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July 1, 1986 - May 31, 1987

July 1, 1986		Checking Account Balance .	\$ 765.21
	-	Savings Account Balance	8,337.02
	-	TOTAL ASSETS	\$9,102.23

SOURCE OF INCOME/COST	Fiscal 1987
INCOMES:	
Membership Dues	\$17,565.00
Seedling Sales	42,462.29
Annual Meeting Receipts	11,158.00
Caps, Tags, Literature	3 635 75
Earned Interest	1,132.05
TOTAL INCOME	
COSTS:	
Advertising/Public Relations	\$ 2 421 25
Research Projects	0.00
Business Office Contract	4,720.00
Bad Debts/Checks	45.00
Bank Charges	92.27
Mailing Permit	50.00
National Association Dues	45.00
Office Supplies	369.33
Telephone	944.64
Printing and Copying	3,140.92
Postage	
Director's Meetings	224.74
Seedling Purchases	33,734.80
Seedling Transportation	2,749.35
Seedling Refunds	2,870.44
Travel - National Trustee	1,020.00
- President	750.00
Executive Secretary Expenses	700.00
- Mileage	275.25
- Meals	
- Motel/Hotel	0.00
Annual Meeting Expenses	
Bonds and Insurance	40.00
Literature and Tag Purchases	
Refunds – General	327.49
National Association Expenses	0.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00
TOTAL COSTS	
Net Income Over Cost	\$11 176 11

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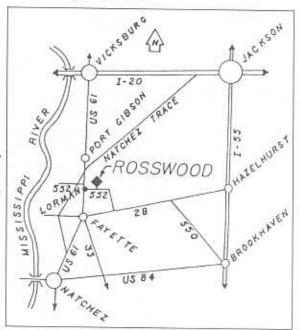
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Captain Isaac Ross, the first owner of the plantation, freed his slaves long before the Civil War, despite widespread opposition and some bitter legal battles. Many returned to Africa and helped create the nation of Liberia, according to documents at Rosswood.

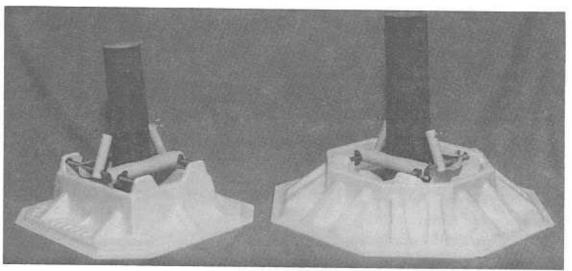
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Eleventh Annual Meeting LA-MS CHRISTMAS TREE ASSOCIATION

The Natchez Eola Hotel Natchez, Mississippi September 18-20, 1987

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7:00 p.m.	TEMBER 18 Registration begins and Exhibit Space open for setup	
8:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting – Eola Hotel Moonflower Room	
	SEPTEMBER 19	
8:00 a.m.	Registration continues at Rosswood Plantation	
8:30 a.m.	FIELD SESSIONS at Rosswood Plantation (see map on back of this page Introduction to Plantation and Operations – Walt Hylander	TENNY DE
	#### = Sessions run continuously ★★★ = Sessions repeated at 8:30, 9:15, 10:00, and 10:45 Look for signs with session name	Colomb Pul
***	Tree Planting and Early Cultural Practices Dr. Robert Parker and Mr. Mark Elliot	
***	Hand Shearing, Pruning, and Setting Tops Dr. Alden Main	Time has +2,
***	Tree Grading and Harvesting Mr. Clarke Gernon	
***	Advertising and Promoting Your Farm Mr. Gerald Garrison	[) Hales
****	Sprayer Calibration, Nozzles, Application Mr. Darryl Rester	1 0 Carch
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11:30 a.m.	LUNCH at Rosswood Plantation	
1:30 p.m.	Visit Exhibits, Vote on Trees and Association Character Exhibits, Coffee and Cokes in Promenade Room Trees on display	
2:00 p.m.	TECHNICAL SESSIONS – Eola Hotel: Esplanade and Marquis Rooms Welcome and Opening Remarks – President Barton Bennett Introduction of Officers, Directors and Nominees	
2:15 p.m.	Status of LSU Research on Rooting and Tree Dormancy Dr. John Toliver	Twitten (
2:45 p.m.	Other Species and Alternative Crops Mr. Lavelle Prewitt	
3:15 p.m.	Insect, Disease, and Weed Control Updates and Recommendations Dr. Pat Cobb, Dr. Don Blasingame, Dr. A. B. Oliver	
4:15 p.m.	Advertising and Operating a Choose 'n' Cut Form	

Harry and Shirley May

Question and Discussion Period

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5:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

SOCIAL - Cash Bar in LePavillion Room (off lobby)

7:30 p.m.

BUFFET BANQUET - in Esplanade and Marquis Rooms

Skit by "The Not Ready for Anytime Players" Announcement of Christmas Tree Contest Winners

Drawing of Door Prizes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:00 a.m.

Non-demoninational Religious Service - Rev. Olyn Roberts

Exhibits Open

9:00 a.m.

ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING

Association Affairs Financial Reports National Director Report

Election of Officers and Directors

Status of Advertising and Promotion Programs

10:00 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION and OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Judging Quality Trees – Contest Tree Characteristics Using Advertising and Promotion Program Materials Grower Certification for Grading – New Concept New Cultural Practices, Equipment, and Gadgets

National Market Situation

11:00 a.m.

