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Last year we announced through "Protectors" the launching of our program - "The Maine Forest Service Takes a Forward Look". A new governor is now in office and the 103rd Legislature is still in session. It is, therefore, appropriate to present a progress report on our programs, and to bring you to date on some other matters of general interest.

The "Forward Look" program is beginning to pick up speed with hopeful accomplishments scheduled for the next two to three years. Monthly staff meetings were activated last fall and plans were formulated and are continuing in the direction of future planning, programming and budgeting. This re-examination procedure is being handled through several study committees or in combination. These include policy, middle management training, (leadership), paper work, short and long range planning, budgets, publications, new legislation and coordination and cooperation with other federal, state and private agencies.

Governor Kenneth M. Curtis is very much interested in the over-all programs of the Department. This interest is evidenced by recommendations for some new activities under Part II - Supplemental of the 1968-69 Biennial budget.

His Excellency has established a "First" in creating a cabinet of state natural resources department heads. The main objective of these cabinet meetings is to discuss openly and frankly problems and programs of mutual interest. These working relationships are both informative and productive. A number of sub-committee work studies are already under way.

The 103rd Legislature is now in its 23rd week. Forestry legislation of particular interest has the enactment of several bills to provide funds for the Northern Maine Spruce Budworm Control Project using the pesticide D.D.T. Success came only after much debate and acceptance of several conditions before aerial spraying was to start. A pilot study using Zectran on 500 acres will receive special study and hopefully will prove a substitute for D.D.T. in future forest spray operations. Budgets for the coming biennium are in the process of study and review by the legislators.

We continue to hear good reports on our Maine Forest Service wood products exhibit in the Maine Building at "Expo '67". Our uniformed Ranger attendants are doing a good job in selling Maine, along with the other state department representatives. Some of you may have been disappointed in not being selected as one of the attendants. More signed up than was possible to accommodate. We hope you will accept our decision of the screening process.

We will report on other activities in the next issue.

As Commissioner, I would like to close this page with the advice I received when first employed by Neil L. Violette, then forest commissioner in 1929 - "If you please the public you will please me."

AUSTIN H. WILKINS
Forest Commissioner
"Inspected 5 saws, 2 tractors at 2 woods jobs this week. All had approved spark arrestors. One man told me he had bought his muffler the week before. He had been using his saw with no muffler but the ground was getting dry enough to worry him and he had read the laws in his papers and said he expected one of us to come along any day so thought he better have a muffler. I feel sure this law has helped our fire occurrence drop. I doubt if we could have found that many approved spark arrestors on all the woods jobs in Dist. 4 last year."

Vaughn Thornton, District Ranger
Seboomook District - August 14, 1966

"12 or 15 parties at Canada Falls this weekend. Catching a few nice trout and doing a lot of boozing."

Vaughn Thornton, District Ranger
Seboomook District - May 14, 1967

"I was standing by the window with the microphone in my hand when suddenly, out on the porch, I saw a long strip of oaken seemingly leap from between the logs. Looking down I saw that Ol' Adjidauro (that's Injun, honest) the red squirrel was on the other end of the teased oaken rolling it into a ball. Now that, I think was a very unfriendly act. Ol' Adjidauro doesn't seem to care if I freeze or not. If he keeps on with such dastardly acts, next year I'll consider chinking the cabin with red squirrels. The only other visitors I've had so far were my wife and Smokey's grandparents.

Harry Wiggins, Watchman
Moosehead District - May 13, 1967

"Ranger Sargent came in and reported a successful climb for the David Belash party. However they nearly had another tragedy when Mr. Belash slid the entire length of the Saddle in a matter of seconds. There were three in this party and they had crampons, ice axes and ropes. They were not using the crampons or ropes. When Mr. Belash started to slide he threw away his ice axe for fear he would get hurt on it. 9 times out of ten he would have been killed. To cap the climax they all wore their crampons from Chimney Pond to Avalanche Field. On a comparatively level trail. (Maybe the lecture Ranger Sargent gave them had something to do with this.)

