

Mully, Billie Taylor die

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the founding of Trees for Tomorrow on a snowy February 29 in

Mrs. Taylor was found in a upstairs room by firemen responding to the call about 7 a.m. The body of Mully Taylor was found in upstairs bedroom. It is believed smoke from a basement fire reached the upstairs room both were killed by the deadly effects of smoke inhalation and only Mrs. Taylor was strong enough to try but failed to get out of the house to summon

The Taylors have always maintained their home in Merrill, the hometown of both of them, even though they lived most of the year in a home on Catfish Lake while both worked at the Trees Camp.

They resided most of the time in their Merrill home after Mr. Taylor retired with the occasion marked by retirement testimonial dinner in which forestry and state dignitaries spoke. But they maintained the Catfish Lake property.

Speakers at the retirement dinner in 1975 included Lieutenant Governor Martin Schreiber. Many outdoor writers, newspapermen and other media covered the event due to the widespread appreciation of the work done by Taylor and Trees for Tomorrow. The career of the Taylors was widely reported upon and both received many honors and acknowledgements.

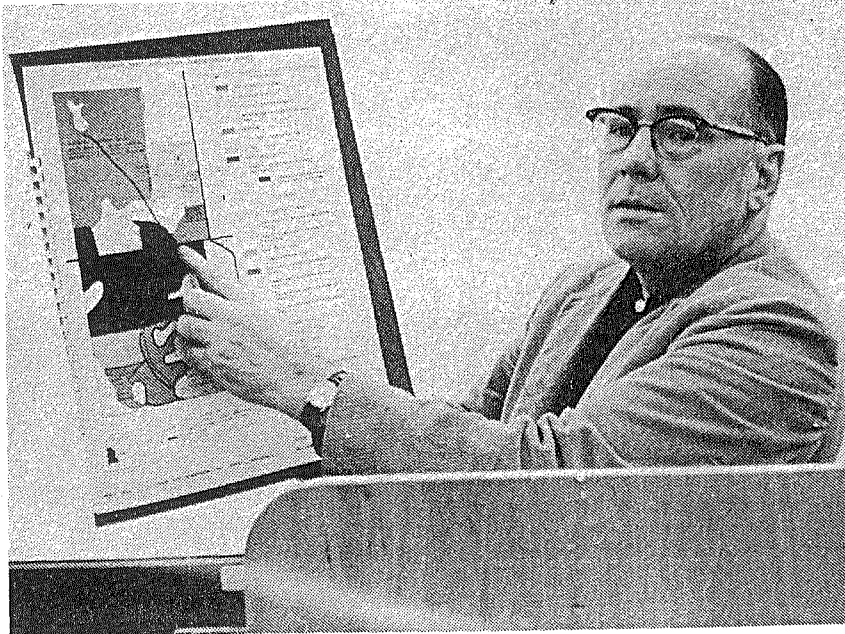
Mully Taylor was born May 29, 1911, in Merrill, son of a river log skinner. He started work in a planing mill in high school at 75 cents a day, seven days a week.

He once told a reporter that "I learned more bumming around on skis than I did in school."

It got him to the West and woods. He took construction jobs and worked a spell as a seaman on a boat to Alaska. He said he went to the University of Idaho because it did not charge out-of-state tuition. After college he worked at the Chicago City News Bureau before the Merrill Herald hired him as a sports writer. He stayed there as a reporter and ad salesman for ten years during the Depression era.

Taylor, who at the time was advertising manager for the Merrill Herald, was given the job of organizing the "Pulpwood Goes to the Sea" campaign as its secretary.

He did such an outstanding job Wisconsin's late conservationist, Ernie Swift, once said, "that even had preachers pleading for



Mully Taylor in a typical role — standing at the podium in the administration building of Trees for Tomorrow giving a talk on forest management and preaching the gospel of reforestation. He gave his message to thousands who attended workshops and conferences at the environmental center in Eagle River.

