

CCC Camp In Experimental Forest Does Valuable Work

(Continued From Last Week)
The tour of the Coweta Experimental Forest made recently by a number of Franklin citizens, at the invitation of the CCC committee of N. C. F-23, encamped in the area, was one of great interest, including one of the less known scenic drives of the many beautiful excursion trips in Macon county.

The view from the highest point on the Pickens Nose road—built by the CCC boys—of mountains to the south, both Nantahala, and mountains in Georgia, was unusually beautiful.

The work carried on in this experimental forest, as part of the National Forest program in Macon county is of especial value to the government. The CCC activities in this area are carried on under Forest Service supervision, much of the work being done by the CCC enrollees.

"There is 20 years work right here in the experimental forest yet to be done," said Camp Commander Alexander, "but in view of the program of National Defense, nothing can be stated definitely as to the duration of the present projects." He stated that the enrollment term is for six months, for young men between the ages of 17 and 23. These have the privilege of re-enrollment. However, certain key men are retained for several years, good cooks and craftsmen, for instance, and those skilled in special work that is necessary around the camp.

Commander Alexander explained the various activities of the camp besides the projects mentioned. Important among these are fire fighting, the Wayah repair shop of the Nantahala Forest Service, wood-working in the camp craft shop and camp caretakers.

Educational Program

It was explained that the entire personnel of the camp worked together to correlate both educational and vocational activities. The camp's staff officers and subalterns—assisted by the camp physician, Dr. Charles Rosenstock—have a share in the regular teaching curriculum directed by the educational advisor. The boys receive training according to their need in literary and vocational subjects. These include citizenship, health and safety.

Camp Has High Record

Mr. Jones, who directs the enrollees in the work in the Coweta experimental forest, gave the record of the camp since January 1, 1938 to the present to be 88,113 man days' work registered on the projects, with only 153 man days lost by accident.

Local technicians and foremen employed in connection with the camp include Leonard Edwards, Carl Cox, L. B. Buie, W. R. Waldrup, J. H. Allport, Gilmer J. Setser, W. G. Stewart, Ezra Constance, George E. Brown, G. O. Glance and J. R. Scott. Miss Nora Leach and E. A. Snyder, WPA adult teachers, assist in the educational program.

Nantahala National Forest

Did You Know That



There are estimated to be 193 deer on the Wayah Bald Game Management Area—more deer than all the other game management areas within the Nantahala National Forest.

This herd of deer was considerably reduced about a year ago when an unknown disease killed off over 60 of the herd. Sixty bodies were found by the Game Wardens. Since this epidemic, the herd has been doing satisfactorily and it is expected will multiply up to its former population of nearly three hundred.

Deer can frequently be seen in the early morning hours along the Wayah Bald Road.

Another favorite spot for deer in Macon County is at White Oak Bottoms on the Nantahala River in the Standing Indian Game Refuge. A field has been planted to rye for deer feeding purposes, and deer can be seen at practically any hour of the day peacefully cropping the rye. As many as five deer have been seen at one time in this field.

Deer are on the increase within the Game Management Area of Macon County, due primarily to the effective service given by the State Game Wardens.

Rev. J. L. Stokes II To Preach In Charlotte

The Rev. J. L. Stokes II will leave after his morning service next Sunday to preach at the Mecklenburg county Methodist Young People's inspirational conference in session at the Dilworth Methodist church in Charlotte, at 7:30 p. m.

Lake Emory

By MRS. O. V. MINCY
W. C. Hyatt has been improving for the past week from a serious case of influenza.

Beauford and Clyde Downs made a business trip to Asheville Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones from Gay, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Shields.

Mrs. Dee Buchanan is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Wiley Sellers.

Rev. Lee Crawford will speak at the Ridgeway Baptist church Saturday evening, March 8, at 7:30 p. m.

Milton Buchanan has returned to his home after spending two months near Atlanta.

The W. M. V. monthly meeting was held at Mrs. Ethel Thompson's Monday afternoon.

Ellijay

By MISS HAZEL AMMONS

We are glad to report that the people of this community who have been confined with influenza are able to be out again.

Mrs. L. F. Shook and Mrs. Lester Mincey visited Mrs. Fronia Dunn Sunday.

Misses Hazel Miller and Virginia Keener of Gniess visited Emma, Hazel and Sara Ammons Sunday. They also attended the Sunday school at the Ellijay church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rogers of Buck Creek have returned to their home at Buck Creek after a month's visit with their son, Kermit Rogers and Mrs. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Elliott and family of Rabbit Creek visited Mrs. Elliott's sister, Mrs. Charlie Moore Sunday, February 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Edison Ammons of Mountain Grove visited Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ammons Sunday.

Misses Hazel and Sara Ammons, and Misses Mildred and Nina Mashburn attended the funeral of Arlie Hedden of Gniess February 26.

Bill Haskett who is in the CCC Cove's Creek camp is at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Haskett.

Bill Rankin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rankin of Mountain Grove, is a patient in Angel hospital with pneumonia.