Helen Taylor, Supervisor
Baxter State Park - April 5, 1967

"3:45 A.M. was awoke from sound sleep. A red glew was shining in bedroom window. Supervisor Taylor's camp was all afire. By the time I got down there it was to late to save anything inside. As there was a wind blowing I expected all buildings would go, so I started moving Equip. out of buildings and dooryard. I also set up fire pump and put out 200 ft. of hose, but could not get pump started Motor was froze. As there was no radio communications, I left at this time and went to Millinocket Lake and called for help. After returning to Togue Pond I tried to keep fire from spreading to sheds by throwing snow on it. But then the oil tanks and gas tanks blew up and the sheds caught afire. At 5:50 A.M. Rangers Cowen and Sargent arrived. By this time fire was burning it self out. Total buildings lost - Taylors camp and two sheds.

Irvin Caverly, Jr., Park Ranger
Baxter State Park - Jan. 22, 1967
"Landowner representative asked us to check trailer in cuttings at Nash Stream. 251 attempted - but nobody home in daytime. In evening we went back as hunters were then in the trailer. We were invited inside and noticed a Coleman stove being used to heat water on a table in rear of trailer, outside of the trailer on a table. We discussed the permit system and told the hunters you could not issue permit as they were in cuttings. They agreed to use the Coleman inside the trailer and one of them went outside to turn it off. It was dark and I saw a lot of fire lapping the outside of the trailer and said 'I think your chum needs help.' He had pulled the tank off the stove before it was out and really had a fire going. I'm sure this was a real lesson and we didn't have to stress the danger of gas stoves to them".

Duluth Wing, District Ranger
Dead River District - Oct. 18, 1966

"I received 12 mop handles which we can not use. This is the third year in a row that we have received this type of 1 1/4, top grade, ash handles. Too heavy for use as a mop handle, too short for a pick pole handle, too long for a cant dog stock. The G.N.P. Co. will not take them for pulp for they are hard wood. What shall I do with them?"

(Ed. Note: Have you tried the Penobscot Chemical Co. in Old Town? They are buying hardwood pulp.)

Hlon Taylor, Supervisor
Baxter State Park - May, 1967

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STUDENTS ALL!!

Several of our employees are taking advantage of some of the courses sponsored by the Bureau of Public Administration for state and municipal personnel. The University of Maine Continuing Education Division, the Maine State Department of Personnel, and the Maine Municipal Association were co-sponsors.

Those who have completed courses, and certainly deserving of congratulations are:

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We probably should say "Thank You", because surely your gain will also help the department.
In last fall's issue of FOREST PROTECTORS there was an article that started out - "It's always nice to practice what you preach - ", making reference to Walter Gooley's Tree Farm.

This spring the Service Foresters went a little further for their cause and donated money for a scholarship (totalling $200) which was presented to a Junior in Forestry at the University of Maine. The scholarship was presented to Raymond R. McOrmond III, after submitting what was considered the best essay on the subject, "How I Would Promote and Increase Good Forest Management on Small Woodlands in Maine." The scholarship was presented to Mr. McOrmond at the 16th Annual Forestry & Wildlife Dinner sponsored by the Xi Sigma Pi at the Oronoka, on April 18, 1967.

Commissioner Wilkins said that this was a very fine idea and something worth considering by other divisions of the Forestry Department.

Congratulations boys! That's really putting your money where your mouth is.

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CHRISTMAS TREE REPORT RELEASED

According to records in the Management Division the out-of-state shipment of Maine Christmas trees is still on the decline. However, wreath production has increased. Maine growers shipped 278,000 pounds of boughs and 620,000 Christmas wreaths out of state in 1966. Christmas Tree shipment is at a low of 290,000 trees in 1966. The Forest Service believes that it is the demand for high-quality trees that has caused the decline in Maine shipments. The foresters say they have the knowledge to grow better Christmas trees now and if this knowledge is used, Maine could start to regain its importance as a supplier of fine trees.

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SERVICE FORESTER WINS JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (JAYCEE) AWARD

Service Forester Clifton E. Foster of Gray was named the winning Governmental Affairs Chairman among State of Maine Jaycee chapters. Among his awards was an all expense paid trip to the U. S. Jaycee Governmental Affairs Seminar in Washington, D. C. Along with the Seminar, some of the highlights of his week in Washington were an interview with President Johnson, discussion with Gerald Ford, House Minority Leader; Carl Albert, House Majority Leader; Abe Fortas, Assoc. Justice of the Supreme Court; Wilbur Cohen, Undersecretary of Health, Education and Welfare; Dr. William Stewart, the U. S. Surgeon General; four of President Johnson's top aides; Senator Gale McGee of Wyoming; the Maine delegation; and the Russian Delegation at the Russian Embassy.

