

Aldo Leopold
Madison, Wisconsin

9/13

dear Mrs Schmidt -

I couldn't find you when time
came for me to leave the party.

The visit with you was a real treat. Possibly
we may, at times, disagree with means, but I am
convinced we shall never disagree on ends.

I now realize, with regret, that I have
not kept you posted on what my outfit is
thinking and doing. I am sending you* reprints
of some recent papers, and shall see that you
get them currently hereafter.

Some day I'd like to show you my "farm".
Also, when you are in Madison and have a
spare evening, I wish you'd give me a ring.
Mrs. Leopold and I would like to see you at
our house.

Yours

Aldo Leopold

* separate cover. Also the money you loaned me

Aldo Leopold
Madison, Wisconsin

Nov 20

Dear Mrs Schmidt -

I'm glad to hear from you
and to know you have started a "letter". Sorry
but there isn't a chance of my writing anything -
I been concentrating on a paper of my own for
six months and the way it eats time is
incredible.

Wehrwein is finishing his study of the
Forest Crop Law and the Dept is making some
head way in drafting the forest cutting bill.

Hope to see you again one of these days

Yours ever

Aldo Leopold

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

COLLEGE OF  AGRICULTURE & MADISON

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

December 3, 1946

424 UNIVERSITY FARM PLACE

Mrs. Max J. Schmitt
1912 North 84th Street
Wauwatosa 13, Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. Schmitt:

Perhaps your friend is confused as between professional training ~~and~~ forestry at a forestry school, as distinguished from non-professional instruction in forestry.

There seems little point in starting a new professional school at Wisconsin when it is generally agreed that there are already too many, and that the ones that now exist could be made a lot better.

On the other hand I think there is a very strong need for instruction in forestry, especially for farmers and future county agents in the agricultural college. No such instruction is now offered, but the need for it is almost obvious. Such instruction could be offered with or without a professional school.

There is a still further need in Wisconsin for forestry research. As you know, the Agriculture College has done a lot of this, especially in soils, but there is room for a lot more. If your group is considering some kind of student aid, I would suggest you attach it to graduate student research in some Wisconsin forestry problem. It doesn't matter to what school the student is attached. Such a fund could be administered by a competent committee. Arrangements would be in the hands of Noble Clark, Director of the Agriculture Experimental Station. Should you wish to press the matter, I would get in touch with him.

I am returning the letter which you sent. With personal regards, and hoping that Mr. Schmitt is better.

Yours sincerely,

Aldo Leopold

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Aldo Leopold
424 University Farm Place
Madison 5, Wisconsin
July 8, 1947

Mrs. Max Schmitt
1912 N. 84th St.
Wauwatosa 13, Wisconsin

Dear Aroline:

I will be at the meeting in Milwaukee July
12, 2 P.M. and I am much pleased that some-
body has the gumption to call it.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours as ever,

Aldo Leopold

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GIFFORD PINCHOT
MILFORD PA

1615 Rhode Island Avenue
Washington 6, D.C.
October 26, 1943

Mrs. Max J. Schmitt
Wisconsin Chairman, Forests
1912 N. 84th Street
Wauwatosa 13, Wisconsin

My dear Mrs. Schmitt:

Please forgive my delay in answering your letter of October 13th. I have been traveling about.

I am, as you know, deeply interested in forest conservation and in the spread of the practice of forestry throughout our woodlands. And I am naturally interested to know that an organization like "Forests" has been started for that general purpose.

Two items, however, in the statement of doctrine which you were good enough to enclose, raise serious questions in my mind. By this statement "Forests" is opposed to an increase of Government ownership of forest lands. I am very vigorously in favor of such an increase.

Again I believe "Forests" is entirely and diametrically wrong in its statement that there is no other effective way of keeping forests protected than to keep them in private ownership. Not only our own experience in America, but also the experience of the whole world is directly against any such conclusion. The fact is, and my half century of contact with American forestry abundantly confirms it, that the only permanently safe forest is a forest under Government control.

That control, in my opinion, should be Federal and not State. Having been for two years in charge of the State Forests in Pennsylvania, and for eight years Governor of that State, which was among the first of all the States to establish an organization for the promotion of forestry, and having had long experience with the methods of other States in dealing with their forest lands, I am completely convinced that Federal regulation of cutting on private lands is the only regulation that will keep them safe.

Because the American Forestry Association recently took a position against Federal, and even against State, control, I was obliged to resign from it. Consequently, you can see, I am sure, how difficult it would be for me to support any organization which takes the stand set forth in the "Forests" statement, if I have correctly understood it.

Sincerely yours,

Gifford Pinchot