

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



From January 1, 1954
to January 1, 1955

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Bath, N. H.
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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 1954 was 604,938 acres.

REPORT

Season of 1954

The Association completed forty-three years of continuous service this past season. This Agency has been a factor in fire control work in northern New Hampshire all these years. It is a thoroughly serviceable organization and operates with little or no fixed overhead, largely through the cooperation of the landowners members.

Last year in conjunction with our annual meeting we sponsored a fire training program in cooperation with the State Forestry and Recreation Department. All volunteer leadership in Coos County was invited to the training session and remained for the annual banquet of this organization. It brought about a better understanding between the large timberland owners and the fire wardens and their deputies, and will be continued again this year.

The abnormally high precipitation throughout the entire season minimized the forest fire problem to a point where it ceased to exist for a large portion of the season. It was necessary, however, to organize our patrol-

men in order to meet any situation which might arise, although these men were hired late in the season and released early in the fall. On this basis of curtailed operation, we were able to operate the Association on the basis of 1c per acre and still leave the Association with a substantial cash balance.

The Association continues to be active on problems which are allied with fire control and conservation work, and our officers and members have appeared on behalf of legislation which we felt would be mutually beneficial.

The cooperation of the Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont forest fire services has been excellent and has contributed to our worthwhile program, and we are grateful, likewise, for the loyal and faithful service performed by our seasonal patrol employees.

C. S. HERR, President

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PATROL ROUTES

Connecticut Valley.

Town and Patrolman	No.	Route
Pittsburg G. Rancloes I. McKeage	1	Scott Bog, East Inlet
Clarksville H. Haynes	2	Smith Brook
Stratford and Odell F. Holden	3	Cedar Stream
	4	Nash Stream

Androscoggin Valley

Shelburne. Success,		Lead Mine Brook Mill Brook
Riley, Me. R. Peabody	1	Lary Brook Ingalls Brook (Part time)
Success,	2	Joint Patrol
Riley & Grafton P. Roy		$\frac{1}{2}$ -State of Maine $\frac{1}{2}$ -Timberland Owners

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Cambridge and East Milan A. Day	3 Bog Brook Chickwolnepy Mollnidgwock
Dummer, Mills- field, Odell and Erving's Grant D. Mycko	4 Phillips Brook
Millsfield, Dixville G. Garrow	5 13-mile Woods Big Millsfield Pond and Tributaries (Part time)
College Grant Dix's Grant Academy Grant Dixville	6 Dead and Swift Diamond
Pittsburg S. Brungot	East Branch

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Association Fire Record for Past Ten Years

Year	Number of Fires	Acreage Burned	Average Acres
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
1954	9	9¼	1.03

1954 Suppression cost.....\$85.00

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT—1954

Receipts

Balance, December 31, 1953.....	\$ 3,293.84
Assessments, Season 1954.....	6,207.70
Other Credits: Brown Company.....	122.28
Dartmouth College	122.28
Reuben Washburn	122.28
Me. Forest Service	376.43
Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.....	10.00
Total	<u>\$ 10,254.81</u>

Disbursements

Patrol Expense (Labor)	\$ 4,028.66
Tel. Line Repair (Labor).....	297.00
Salary (District Chiefs).....	500.00
Salary (Sec.-Treas.)	150.00
Tel. Line Repair Expense.....	55.00
Office Expense	63.70
General Expense	337.50
Travel Expense	49.96
Advertising	80.00
Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.....	33.43
N. H. Unemploy. Comp. Fund.....	134.34
Federal Ins., Contri. Act.....	99.52
Total	<u>\$ 5,829.11</u>

Balance, Dec. 31, 1954.....\$ 4,425.70

Audited: Harry Kilgore
Howard Woodward