We agree with Clif that it was an experience he will not readily forget. Our congratulations are extended for his outstanding accomplishments which earned him the honors.

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TREE SEEDLINGS IMPORTED

Trucking trees into the State of Maine seems like hauling coal to Newcastle. That was the comment made when a truckload of 368,000, 3-year-old red pine seedlings came sailing into the state from Havanna, Illinois, 1,700 miles and 30 hours away. That is only part of the order of trees being purchased by the Maine Forest Service to meet a shortage of planting stock. A total of 800,000 red pine seedlings are being purchased from surplus of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and 500,000 white spruce from New York. The Maine Forest Service has total requests for planting about 2 million trees in the state this spring. The trees are supplied at cost to private citizens interested in reforesting their land. 175,000 of the Illinois red pine will go into the barrens of Washington County on land of the Penobscot Development Co.

Ordinarily the Forest Service Nursery in Greenbush can meet the demand for tree seedlings in the state but winter mortality and unusually large plantings the last two years have depleted the supply.

(Photos above show Lloyd Rigby of the State Forest Nursery assisting truck driver Bill Saboski of Mattawam, Michigan, in the unloading of 368,000 red pine seedlings from Illinois. Each bundle contains 1,000 3-year-old seedlings.)

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The Forest Management Division has a new Assistant Utilization Forester in training, and also a new secretary.

The new Asst. Utilization Forester is Hollis A. McGlauflin. Hollis is a 1963 graduate of the University of Maine School of Forestry. He previously worked for the Maine State Park & Recreation Commission as Supervisor of Camden State Park, and as a forester for a Connecticut lumber, pallet and tie manufacturer. He will be working with Joe Lupsha out of the Augusta office.

The new secretary is Norma Brackett. Mrs. Brackett is married and has two children. She is a resident of Hallowell and previously worked at the Stevens School in Hallowell.

Norma and Hollis - WELCOME. We hope you enjoy working with us.
ORGANIZED TOWNS. We have had a very cold, wet spring this year which has seemed to keep down our fire occurrence. We are all thankful of this. Last year we thought that through our publicity campaign we had alerted the public to the hazards of the home incinerator and the town dumps. This spring we are wondering, as we have experienced several fires from both causes. Fire Prevention is a never-ending battle and we must keep the pressure on constantly to get good results.

We have had a number of replacements in our personnel, especially tower men. We have new people on Atherton, Opportunity, Mt. Blue, Blue Hill and Chick.

District Ranger Howard Rowell is retiring after 24 years of faithful service in District #3.

Ranger Bean was promoted to District Ranger and moved to Norridgewock; Ranger Harrington transferred to Newport; and Watchman Reed moved from Medford to Ranger at Enfield. Watchman Copeland transferred from Chick Hill to Medford. We thought then that we were all secure for the season. Then, Ranger Malcolm Lane at Washburn came up with a better job and resigned. His place has been taken by Ranger Linwood Rushinal from Upper St. John District. We hope that this takes care of that for this year.

Many town wardens were fortunate to participate in our forest fire simulator during the month of April. The majority of them liked it and wanted more of the same. A few that I talked with thought it very realistic and really got a kick out of the problems.

Most of the town warden meetings have been held. Unfortunately, I was able to attend only a few because of the Simulator. We did check with town wardens on the new laws, and the majority felt that they were a big help to them.

Kenneth Hinkley, Supv.

DISTRICT #5 CLEANINGS – After a winter of training sessions and meetings, the District was faced with transfer of personnel. Willis Bean assumed the District Ranger position in District #3. "Beanie"and family left among a shower of tears. He and "Lorrie" were "wined and dined" at the "pink" elephant in Brewer just before the final break away.