Drive On Right Side Of Road

Failure to obey what is probably the most elementary of all traffic rules—driving on the right hand side of the road—accounted for 1,189 accidents on North Carolina streets and highways last year, the Highway Safety Division reported this week.

Despite the fact that every driver in the state is presumed to know that it is unlawful to drive on the wrong side of the road, this one violation was noted last year in 886 property damage accidents, 550 personal injury accidents, and 123 fatal accidents, Safety Director Ronald Hocutt pointed out.

And this driving on the wrong side was exclusive of driving on the wrong side while engaged in passing other vehicles, a variety of wrong-side driving which accounted for a good many other traffic fatalities.

"It is a shameful commentary on the driving habits of North Carolinians that more than a hundred fatal accidents occurred on our streets and highways during 1940 as a result of driving on the wrong side of the road," Director Hocutt said. "Practically every school-boy knows that in this country, at least, one is required to drive on the right hand side of the highway, and every driver most certainly should know this. Furthermore, every driver should obey this rule at all times, not only because it is the lawful thing to do but also because it is the safe and sensible thing to do."

"Think of it," Hocutt said, "more than one hundred North Carolinians who were killed last year might be living today but for the fact that some North Carolina drivers would not stay on their side of the road!"

"Don't straddle the center line. Stay on your side. Be a safe driver!"

MEAT

Prices received by American farmers for meat animals and livestock products averaged about 2 per cent higher in 1940 than in 1939, reports the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

MUGGS AND SKEETER



Steel Cavalry Bounds Into Action



Speed shot at Camp Holabird, Maryland, during tests on new Light Reconnaissance and Command Cars for United States army. They carry machine gun and crew of three men at approximately 60 miles an hour. Can climb steeper hills than tanks. The Ford Motor Company, which built the ditch-jumper shown above, has an army order for 1500 of these units.

This Week In Defense

Production and delivery of material and equipment to the armed forces includes the following report of progress:

Medium and light tanks, "a little ahead of schedule"; small arms and ammunition, "satisfactory" with ammunition "better than expected"; planes, "improving" although "large-volume production has not yet been reached."

President Roosevelt asked Congress for \$150,000,000 for "community facilities" where the defense program has caused sudden population increases.

Defense Housing

U. S. Housing authority announced that 1,424 of the 19,500 homes for defense workers being built under its jurisdiction to house 65,189 workers are either occupied or ready for tenants.

Priority Ruling On Aluminum, Etc.

Priorities Director Stettinius directed producers of machine tools and aluminum to give preference ratings to all defense orders and Defense Commissioner Elliott advised consumers to purchase substitutes for aluminum household hold products. Among "highly satisfactory cooking utensils" of material not affected by the defense program are enamelware, flame-proof and heat-proof glass, cast iron and earthenware, Miss Elliott said.

Deputy Production Director Batt stated that the United States must forego the production of "electric toasters, typewriters and passenger automobiles" in favor of the "sinews of war."

Expert Control

The President extended the export licensing control system to include, among other essential defense materials, beryllium, graphite electrodes, aircraft pilot trainers, sole leather, belting leather, and the drugs, belladonna and atropine.

Materials For Defense

The President made public official estimates showing steel production facilities will be adequate to meet all demands of civilian and defense consumers in the United States and friendly nations abroad. The Office of Production Management started surveys of nickel and tungsten supplies to serve as a "statistical basis" for possible future priority action.

Selective Service

The War Department announced that between 130,000 and 150,000 selectives will be called for service in March placing the Army's strength above the 1,000,000-man mark. Approximately 105,000 of the new selectives will be assigned to the Army's new replacement centers—and the others will be directed to existing Army and National Guard units.

Welfare And Recreation

The Army announced plans for seven recreational areas in the Gulf Coast region for soldiers on leave from nearby camps. Bathing beaches, golf courses, tennis courts, dancing facilities, open air movies, deep sea fishing will be provided in these areas, the Department said.

Nurses And Technologists Needed

The War Department announced it is building a reserve of medical men and women with the cooperation of the American Red Cross, contestants may choose any one of the five breeds to write about on the following subject: "Why Dad Should Keep Purebreds, and Why He Should Keep....." The last word of the title may be either Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernseys, Jerseys, or Holstein-Friesians.

Winning essays in the circulation area of the Southern Planter will be entered in a national contest, and the national winner will receive, in addition to his or her registered bull calf, an all-expense trip to the National Dairy Show to be held at Memphis this fall.

Cowee

The following Cowee boys leave for service to our country: Jack Mason, who joined the navy, left for Norfolk, Va.; R. L. McGaha, who joined the army, is at Fort Moultrie, S. C., and will soon leave for Panama Canal Zone.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shelton and son left Sunday for Asheville where he has a position with the Farmers Federation.

Vinnie Holbrook is employed in Pearl's Cafe in Franklin.

The senior class of the Methodist church will entertain the young people of the Baptist church with a social Saturday night at the home of Mrs. Edwards.

On February 28, 1941, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Cage celebrated their thirty-second wedding anniversary.

Mrs. J. L. Bryson, who has been sick is improving.

Theodore Raby is still improving.

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