

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



From January 1, 1953
to January 1, 1954

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MEMBERSHIP FOR 1953

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

The total acreage of the Association which was under protection in 1953 was 602,641 acres.

REPORT

Season of 1953

Your Association functioned successfully this season again as it has continuously for the past forty-two years.

The benefits of the patrol program were demonstrated in that our fire record in the northern part of the State was extremely favorable in spite of several serious forest fires which occurred in other New England areas. The patrolmen of the Association perform valuable service in fire prevention resulting from their frequent contacts with woods workers, fishermen, hikers and others using our forests during the fire season. In many instances they have also succeeded in suppressing small smoker and lunch fires before they required the time and expense of suppression equipment and crews.

The Association continues to enjoy very excellent cooperation with the State Forestry Departments in both New Hampshire and Maine. We do cooperate very closely with both of these State agencies and the very satisfactory results are evident. We have been exploring periodically with the State agencies the possibilities of a much closer relationship through the use of radio. If the Association patrolmen were equipped with radio it would enable them to keep in touch with the towers, and through the towers to the overhead fire suppression organization. It is earnestly hoped that such a facility can be developed without the Association's utilizing too much of its resources at the expense of the very excellent patrol program which has been in effect these many years.

The Board of Directors of your Association held three meetings during the year at which the work of the Association was reviewed and consideration given to other matters, such as the timber tax, which are vitally important to the economy of the area in which the Association operates.

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The Association has been operated again on the basis of 1¼c per acre assessment. We have been able to maintain the efficiency of the organization at this rate and, by wise planning and efficient use of our limited manpower, retain at the close of the season a satisfactory cash balance. It is imperative that we have such a balance in order to meet the extraordinary expenditures occasioned by an extremely hazardous period without increasing the assessment to the landowner members.

Your Association functions without any overhead charge for the reason that your officers and directors serve without reimbursement for time and travel, and this interest in itself is one of the principal reasons why the Association operates as efficiently and effectively as it does.

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, No. Cambridge	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
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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Association Fire Record for Past Ten Years

Year	Number of Fires	Acreage Burned	Average Acres
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
1953	34	103	3.0

1953 Suppression cost.....\$5,360.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—1953

Receipts

Balance, December 31, 1952.....	\$ 3,007.33
Assessments, Season 1953.....	7,596.82
Other Credits: Brown Company.....	242.32
Dartmouth College	242.32
Me. Forest Service	552.06
Total	\$ 11,640.85
Less Assessments Due	121.25
	\$ 11,519.60

Disbursements

Patrol Expense (Labor) \$	6,416.11
Tel. Line Repair (Labor)	232.00
Salary (District Chiefs)	500.00
Salary (Sec.-Treas.)	150.00
Tel. Line Repair Expense	272.85
Office Expense	71.50
General Expense	168.75
Advertising,	50.00
Liberty Mutual Ins. Co.	36.15
Unemploy. Comp. Fund	197.05
Federal Ins. Contri. Act	109.46
Federal Excise Tax.....	21.89
Total	\$ 8,225.76
Balance, Dec. 31, 1953	\$ 3,293.84
Audited: Harry Kilgore	
Howard Woodward	