In remembering requests from Augusta in the past to plan our work ahead, a schedule of work and meetings was set up in March for April and May. This has been good as we knew just what had to be cancelled – which has been the result in most cases.
The weather has been most uncooperative in meeting schedules, although it has provided conditions that have encouraged a mania for grass and debris burning. Inspector Merrill has reported that 90% of the people contacted for inspections know nothing of the law. To date we estimate we could have had 50 court cases if we had been willing to bring the wrath of the neighbors and town officials on our head. Many were border-line cases and a lengthy article could be written about the experiences of the Rangers with these cases. One boy listened to Smokey and then nearly eliminated the Post Office and other buildings in the area with a "small" fire. An elderly man who had burned debris in an open incinerator for twenty-five years nearly burned his home when an escape fire came within 6' of his house. There was another incident where three boys went on a cook-out but it was cold so they built a fire on a barn floor, eliminating one barn and house.

To cooperate with "Art" Randall at U. of M., we scheduled a fire plow and pump demonstration for the Hot Shot Crew. The fire plow behaved nicely under guidance of Lyford Dow and Chief Norman Bussell of East Corinth. However, our pride and joy, the new Mark 3 pump refused to perform. (Ranger Saunders has since removed an offensive piece of metal from carb.)

We have succeeded in causing Albert Turner to lose a four hundred dollar hearing aid. Several of our group have made like a woodchuck to find it but to no avail. Suggestions and names of people with foresight and hindsight will be gratefully accepted. Anyone giving information to recovery will receive V.I.P. treatment for a week, as well as gratitude of Albert.

A meeting of Unit Rangers in the district was held at Medford on May 10, with "Law Enforcement" the theme. A tape recording of this would have been very enlightening. Mulligan stew was served by Chefs Reed and Copeland, with beverages by the expert in that field, Inspector Merrill.

Irvin Caverly

The door on the District #5 Headquarters building serves as a bulletin board during the fire season. District Ranger Irvin Caverly had 6" letters cut out of hardboard and uses them to spell out a message appropriate to the time of year.
NOTES FROM THE EASTERN DIVISION - We had a very good fall as it rained quite a bit during the month of November. This is the time when we have the most of our "hunter" fires in the Eastern part of the Division.

We picked up one 1956 International, 10 wheeler, which we made into a 1000 gallon tank truck with a Mark III pumper. We also put a winch onto this vehicle. This truck went to the St. Croix District. This makes the third one of these we have built up and sent into different districts within the Division.

Also, we remodeled a surplus house trailer into portable fire headquarters. It includes three bunks, a desk, and a folding work table. We hope soon to have a small portable power plant to use on fires.

We also had the usual run of mechanic work which takes place each winter.

Later in the winter the mechanics turned their hands to carpentry and began to build sideboxes on many of our pickups.

Last fall we acquired a piece of ground on top of Almanac Mt. and began to prepare it for a tower. Emery Lyons and his crew also tore down the old tower on Dill Ridge which, after a new cab is built, will go on Almanac Mt. They have built a small camp on the mountain until we are able to build a larger one. This spring they completed the cab and with a little luck and Mother Nature's good will they should finish it.

A new pilot, Glen Sherman, came to work for us late in March. Glen has flown for Holt's Flying Service for some time and we think he will do a good job with the Beaver.

The Work Experience Program men in the St. Croix District have cut 4 miles of brush on the Indian Twp. trails and burned brush. They have done 30 photo display cases, 45 toilets, 85 tables, 200 trash barrels, 150 routed signs, 5 dozen axe handles, snow removal, repair on equipment, and 8 new prevention signs - "Was This Your Carelessness". We also plan to have some of them work through the summer.

WESTERN CHIT-CHAT - Well, the winter wasn't too bad, or was it? The ice and wind took the tower down on Spencer during some of our severest weather. Ed Lambert, Watchman for that mountain, reported the tower was down in the winter. A check by plane verified this. District Ranger Gagnon made a trip to the top to view the damage. The cab that he and his men had replaced last summer was going to have to be replaced again. The steel work was bent at the bottom of the legs. Repairs have been made to the steel and it has been erected again. Don Wilcox and Ken Smith prefabed another cab this spring and as of this writing the boys are in the process of putting this together atop of "01' Spencer".

Our usual Public Lot work went off well this winter with our boys getting much work accomplished. Everett Parsons, Ellery Markey, Don Wilcox, and John Hinkley comprised the crew. Dude Wing helped out in his spare time from other projects. Dude spent time working on new tower maps and finished building pumper boxes for the Division.
Shop work included doing a motor job on a TD 18, that we obtained through excess property. We picked up a tractor and low bed to be stationed at Rangeley and a rack truck to be located at Eustis. These pieces of equipment required a going-over and paint job. Shop crew included Smith, Thornton, Gagnon, Johnson, and Withee.