RECERTIFICATION for PESTICIDE APPLICATOR LICENSE

For Louisiana and Mississippi Concurrent with General Session

12:00 noon

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- Vernon Powell Elizabeth Owner of Powell's Christmas Tree Farm; member since 1977.
- Nash Roberts New Orleans
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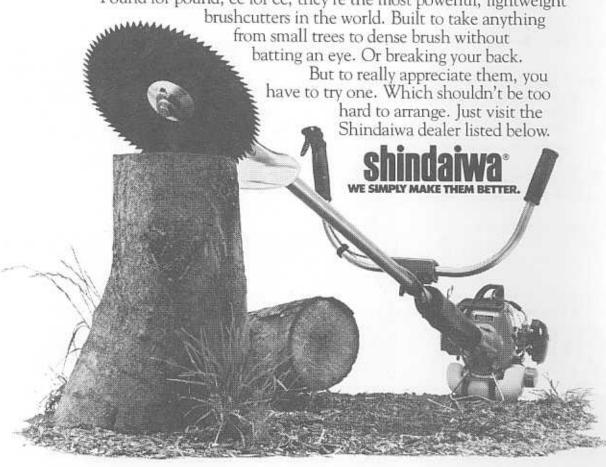
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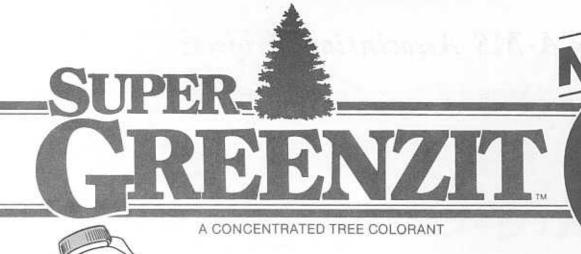


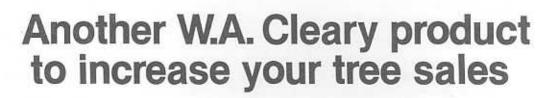
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LA-MS Association Projects

Your Association has been very active during the last year in projects to benefit our members in growing and marketing quality trees. For additional information about the projects discussed below, contact the Business Office or the people mentioned.

The Association has funded research at LSU on rooting Virginia pine cuttings and inducing dormancy in trees prior to harvesting, and at MSU on needle cast. Dr. John Toliver has had moderate success rooting cuttings with commercially available compounds. Clarke Gernon designed a root pruning machine and is working with Dr. Jim Chambers on procedures and times for root pruning trees to induce early dormancy prior to harvesting. Dr. Don Blasingame found that needle cast spores are being released 12-24 hours after a rain, beginning in early winter. Complete research reports and grower recommendations will be given during the Technical Session.

We have contracted with The NewMark Company and Garrison and Associates of Baton Rouge to conduct mass media advertising and promotion programs. Ray Barnett of The NewMark Company has developed eleven candidate caricatures for an Association Logo, which you will vote on during the Annual Meeting. Gerald Garrison will develop advertisements for the printed media and hopefully some television spots. The basis of the promotion program will be fresh, locally grown trees; such as "Look for the La-Ms (logo character) as your assurance of a fresh, locally grown tree." Kevin Steele and his committee are working on a Grower Certification program that will train growers to grow quality trees and grade their own trees. Growers who receive the training and pass the grading test will be "certified" to use Association Grade Tags, which will be required on all trees sold of USDA Grade 2 and better. The grade tag will identify the Association, grower (by Certification number), and tree grade, and will provide information on how to make inquiries.

The Association now prints approximately 4,000 Choose and Cut Brochures for each state. Members who pre-register for the Annual Meeting will be given 4 free brochures when they present their "brochure check." The brochures will be sold for approximately \$0.25 each to members and sent free to news media, county agents, and other information sources.

We also contributed to the national meeting of Agricultural Communicators in Education, participated in NCTA legislative work, and agreed to pay a portion of the printing cost of a new publication on Christmas Tree Insects.

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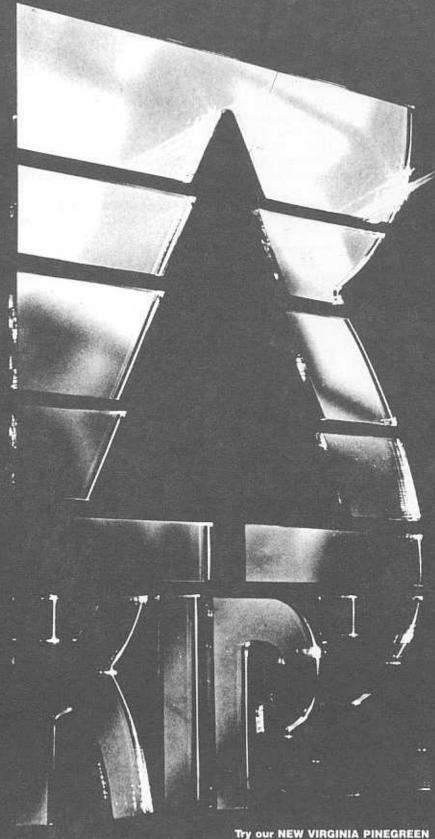
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