Society of American Foresters, women's clubs, Future Farmers of America and 4-H. And in 1966 he was named Wisconsin Conservation Educator of the Year.

"The thing, is," Taylor said. "Trees for Tomorrow alone couldn't do it. It captured the imagination of the people that here was a resource — idle land — that could be made productive with the social as well as the economic importance in mind. We were a catalyst."

The "we" of course, were Billie and Mully, though Mully was always the most obvious in his public role.

Billie discussed many of the Trees Camp projects with Mully and joined in the social hosting of many visiting groups. She graduated from Stevens Point State College and taught for a number of years. Her father operated a bookstore in Merrill.

Billie particularly loved Merrill and their big home there which was on the Centennial tour stops in Merrill last year.

There are tens of thousands of trees, many of them now mature, and many already cut and hauled to paper mills in the state, that may never have been planted if it had not been for the Taylors.

Recognizing the Taylors in the autumn of 1975, a tree was planted on the lawn of the State Capitol in their honor.

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three, six and nine-dog classes with each team running the three, six and ten-mile courses respectively. Time from the first day of racing will determine the racing order for Sunday's championship heats. Combined times for the two-day event determines the winner. A guaranteed \$2,000 purse will be divided among those who place first, second and third in the six and nine-dog classes. The best nine-dog team receives \$500.

The snowshoe race will kick off the other Winterfest '84 events, Saturday at 10 a.m. Snowmobile baseball will get underway at 2 p.m., February 25. Saturday night the Winterfest dance will run from 8 to midnight with the poster contest award presentation and cash giveaway to take place during the dance.

Sunday's activities will get underway with an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast at the Sayner Recreation Building. Topping the menu will be good old fashioned flap jacks, sausage, juice, coffee and applesauce. It'll be served from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. with cost for adults at \$3.50 and for children under 10, \$2.50.

Snow volleyball will begin at 11 a.m., Sunday, with judging of the snow sculptures set for noon. At 1 p.m., the cross country ski race will

Senate paper con

The state Senate Wisconsin's paper con reprieve on water-pollution dioxide emissions which linked to acid rain. utilities, however, did reprieve. The Senate overwhelmingly Tuesday utilities to reduce the next year.

The compromise engineered by Governor Earl — was approved the Assembly on a 31-

"Simply because the companies are the largest in the state does not give them the right to pollute the state," said Joseph Strohl, D-Racine. However, there

Simpson military a

For the second year Simpson Electric Company operates plants through North Woods, has been by the Department of quality excellence.

The company has a the C.A.P. (Contract Program) Award from the department for their a the quality of the element it provides to the

The award is given to a few of the many defense who meet rigid standard field performance and delivery. Of more than companies evaluated f

Recycling di

Do you ever get en garbage day as you take a bag of trash to the dump? Would you like more of the things you use? If so, a new book a DNR could be your ticket to your wasteful habits.

"Recycling Market sin," is an up-to-date listing a wide range and community organizations to collect, buy or process materials.

The book lists recycling, so you can easily

wood from their pulpits." ...
 Mully added: "Mully was a ...
 grown product of Irish extrac- ...
 who as a boy had seen millions ...
 of pine logs come down the ...
 Wisconsin River with the spring ...
 and like other milltown kids ...
 run logs on the 'hot-pond.'
 He had served apprenticeship as ...
 camper in logging camps and rid- ...
 a side door Pullman to the West ...
 coast."
 Bands played and VIPs flocked to ...
 a hawk for the pulpwood ...
 up that Taylor and the com- ...
 were promoted. Some 125 ...
 truckloads of logs rolled into town, ...
 called Taylor's wife, Billie, who ...
 the years was his working part- ...
 She helped with such things as ...
 "Tree Tips" newsletter.
 ... on a campaign for ...
 planting trees to replace those cut?" ...
 someone had asked.
 So the victory committee evolved ...
 Trees for Tomorrow, Inc., ...
 formed on snowy February 29, ...
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 backing. They selected as their ...
 headquarters a CCC complex in ...
 Eagle River.
 Landowners were offered two ...
 seedlings for every tree cut. Boy ...
 scouts joined the effort. Fishermen ...
 took seedlings along to the ...
 bookside.
 Altogether, 23 million trees were ...
 distributed or machine planted as ...
 for Tomorrow helped 12,000 ...
 landowners manage 370,000 ...
 He had the first tree planter ...
 machine in the state and helped ...
 a lander set up Wisconsin's first ...
 school forest.
 The environmental center in ...
 Eagle River opened in 1945 with 40 ...
 teachers attending and Taylor as ...
 walking boss and bull cook."
 Since then, over 125,000 students, ...
 teachers, bankers, printers, ...
 publishers and foresters have come.
 Taylor's work brought awards ...
 from three governors, the ...
 legislature, U.S. Forest Service,