A training session was held from April 10-14 for all our newer men. This covered Maine Forest Service organizational structure, large fire organization, terminology, reference materials, fire behavior, size up, methods of attack, compass and map reading, thrust line, pumps and scouting.

Regular monthly training sessions start May 10, with Moose River and Parlin Pond Districts participating at the first meeting.

Pilot George Johnson left this morning, May 1, for Wiggins to re-assemble his "helipopper".

There are two of these units in the Western Division being used experimentally for work on fire lines and to reduce elapsed time on lightening fires. They have 2-wheel drive, flotation tires, and carry 2 indian pumps, chain-saw, box, radio, axe and shovel.

9TH ANNUAL FORESTRY FIELD DAY

The 9th Annual Forestry Field Day, sponsored by the Maine Forest Products Council and the Maine Forest Service, is scheduled for Saturday, July 15, at the Robbins Lumber Company in Searsmont. The day will feature tours of Lawrence Robbins' sawmill, stave mill and planing mill; a Smorgasbord luncheon at the new district school (build mostly of wood); and tours of plantations and woodlots in the afternoon showing good forest management. Robbins has done a particularly good job of weevil control in his white pine plantings and owns about 5,000 acres of woodland. The public is invited to attend the program.
HOW ABOUT A SPY PLANE SYSTEM?

Sunday, April 30, was the biggest day of the spring so far for blueberry burning in District #4. Towers and all Ranger personnel were kept busy reporting and checking on many burns in mid-Knox and Waldo counties. As our problem last season was primarily fires escaping the day after fields had been burned, on Monday, May 1, an extensive campaign against escaped fires began. Phil Bickford spent 1½ hours flying over the area in a chartered plane. Don Cox, Bob Stephenson, Ken Stairs and myself patrolled the area in trucks and checked out any possibly serious fires that Phil reported.

Because of fire traffic from Districts #1 and #3, we had to go onto Freq. 2 to avoid interfering with them. Also, Phil took one of the multi-use radios with him in the plane and reported it picked up considerable motor noise and that another time he would take one of the old style talkies with the headset.

Our choice of days was fortunate in that visibility from the towers was reduced by haze and smoke from the numerous fields being burned. As a direct result of the Air Patrol we checked out 11 blueberry burns. I checked one crew who were finishing one field and planning to burn another. The crew was small and the area to be burned large so I convinced them they should wait until after 5:00 P.M. to burn it.

Also picked up, as a result of the patrol, was one unsafe incinerator and one permit brush burn with no one attending it.

Word of the patrol got around somehow although we did not publicize it. About ten minutes after Phil was in the air I stopped in to a Knox County Firehouse to check on a permit and the man at the desk said, "I see you fellows are checking by plane. I just refused a permit because I knew you would fly over it and the area is not too safe."

I hope the patrol paid off but that is one of the things we never know. Ironically, Phil landed just after noon and late in the afternoon we had three escaped blueberry burns in the District. Last year, most of our escaped burns occurred between 11:00 A.M. and noon but if we plan another patrol, we will hold it off until later in the day.

Lloyd Shaw, District Ranger
District #4

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The wit was not wrong who defined education in this way: 'Education is that which remains, if one has forgotten everything he learned in school.'

-- Albert Einstein
The spruce budworm control project in the general Oxbow area will be carried out in early June. Most of our staff will be involved in the operation and accompanying surveys. The radio group, some of the Augusta Office staff, and several forest rangers will be called on for help in setting up equipment and in operations. Forest Protection Ltd. will be carrying out an operation in New Brunswick and is assisting us in the supply of insecticide plus providing storage tanks and loading equipment. The operation will be based at Presque Isle Airport.

The Fredericton, N. B. division of the Canada Department of Forestry cooperating with us will be conducting a program of rearing and releasing a parasite of the larch sawfly in June in New Brunswick and Maine. George LaBonte will go to Fredericton to help, while George McGinley will be locating release areas for the Maine colonies and setting up equipment to determine degree of establishment of the parasites. The parasite is a European species which has shown good promise in Manitoba from where transfer material was obtained last fall.

