

Letter To The Editor: Forest Products Week Is Set For Quick Results... Try A Herald Classified

Many of the things we all use in our daily lives come from trees: lumber for houses, newsprint for our newspapers, and chemicals which are used in products ranging from toothbrushes to football helmets. In recognition of our nation's dependence on forest products, a joint resolution of Congress has requested a Presidential proclamation designating the third week of October (beginning this year on October 18) as National Forest Products Week.

And our nation's demand for wood-based products is increasing. The U. S. Forest Service predicts domestic demand for wood and wood products will double in the next 50 years. As the post-war baby boom generation enters the housing market in the 1980's, the demand for housing will be unprecedented, and ninety per cent of all single-family detached dwellings are built of wood.

Demand for softwood timber is projected to increase by 82 per cent by the year 2030, hardwood by 220 per cent. At the same time demand is going up, land available for forests in

the United States is declining. Approximately one million acres of commercial forest land are lost every year to suburbia, agriculture or other uses.

The projected increased demand and the decreasing land base point out the need for getting maximum use from the land available for growing trees. Also, it takes a long time to grow a tree. In order for our nation to have adequate supplies of wood to meet the increased future demand, forest owners must manage their land today.

To meet the long range increased need the forest industry is looking south. The South has the ideal climate and soil conditions in addition to having two hundred million acres of commercial forest land available for timber production.

Almost three out of every four of those commercial forest acres in the South are owned by private, non-industrial landowners. Experts say the key to meeting our nation's projected increased demand for wood and wood fiber lies in convincing the two million southern forest landowners that it is in their

interest to manage their land.

Forest management is a broad term which includes practices such as: eliminating deformed or diseased trees to give healthy trees more room to grow; in pine stands, a carefully controlled burn of accumulated leaves, branches and brush on the ground, so they won't be there to fuel a wildfire; protecting hardwood stands from fire and grazing so they can regenerate; and harvesting when the trees have reached maturity.

Forest owners who manage their land are not simply trying to solve our nation's potential timber supply problem; they have a variety of personal reasons why they utilize forest management.

For some, it's an investment. A new investment tax credit enables landowners investing in trees as a crop to recoup their investment much sooner. Landowners can now recover all planting costs, up to \$10,000, within seven years of planting, as opposed to waiting until the harvest - 30 or more years later.

Some forest owners manage their land to provide food and shelter for wildlife. Following a timber harvest, green forage, fruits, berries and weed seeds are frequently abundant. Each phase of a forest's growth produces its own combination of wildlife food and shelter.

Managed forest land provides excellent recreation areas for hunting, camping and hiking, and for the enjoyment of being outdoors.

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Illness Claims Mr. Stallings

HOBBSVILLE — James Wilbert Stallings, 60, died Saturday night at 9:10 o'clock in the Chowan Hospital following a long illness. He was a native of Gates County.

Mr. Stallings was the son of the late James L. and Mamie White Stallings. He was retired from the U. S. Navy after 20 years of service, a former employee of the Massey - Ferguson Tractor Co. of Suffolk, Va. and Lipton Tea Co. of Suffolk, Va. He was a veteran of W.W. II, a member of the American Legion and member of the Sandy Cross Baptist Church.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Warwick Swamp Baptist Church. Rev. Bobby Hewitt officiated. Burial followed in the church cemetery, with military honors.

Mr. Stallings is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Pat (Josephine) Ward, Route 1, Tyner, and Mrs. Mildred S. Chappell of Edenton; two brothers, David Lee Stallings of Ft. Smith, Ar.; and Wayland Stallings, of the home.

Twiford Funeral Home in Gatesville was in charge of arrangements.

Watercolor Art Exhibit Currently On Display

The fourth in a continuing series of traveling art exhibits from the N. C. Museum of Art has been placed on display at College of The Albemarle.

Pam Whitley, exhibit coordinator at the college, invited the public to view the 18 watercolors by Hobson Pittman. They may be seen in the lobby of Building A on the North Road Street campus throughout the month.

Pittman, one of the state's leading artists, bequeathed the watercolors to the museum at his death in 1972. The exhibition consists mainly of coastal scenes and still lifes. With the exception of two early works, they

were rendered between 1956 and 1969.


The artists was born in 1900 on a plantation at Epworth. In 1906, his family moved to Tarboro. He moved to Bryn Mawr, Penn. in 1918, and resided there until his demise.

Pittman made his first trip to Europe in 1918; one of several study tours which were undertaken in the years that followed. Upon his return, he became director of art at an Overbrook, Pennsylvania school. He also became a faculty member at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, and taught at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

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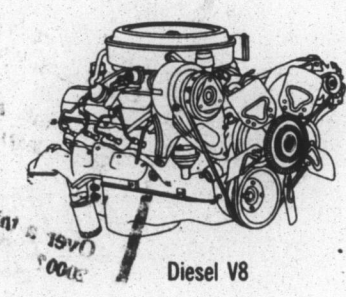
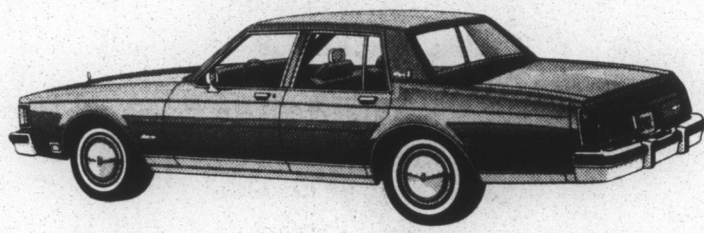
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