meanwhile, EPA faces complications in the cost study. One of the big issues is identifying the incremental costs of the new rule – above and beyond existing program requirements. Once the NAS report is published and the EPA issues a draft cost analysis, Congressional hearings are expected in late spring or early summer. Under the EPA appropriations law for this year, the rule takes effect Until Oct. 1.

Government Seeks Delay in TMDL Case

The government has requested a 60-day extension to file a joint briefing schedule in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. Significantly, the government stated as the reason for the delay that the parties in the case should meet before a briefing schedule is established. The purpose of the meeting would be to narrow and possibly settle issues in the case. The parties include AF&PA and other regulated groups, states and environmental groups. No meetings have been scheduled as yet.

Court Upholds Forestry as a Nonpoint Source

The Oregon federal court recently ruled, in *League of Wilderness Defenders v Forsgren*, that helicopter application of pesticide as part of forest management does not require a Clean Water Act discharge permit because the spraying is a nonpoint source. The plaintiffs argued that the Forest Service must obtain a discharge (NPDES) permit for the spraying because some of it drifted into adjacent rivers and streams. The court rejected this argument, holding permits are only required for point source activities and the Environmental Protection Agency defines almost all forestry activities as nonpoint sources in its regulations.

Forest Service Planning Regulations Modified and Public Comment Sought

The Forest Service published an interim final rule extending the transition period for the Nov. 2000 forest planning regulations from May 2001 to May 2002. The extension will allow national forests to continue revising their forest plans under the 1982 regulations and not have to convert over to the new regulations. The

agency intends to issue modified regulations by May 2002 to solve problems with the Nov. 2000 provisions. In its recent review of the 2000 regulations, the Forest Service concluded that they are incapable of implementation.

To protect this change from challenge, the Forest Service also published a proposed rule in the Federal Register and is requesting public comments. Comments must be received by July 16, 2001. AF&PA will be preparing comments to this proposed rule.

Forestry May be a Big Winner

The Minnesota Legislature and the Governor's office continue to lurch towards completion of their work and a Special Session. TPA-led initiatives to expand forest management and timber harvesting, within the limits of their plans, on DNR lands have been successful to date. Following are updates on some of the relevant issues:

Environment, Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations

The working group for this bill completed its work at 3:30 a.m., of amendments and the late hour, not every issue was entirely clear. Highlights of this bill include:

- \$1,250,000 for the biennium (\$625,000 each year) to increase DNR timber sales. The DNR has testified that this will result in a 675,000 cord increase in sales during the next three and a half years
- \$750,000 for the biennium (\$375,000 each year) for DNR field services. Some of this will be utilized to accomplish the above listed timber sales. Additional projects will include updating the DNR's inventory, increased productivity work (pre-commercial thinning) and possibly some tree planting.
- Restoration of \$800,000 of the Governor's proposed \$1,472,000 cut (reallocation) to the DNR's base budget.

- Funding for a three percent salary/benefit cost increase, which will decrease the need to fund these costs through personnel reductions or project eliminations.
- Continuation of the \$1,400,000+ white pine program for the biennium.
- A six-year extension of the Sustainable Forest Resources Act (Forest Resources Council).
- \$1,700,000 funding for the Sustainable Forest Resources Act (\$800,000 the first year and \$900,000 the second year).
- \$100,000 was removed from the Sustainable Forest Resources Act funding and given to the DNR for a contract to develop a master logger certification/auditing program. Language that directed this contract to the Associated Contract Loggers was not included.
- Additional deadlines for the Forest Resources Council's landscape committees to complete assessments and desired future conditions, as included in a bill promoted by the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy (MCEA), were included.

Items that were defeated or not included in the final bill were as follows:

- The ban on state purchases of CCA treated wood was not included.
- The grants to convert treating plants from CCA to other processes were not included.
- Language from the MCEA bill to place new riparian planning requirements on the DNR was defeated on a roll call vote.
- The balance of the language from the MCEA bill was also defeated on a roll call vote.

Omnibus Tax Bill

The Tax Conferees (Working Group) continue their contentious discussions. They have voted to include the forest land tax provisions in the final bill with the access threshold set at 1,920 acres (three sections).