Frank Manning and Maynard Atwood have been building cages for experimental work this summer using trapping as a means of controlling the greenhead fly (a vicious biter) at Reid State Park. Jim Holmes was on potato inspection work this winter. Rex McBreairty worked with field crews doing preliminary work for Dickey Dam. Jim McMullen was with Management Division in which he worked most of the time with Bob Locke at Caribou. John Lavigne was with the Highway Maintenance crews in the Greenville area. All four returned to the insect ranger work in early May.

The forest insect ranger school was held the week of May 8 at the Laboratory with Dr. Brower, Doug Stark, John Coughlin, Hub Trefts, and Dick Dearborn as instructors. Participating in the sessions were Bob Forbes of Fredericton, N. B., and Al Avery of Concord, N. H., who head-up the insect and disease survey work in their respective areas.

John Chadwick and Louis Lipovsky have worked on Dutch Elm Disease assistance programs with municipalities.

Frank Manning is recuperating at home and coming along well, following a throat operation April 21.

Horace Bell retired May 12 after 18 years of service. A testimonial dinner was held during the ranger school (May 9) at which Commissioner Wilkins presented Horace with a Certificate of Appreciation and a pair of binoculars as a retirement gift from Horace’s co-workers.
SMOKEY FIRST OR STATE POLICE?

State Troopers would like to have their uniforms protected by law.

State police sat through a three-and-a-half hour hearing Thursday to get their chance to testify in favor of a bill which would ban all local law officers from wearing uniforms resembling their own.

Maj. Carroll Shaw and Trooper Joseph Bancaster modeled their uniforms for the General Assembly Judiciary Committee and urged passage of the bill to prevent confusion in the public mind.

Opposition to the measure came from Stratford Police. His department had been using the wide-brim hats worn by troopers for more than 20 years in the summer time.

Chief Troland said that his men buy their own equipment and would face heavy expense if the bill were passed.

State Agriculture Commissioner Joseph N. Gill filed a statement opposing the measure also saying Smokey the Bear had beaten State Police to it.

Gill pointed out that forest rangers and conservation officers had been wearing what he called "Smokey-the-Bear" hats well before the snappy headgear was adopted by State Police.

GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS HELPS SOLVE FOREST FIRE PROBLEMS

A review of the forest fire program in Pennsylvania's Scranton District shows outstanding achievement. Fifteen years ago the million-acre District had one of the worst fire occurrence records in the State. Today it has one of the best -- dropping from an average of 190 to 46 fires per year. This, despite the accumulation of a 64-inch rainfall deficiency during the last 5 years.

How did this come about? "Public relations," says Manny Gordon, District Forester. For example, he made over 100 TV appearances, taped over 250 spot announcements for radio, and inserted over 200 news items in the local papers. His foresters talked to thousands of school children, service club members, church groups, etc. The pride that has been instilled into the public has led to their cooperation. This is backed up by an efficient but small fire control staff, good law enforcement, and an alert detection organization.

Ed. Comments: As you know, this is the type of program that we are endeavoring to accomplish - but we have a long way to go before we can hope to reach our goal. TV and radio spot announcements should be increased and maintained to keep the public continually alert, thus perhaps restraining human carelessness.

-- "State & Private Forestry"
(Northeastern Area)
PRESENT AUTOMOTIVE LIABILITY INSURANCE IS INADEQUATE TODAY

Not long ago, a wealthy contractor involved in a serious automobile accident was confronted with a court verdict against him of $250,000. His bodily injury auto liability coverage amounted to $25,000-$50,000.

A millionaire, also involved in a gory auto accident had auto liability coverage amounting to only $5,000-$10,000. This was a tiny fraction of the amount for which he was sued.

These two cases underline the vulnerability of millions of Americans who own automobiles today. They shout a warning to millions of us to take a new look at our present liability coverages to make sure our coverages actually provide adequate protection of our financial resources.

How much automobile liability coverage, including bodily injury and property damage, should you have today? What would be the costs of boosting your present liability insurance?

As one of the nation's 77 million automobile owners, it's likely that you now carry a "10-20-5" auto liability insurance policy, the most popular amount of coverage today. This means that your insurance company would pay up to $10,000 to any single individual you might injure in a car accident, up to $20,000 for all individuals injured and up to $5,000 for any property you damage, such as somebody's garage doors, a neighbors Japanese garden or another person's car.

