

FORTY-SECOND
Annual Report
OF THE
*New Hampshire Timberland
Owners Association*



From January 1, 1952
to January 1, 1953

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The New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association consists of twenty-four listed members.

The total acreage of the Association which was under protection in 1952 was 605,000 acres.

REPORT

Season of 1952

The past forest fire season was one of the most difficult ones we have had to contend with for many years. Rainfall records indicate that it was one of the driest on record for forty years. In spite of these extremely hazardous conditions our fire record was unusually good, with the single exception of the fire on North Bald Cap in the township of Success. This was caused by lightning and burned for approximately six weeks under the most difficult and trying circumstances occasioned entirely by its inaccessibility.

The patrol work of the Association proves its worth each year on both fire prevention and suppression. Our patrolmen carried on worthwhile fire prevention for woodsmen, fishermen and hikers, and our records indicate that many small fires were extinguished by these men without any outside help whatsoever.

The airplane was used rather extensively this past season by timberland owners and suppression agencies to check areas which are not generally accessible to our patrolmen particularly where we had as much lightning as we had this past summer with little or no rain occurring during these storms. It is believed that greater use can be made of this device particularly during high hazard periods.

There is a need for greater coordination between our State Forest Fire Agency and the Association, and it is believed that once radio equipment is made available to our patrolmen that this cooperation can be very greatly intensified.

Our suppression experience on the North Bald Cap fire proved also that we lack manpower, equipment, and supervision on a fire of long duration. The suppression of the ordinary forest fire is handled very efficiently and very economically by volunteer help, but where a fire extends beyond twenty-four or forty-eight hours, the fire crews and motor-

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ized equipment need to be replaced and maintained, and this proves to be difficult and very costly. This Agency together with the State Forestry Department should develop a fire plan and organization to meet extraordinary situations such as we experienced this past summer.

The Association distributed this last season 3,000 bumper signs "Stop Woods Fires" which we believe were extremely helpful and should be continued again this next season if the membership approves.

The Association has operated again on the basis of 1¼c per acre assessment. By wise planning, it may be possible to carry the patrol program again this coming season on the same basis. Our responsibility, however, is to operate as economically as possible, keeping in mind that our principal function is to carry on as effective a forest fire patrol program as is possible by coordinating our efforts through the medium of an Association such as this.

C. S. HERR, President

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PATROL ROUTES

TOWN	No.	ROUTE
Pittsburg	1	Indian Stream and Perry Stream
	2	Cedar Stream
	3	East Inlet
	4	Smith Brook
Academy Grant Clarksville Skillings Gore and Pittsburg	5	East and West Branch of Dead Diamond (part time patrol)
College Grant Dix's Grant and Dixville	6	Dead and Swift Diamond Valleys
Odell and Stratford	7	Part time patrol
Errol, Wentworth Location, Dixville and No. Millsfield	8	Old and recent cuttings

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Dummer Pond and Little Mills- field Pond	9	Patrolling cuttings (part time)
Berlin and Milan	10	Head Pond, Copperville and Jericho Forest (part time patrol)
Randolph and Jefferson	11	Stag Hollow Valley (part time patrol)
Cambridge	12	Chickwolnepy Valley, Bog Brook and Mollnidgwock Valley
Dummer, Mills- field, Erving Grant and Odell	13	Phillips Brook Valley area
Success, Riley and Grafton, Me.	14	Success Pond Old Railroad and tributaries in cooperation with State of Maine
Gorham and Shelburne	15	Millbrook, Peabody Brook, Lary and Lead Mine Brook. (part time patrol) in dry weather.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT—1952

Association Fire Record for Past Ten Years

Year	Number of Fires	Acreage Burned	Average Acres
1943	7	11	1
1944	14	16	1
1945	6	1	1/6
1946	13	40	3
1947	40	50	1.2
1948	32	751	23
1949	30	101	3.3
1950	19	86	4.5
1951	20	219	10.9
1952	15	130	8.6

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Receipts

Balance, December 31, 1951.....	\$ 2,674.51
Assessments, Season 1952.....	7,618.66
Other Credits	165.72
Total	\$10,458.89
Less Assessments Due.....	6.25
	<u>\$10,452.64</u>

Disbursements

Patrol. Expense (Labor)....	\$ 5,911.97
Tel. Line Repair (Labor)....	115.52
Salary (District Chief).....	250.00
Salary (Secretary-Treas.)	250.00
Tel. Line Repair Expense	45.00
Office Expense	56.05
General Expense	172.85
Advertising	336.88
Liberty Mutual Ins. Co.	32.91
Unemploy. Comp. Fund.....	176.23
Federal Ins. Contri. Act....	97.90
Total	\$ 7,445.31

Balance, Dec. 31, 1952.....	\$ 3,007.33
Audited:	

Harry Kilgore
Howard Woodward

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