



(photo: Earl Spencer)

T.R.H. The Prince and Princess of Wales with the oak they had just planted at Althorp.

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A NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A few weeks ago at the Centenary Conference on "Forestry and Conservation" I urged that during the term of my Presidency we might all place emphasis on the more sympathetic treatment of our limited land resources. I hope that as we move into 1983 we will all be considering ways in which this might be achieved. The Centenary Conference made a good start in building bridges between foresters and conservationists. We need to achieve a greater consensus of opinion between the various groups concerned and to find ways of avoiding the antagonism that so often occurs. I hope that we can make it our business to achieve real co-operation between a profitable forestry industry and the fundamental care of the countryside.

We are now half way through the United Nations Environment Programme Year "For Every Child a Tree". I have just provided land in my own Duchy of Cornwall for each child in a Devonshire primary school to plant and look after a tree. I think it would be a marvellous thing if we could aim to get more children interested in planting trees and looking after them. It would help children both to understand something about trees and about caring for them. And later they can take their own children back to see and, perhaps, admire the fruit of their labours. A lot of the conflict that goes on over the countryside might be avoided if children could begin to learn more about it from school age and growing trees can be a very rewarding experience for the young. I hope that we might make some progress with this in the coming months.

I should like to wish all members of the Royal Forestry Society a very happy and prosperous 1983.

Charles

President.