Offers Facts - But if you are among those who carry only this minimum (required under the "financial responsibility" laws of most states), consider these facts:

The average award for plaintiffs in New York State Supreme Court jury trials has soared from $3,490 in 1940-41 to $13,177 in 1964-65, a jump of 278 per cent. This trend is repeated in state after state and these are only averages. They obscure the mounting numbers of court awards high in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. In very serious accident cases, jury verdicts easily can read $300-400,000.

Could Wipe Out Savings - Clearly, for millions of affluent Americans any serious accident could not only wipe out all accumulated assets but also claim future earnings.

What would be the cost of raising your present auto liability coverage? The following table compares the typical yearly costs of various amount of bodily injury coverage:

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While the typical $5,000 in auto liability coverage for property damage is probably sufficient for most situations, it might not be sufficient if you
accidentally forced a big trailer truck containing valuable cargo or a house trailer or a brand new Cadillac off the road. Here, then, are typical costs of various amounts of property damage coverage today:

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In sum, then, your present liability insurance may not be as adequate as you think. And if it's not, it may also be much less expensive than you think to increase it.

- Bangor Daily News

WARNING - Hazardous Rechargeable Flashlights

Ed. Note: With all the advertising going on about the rechargeable flashlights, I thought you might be interested to learn that they should not be left unattended while recharging. The following article was taken from NFPA "Electrical Notes".

R. L. Church, Inspector of the Fire Prevention Bureau, Tacoma Fire Department, Tacoma, Washington, recently sent us the "before and after" samples of rechargeable flashlights. The Tacoma Fire Department has been called to at least two dwelling fires caused by these hazardous devices.

The imported flashlights have no brand name or testing laboratory label. When the white end section, containing the lamp, is pulled off for recharging, the exposed terminals fit any standard 110/115-volt electrical outlet found in the home. The manufacturer's instructions advise that the battery section of the light be plugged into an outlet and left overnight for recharging.

It is fortunate that in the two Tacoma incidents the batteries were being charged during the day and the fire was quickly discovered when the devices overheated and ignited. The possible results are obvious should one of these devices start a fire during the night, when all members of a family are asleep.

The flashlights are advertised by mail-order houses and are available in many stores. The Tacoma Fire Department has asked wholesalers and retailers to cooperate by removing the flashlights from their shelves. They have also requested that everyone who has purchased rechargeable flashlights not bearing the seal of a recognized testing laboratory to dispose of them or return them to the vendor.

Anyone knowing of other incidents caused by these or similar devices are asked to report the incidents to the NFPA.
On April 29, 1967, the St. Regis Paper Company began a log drive down Old Stream from Canaan Dam in Township 37 to the Passamaquoddy Lumber Company's sawmill in Whitneyville, about 28 miles away. Some 5.5 million board feet of pine logs made their way down this waterway with the help of lumberjacks.

Thousands of people viewed the spectacle from various spots along the stream. Company officials indicated that they were not sure whether there would be any log drive another year and enthusiasts and camera artists took advantage of what might be the last log drive on Old Stream. There was not much of the fancy footwork or log riding of the old-time river drives, but a few pile-ups (as shown below) required the crews to venture onto the logs to free the way.

Because of heavy equipment, today's river drivers do not encounter the hardships that faced the drivers of the past. Radio contacts keep them advised of trouble spots and it is feasible for most crew members to go home at night.

It was expected that the drive would take from 10 days to three weeks to complete, depending on how well the logs rode the river current.
Forest Commissioner Austin H. Wilkins looks on as Governor Kenneth M. Curtis signs a Proclamation declaring Friday, April 28, 1967 as Arbor Day - a day set aside to honor trees and their importance to man in everyday life.

The Governor's Proclamation states that trees and forests have contributed greatly to the economic and spiritual quality of life in Maine for three and one-half centuries, and urges schools, clubs and other organizations to participate in beautification projects through the planting of trees and shrubs.

The 2-year-old tree seedlings in the photo (a spruce and a white pine) are from the Maine Forest Service Nursery in Greenbush. The nursery is the source of from 3-5 million seedlings used annually for reforestation in Maine.