Outdoor writer Jay Reed of The Journal Staff in his personal column once wrote: "Don Trenary, my old boss and former editor of The Journal Men's Section once told me that if I wanted to meet a great man, I should get off my duff and run up to Eagle River and meet 'Mully.' I did and Trenary was right."

After the visit Reed wrote: "The thought, however is that Mully Taylor has beaten to the punch those of us who would do him honor now. He built his own monument, you see, in the hearts and minds of those who came to his camp in Eagle River. His monument already stands out there where the wind whines around and through Wisconsin's great outdoors."

An editorial in the News-Review when the Taylors retired, commented: "The Taylors are the prime reason Trees for Tomorrow was founded. They have dedicated the major portion of their most productive years to its development and direction. They have been amazingly successful."

In addition to the planting of trees through their efforts, they planted in the hearts of many young men and women who attended workshops at Trees for Tomorrow a seed of love for the forests and northern Wisconsin. And in later years they returned as tourist visitors — a boost to the economy of the northern counties. The Eagle River area was greatly benefited by the work which continues.

The present director of the still thriving camp, Henry Haskell, said "Our friend and founder, Mully Taylor, will be missed. More than anyone, Mully guided conservation thought and practice in Wisconsin. He fired Wisconsin residents with the idea that planting tree seedlings was the way to rebuild the state's natural resources, so vital to its economy."

The last major public event in Eagle River that the Taylors attend-

begin and awards for all the weekend of events will be distributed about 4 p.m. Sunday.

Two races will make up the Nordic events with a 10 km (6.2 miles) and a 5 km course for skiers to test their racing skills with a men's and women's class — youth, 15 and under; and adults, 16 and older.

Pre-registration is requested. Snowshoe and ski racers may register until one hour prior to race time. Fees are set at \$5 for adults (\$7.50 the day of the race) and \$2.50 for youngsters (\$5 the day of the race).

Trophies and t-shirts will be awarded to those finishing first through third in each classification.

ed was the national CCC convention in Eagle River last September. He was given the last of many state and national honors when he was presented a citation on September 17, 1983, for his work at Trees for Tomorrow. The Forest History Association of Wisconsin gave him its Distinguished Service Award. It referred to his pioneering contributions to conservation education.

Services for the Taylors will be Wednesday, February 22 at 11 a.m. at St. Robert's Catholic Church in Merrill.

The Taylors are survived by their three sons, Dennis, Bob and Dick.

Man's inability to understand woman wouldn't be so bad if women didn't understand men either.

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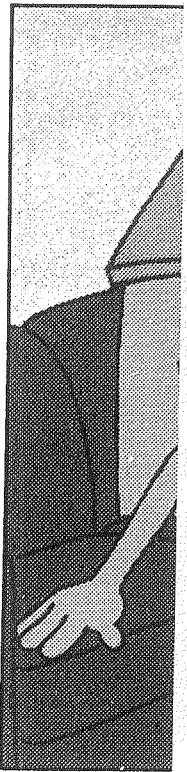
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