Energy

The energy bill did pass prior to adjournment of the special session. It did not include a surcharge on electric bills to fund renewables or

other programs.

Biodiesel

Efforts to include a statewide mandate for biodiesel use have failed to date. The mandate was included in the Omnibus Agriculture policy bill. The Conference Report was defeated by both the House of Representatives and the Senate. The Senate reconsidered and passed the report but the House did not. When the original bill was debated on the House floor, an amendment was offered and passed which would have applied the mandate only to agricultural activities, which would include logging. TPA successfully sought reconsideration of this amendment and exempted logging. Ultimately, the entire agriculture-only mandate amendment was defeated after reconsideration.

It should be noted that each of these issues, other than the final energy bill, remain in play and at risk to a certain extent pending the outcome of a Special Session. Bills will not be brought to the floor during a Special Session as Conference Reports. Rather, they will come as newly introduced legislation which means they could be amended. While this does not usually happen during Special Sessions, it is possible. At this point it is not possible to make any predictions about the final resolution of the tax bill.

Mn/DOT District 3 has Largest Construction Program Ever for 2001

A record-setting year for highway construction in central Minnesota is about to begin this spring, reports Bob Busch, transportation district engineer for District 3 of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT).

Forty projects with a combined value of more than \$65 million will be underway during the 2001 construction season. The range of highway improvements include everything from sealing cracks on rural two-lane roadways to major construction of a four-lane divided highway.

The program consists of

resurfacing, reconditioning and reconstruction projects; safety and capacity improvements through the installation of new traffic signals, turn lanes and intersection design changes; and cooperative agreements with county and city road projects.

All of these improvements are designed to maintain, upgrade or expand the state's highway transportation system for local residents, the traveling public, business, and industry.

A major construction project taking place this year is the start of a four-lane expansion of 6.4 miles of Highway 23 in Stearns County between Interstate 94 and the east side of Cold Spring. The \$15.4 million project includes a new highway alignment around the city of Rockville.

Reconstruction of a six-mile segment of Highway 6 south of Emily in Crow Wing County will commence this season, and on a seven-mile section of Highway 12 between Howard Lake and Montrose in Wright County. Both projects will require detours from approximately May to November.

Other significant projects include: Highway 71 bridge replacement between lower and upper Sauk Lake, two miles north of Sauk Centre in Stearns County – detour in effect from May to September; resurfacing of 9.8 miles of Highway

95 in Benton County from one mile east of Highway 23 to three miles east of Highway 25 – detour in effect from May to September; resurfacing of 13.2 miles of Highway 55 between Annandale and Buffalo in Wright County from July to October; and resurfacing of 13 miles of Highway 25 between Highway 7 in Carver County and Highway 12 near Montrose in Wright County – detour in effect from July to November.

With offices in Baxter and St. Cloud, Mn/DOT District 3 is responsible for the maintenance and construction of more than 4,000 lane miles of Minnesota, United States and interstate highways within all or parts of 13 counties in central Minnesota.

District 3's boundaries comprise all or portions of the following counties: western Aitkin, Benton, southern Cass, Crow Wing, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd, Wadena and Wright.

A detailed listing and map of Mn/DOT District 3's highway construction projects for the 2001 season may be obtained by calling the Baxter Construction Division at 218-828-2647 or toll free 1-800-657-3971; or the St. Cloud Construction Division at 320-255-2911 or toll free 1-800-657-3961 during regular business hours Monday through Friday.

For 24-hour statewide recorded road construction information call 651-405-6030 or toll free 1-800-542-0220. Statewide road construction and other transportation information can also be accessed through Mn/DOT's internet website at www.dot.state.mn.us.

For specific information pertaining to Mn/DOT District 3's construction projects, visit the website: www.dot.state.mn.us/d3/construct.html.

To talk with a real person about road construction anywhere in the state, call the Mn/DOT Information Center in St. Paul at 651-296-3000 or toll free 1-800-657-3774. Hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For persons who are hard-of-hearing, deaf or speech impaired, the Minnesota Relay Service (MRS) is available at 1-800-627-3529.

