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January 4, 1962

Mr. George Romeiser
Southern Hardwood Producers
805 Sterick Building
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear George:

This morning I talked with Professor John Moore, now director of our lumber archives, and he is not interested in making any sort of address; if I am right in what you are looking for, he wouldn't quite fit in anyway.

Dr. Nollie Hickman knows more about lumber history than anyone I am acquainted with. He grew up working in the lumber camps of south Mississippi and his people have been lumbermen for years. Back in the 1940's he came to Ole Miss and received his master's degree, with a thesis written under my direction. After that he went to the University of Texas where he obtained his doctorate. I don't know of a harder working and more deserving man in the teaching field.

About the time of your meeting (March 22, I think) Hickman's book MISSISSIPPI HARVEST should be off the press. It is an excellent book and has, as I remember it, 16 pages of pictures of lumbering in Miss. Hickman is now a professor in a Louisiana college. I think that he might well be interested in addressing your group and I think he would do a good job. You might emphasize to him, if you decide to write him, that you are interested in the lighter side of lumbering, that you want him to entertain above everything else.

His address is 3808 Grammont
Monroe
Louisiana.

You might, of course, get Elwood Maunder, director of the Forest History Society, who is an excellent speaker. He's a real live wife.

Hope this helps you.

Sincerely,

James W. Silver