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COMMUNICATIONS

Editor the Bulletin:

Last night I listened to a radio broadcast discussion over WORD concerning the recent assignment by the FCC of TV station authorization to cities in this area.

rom this discussion it appears that one VHF outlet has been assigned to Greenville, S. C., two to Columbia, S. C.; one VHF outlet to Asheville, N. C., while no VHF outlet has been assigned to Spartanburg, S. C. Spartanburg has, however, been assigned UHF cutlet which has, according to those discussing the subject, a limited effective range of 12 miles. The VHF has an effective range in a direct line of approximately 100 miles.

The Spartanburg C. of C. and other interested parties are now trying to get the FCC to re-assign to Spartanburg one of the two VHF outlets now assigned to Columbia. Many good reasons were advanced as to why this re-assignont would be logical and would brd better TV distribution for me TV audiences in this area.

Since I believe that Tryon is very much affected by the FCC assignments above mentioned it is suggested that the voice of Tryon be added to the voice of Spartan-burg in their effort to obtain a VHF outlet in that city.

As vou know, we are now limited to TV reception from Charlotte, and since we are situated in the "fringe area" of that station, reception is not always satisfactory.

A glance at a map of this section will show that because of the nearby mountains which lie to the north and west, south-west of Try-.... Continued on Back Page

POLK COUNTY HAS 93,000 ACRE FOREST

By B. H. Corpening.

The North Carolina Division of Forestry in cooperation with the county protects the forest land of Polk County from forest fires and offers forest management advice and service to landowners in carrying out good forest practices

on their forest land.

In Polk County there are about 93,000 acres of forest area. This land although privately owned is of value and importance to every citizen of the county and protection from fire, disease, and insects is essential. Also proper management is highly desirable in order to have available a close and sustained supply of lumber products for local use. Other benefits every person in Polk County enjoys is the watershed protection, hunting, fishing, hiking, and the aesthetic values which the forests give to the general public.

This past summer improvement work in the county consisted of construction of a new towerman's cabin on Tryon Peak and the improvement of roads in this area. The road was extended from the Skyuka Road to the tower site. Although it is steep, in dry weather this road is traveable and offersexcellent view of a big portion of Western North Carolina surrounding Polk County. The old road extending east from Howard Gap to within approximately 1-4 mile of Tryon Peak tower was improved and made passable as an access road to this area.

For efficient forest fire control work, rapid travel time is of first importance. Cooperation of land-Continued on Page Two