DNR Names New Forestry Director

Minnesota DNR Commissioner Allen Garber announced that he has selected a long-time Minnesota forestry professional to head the DNR's Forestry Division. Michael Carroll assumed the position on May 23. Carroll has been with the DNR for 21 years, most recently as area forest supervisor in Park Rapids.

According to Commissioner Garber, Carroll was selected because of his experience with the agency, and record of achievement.

"Mike Carroll knows our forestry programs and policies as well as anyone in Minnesota," Garber says. "He understands the history and has excellent working relationships with staff. He is someone who can hit the ground running."

Carroll spent nine years as superintendent of the Badoura State Forest Nursery. Before that he was program supervisor for Forest Resource Management and Analysis, and a regional forest health specialist.

Carroll is active in his community, serving as a school board member and chair, Lions Club president, and a board member for Park Rapids Youth Baseball. He's an avid hunter and angler and a member of the Minnesota Waterfowl Assn. and the Minnesota Deer Hunters Assn. In 1995, he served as the Minnesota Chair for the Society of American Foresters.

Carroll graduated with a bachelor's degree in forestry from Syracuse University. He has a master's degree in entomology with academic distinction from the University of Missouri-Columbia. During his tenure with the DNR, he has received numerous awards for outstanding achievement and accomplishment.

Carroll says he's excited to get started. "My priorities will be communication, cooperation, challenge and more communication." He currently lives in Park Rapids with his wife, Nancy. They have two sons, age 19 and 17, and a daughter, age 13.

He replaces Gerald Rose, who resigned as DNR director of forestry earlier this year to take a position with the International Association of State Foresters.

LOGGERS OF THE PAST . . .

State Log Scalers

by J. C. Ryan

This story is reprinted from an earlier *Timber Bulletin*—one of the first of “Buzz” Ryan’s ever-popular contributions to these pages. The *Bulletin* will continue to reprint selected stories from the memories he recorded for us.—Editor



During a presentation of slides on early loggers or during any conversation about logging history in Minnesota, “state scalers” are mentioned and I am asked, “What do you mean by state scalers?” I will try to cover this subject as it applies to the logging industry.

The scaling of logs was the process of determining the amount of lumber that could be sawed from a log. On straight and sound logs this was quite simple, but with logs having defects, crooks, rot, etc., it took considerable knowledge of logs and lumber to determine the amount of usable lumber in a log. A number of log rules were developed, including the Wisconsin Decimal C, the Doyle, the later national and the Minnesota Standard—all somewhat different.

In Minnesota, the Minnesota Standard rule was the official one for scaling all state-owned timber. However, the other rules were used by private companies in buying and selling logs. The scale of each scaler would also differ some in the scaling of faulty timber. Disagreement

often occurred and lawsuits developed.

The Minnesota office of Surveyor General of Logs and Lumber was created by law as an official and neutral department for scaling. When a contract would be made to sell or buy logs it would require that the scaling be done by a state scaler and the amount of lumber in the logs as determined by him would be official.

Besides the scaling on private contracts, the Surveyor General had other duties such as the recording of all stamps and bark marks and the scaling of all timber on state land. The Surveyor General would try to obtain the best qualified scalers possible.

During the peak years of logging, the Surveyor General may have had as many as a hundred scalers working on private contracts alone. On private contracts, the parties involved paid for the scaling costs. Just which party—buyer or seller—was to pay the cost of scaling would be in the contract. Not all logs were sold on or subject to state scale, but many were.

In the early days, much of the scaling

was done during the winter months or on the sorting works and booms on the rivers in the spring. Some scalers would be laid off during the summer, but many worked the year around and would be shifted from job to job.

It was during the days of the river drives, with the sorting works on the St. Croix and Mississippi Rivers, that the demand for scaling on private contracts was at its peak. However, the scaling on private contracts did continue clear through the logging of the original pine stands. It was only during the final days of white pine logging that the request for state scaling of private contracts declined.

However, the scaling of state-owned timber increased as the cutting of smaller products such as ties, pulpwood and cular, which was plentiful on state swamp lands, came into demand. This continued to happen by Surveyor General scalers until the office of State Surveyor General of Logs and Lumber was abolished by law in 1907 and the duties of that office were turned over to the Division of Forestry.