"IN '67 DO AS YOU SAY - KEEP MAINE GREEN EVERY DAY"

The 19th Annual Keep Maine Green Meeting was held at the State Grange Home in Augusta on April 18. Kenneth Hinkley, Supervisor, Organized Towns, gave a talk on the subject of new laws that he felt added to the support of fire prevention efforts. He explained that town fire departments were allowed to collect up to $500 on the cost of fighting fires from the persons responsible, and that the law now permits the Forest Service to close a town dump if it does not meet State specifications.

Mr. W. R. Tikka of the U. S. Forest Service, spoke on progress in fire prevention and control and he showed color slides on developments in fire control and prevention since 1947.
The first sign has been erected in Cherryfield on Route 1 where fire swept through 106 acres of woodland July 17, 1966, costing taxpayers $4,518.40 for manpower and equipment. The price tag on the woodland, which is unusable for years to come is not included in the cost posted on the sign. Other losses to wildlife, feet and shelter, are also to be considered.

A second sign will be erected in the Town of Northfield on Route 192 where 12,062 acres of forest land were burned during a two-week period beginning August 4, 1965 in Centerville. The cost to taxpayers amounted to approximately $280,000. Again, this figure represents manpower and equipment costs involved in stopping the fire.

Additional losses note a sizable cut in local employment for those who would have participated in harvesting the thousands of acres of timber. Also, accompanying setbacks in the local economy are felt.

Davis felt that one factor, together with the new sign, may be favoring the forest service as well as the taxpayer. The Assistant Division Ranger pointed out that the outlook on drying conditions this spring, as compared to last year, has improved considerably in the past few weeks in Washington County due to an extended wet season. Fields are being burned as fire preventive measures and considerable greening is taking place which will cut the fire danger.
LOOK OUT FOR THE STINGERS

From now until the end of October we will have yellow jackets, wasps, honeybees, and bumblebees flying around always ready to defend themselves against attack with the only weapon they have - their sting. If you see signs or hear sounds of bees, move slowly and quietly to least disturb them. Although we may have no interest in bothering them, they don't know it and should we accidentally stumble on one or more of them, "Bang" they'll belt us with all the poisonous venom they can muster.

Now most of us are pretty lucky, we can get a little first aid for the sting and go right back to work - sometimes even joke about how it happened. But, for a great number of people this is not the case. For them a bee, wasp, or yellow jacket sting can be fatal - unless immediate medical attention is forthcoming.

We haven't had a fatality in our Company due to a sting, but to be forewarned is to be fore-armed. Due to unawareness of the danger attached to a sting quite a number of people died who could have been saved by prompt medical attention.

For example: In Michigan, a carpenter died within 20 minutes after being stung by a bee. In New York, a woman working in her greenhouse was stung by a wasp and died enroute to the hospital. A man in Texas was clipping his hedge, and ran into a nest of yellow jackets. He was stung in the neck and forehead. He died five minutes later.

There is no way of telling how many of us are subject to a violent reaction from a sting until it happens.

If you get stung and all you feel is a burning pain around the area of the sting there's no cause for alarm a little First Aid (STING - KILL) will fix you up. But if you begin to feel dizzy and your heart starts pounding wildly and angry red blotches start erupting on your back and shoulders, and your face seems to be swelling rapidly and you feel like throwing up, waste no time in reporting it to your immediate supervisor and "High Tail" it to the nearest doctor's office or hospital. If no transportation is available call an ambulance or doctor and explain the symptoms. The doctor will know immediately what to do.

In the meantime, a tourniquet just above the sting will prevent the venom from being carried through the blood stream. If it is a honeybee sting, the barbed stinger must be removed.

If you find you have an allergy to sting venom it's not necessary to stay home all summer with the windows shut. However, you will find it necessary to take a series of shots to build up an immunity. This to be followed by a booster shot once a month for the rest of the season.

Think over what has just been said, and if you develop any of the previously mentioned symptoms - GET TO THE DOCTOR OR HAVE HIM GET TO YOU. "AND DO IT FAST".

- Bartlett Tree Expert Co.
Foreman's Five Minute Safety Talks
WARM AND UNCOMFORTABLE RIGHT NOW, COUSIN?

WELL, THINGS LOOKED LIKE THIS NOT TOO LONG AGO AND THEY
WILL AGAIN SOON.

This scene is the road to Roaring Brook Campground
in Baxter State Park. Getting to be a busy place in
the winter.