The Surveyor General had several Deputy Surveyor General offices set up around the state so as to better serve the logging industry. One of these offices was in Duluth in the old Manhattan Building and continued operations up into the early 1920s.

As demand for state scalers on private contracts became less, these deputy offices were dissolved and the work was handled from the St. Paul office of the Surveyor General. State scalers then were assigned to State Timber Appraisers districts and from there to the state timber permits. Here again some of these scalers worked for private companies when not employed by the state.

As a rule these scalers were older men who had scaled for private companies for many years before being hired by the state. In later years some younger men were hired for the scaling of smaller timber products such as ties, posts and poles. Smaller timber products did not require the experience as did log scaling.

For many years the law required that all state timber harvested on the grounds

A nice, sound log being scaled at a sawmill. Logs like this would be easy for a state scaler.



where cut. For logs, this meant scaled as they were skidded to the skidways or when they were loaded onto sleighs. Smaller timber would be scaled in the strips or on the side of the log road where it had been skidded.

In later years the law was changed so the timber could be moved to a central landing for scaling after a request for a landing had been approved by the division in charge of timber permit supervision.

Sometimes the buyer or seller on private contract scaling would be dissatisfied with the scaler and would request another. This was done in rare cases. On logging operations where only state-owned timber was being cut, a scaler would be assigned to one camp during the entire logging season. However, most camps cut some private timber as well as state-owned, and in this case a scaler of state timber might be assigned to scaling in several camps in the same general area. He would then keep in touch with the logging operation in these camps and scale as needed to keep the operation moving.

Where state timber permits were small or inactive he might scale for a number of operators. The state appraisers or rangers in charge of the state permits would work very closely with the scaler in having all permits scaled so as not to hold up the logging operation.

In some cases where the logger was selling his logs to a mill on scale, the mill operator accepted the state scaler's decisions, but in others insisted on scaling all logs purchased himself, and a difference in scale—which always existed—sometimes was cause of dissatisfaction.

Besides the regular scalers, the Surveyor General had check scalers or scaler supervisors who called on scalers to keep the scaling accurate in as possible. These check scalers were very well qualified and knew all the problems. In making a check scale, they would scale up to 200 logs and then compare with the scaler's scale and make adjustments if needed.

All logs were numbered and recorded by number. On small products such as pulp, the piles were numbered. This was counted and recorded as to small or standard. Poles, poles and mine timbers were counted and recorded as to length. Mine lagging was scaled by the cord filling, which was usually sold by the lineal foot, was recorded as to lengths.

Having been raised in the Bemidji area and having worked along the Minnesota and International Railroad as timber checker, camp clerk and camp foreman in this area where considerable state-owned timber was cut, I became very well acquainted with many state timber scalers. Many of these men were old when I was a young man and had acquired their experience in scaling on the St. Croix, Rum and Mississippi Rivers

when pine logging was at its peak. Most of these older men preferred the scaling of logs rather than small products and they took great pride in their log-scaling ability.

These older scalers were very well qualified and I had great respect for their competence. Some of the ones I knew best were Jimmy Brennan of Stillwater, who would fight as a drop of a hat if anyone questioned his ability to scale; the Carroll brothers, John and Dan; Alex McNeil, John Purity, Jack Morrissey, John Dufall, Jim Hogan and others.

I also knew many of the latter-day scalers, including Clyde Johnson, Wil-

liam Kariely, Wally Sutherland, Oscar Anderson, Carl Freeberg, Rusty Willis, Fred Letwinnow, Art Miller and many others.

While the Division of Forestry is still carrying on the scaling of state-owned timber, the demand for different types of timber products has brought about many new scaling methods which undoubtedly will change further as different uses for wood fibers are developed.

But when we look back on our forest history, we must salute the early state log scalers—all great men who played a large part in bringing our vast virgin pine stands to market.



Above: Clyde Johnson, a state scaler in the Big Fork area, 1887. Below: Dan O'Connor looks over a defective log; logs like this called for experienced scalers.



Logs scaled in the water at the spring works were scaled with a caliper.



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