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Forest Service Helps Send Wood To War

Federal, State, Private Cooperation Shows Results

With all employees' present energies directed to forestry projects supporting the war effort, the Southern Region of the United States Forest Service this week entered upon its eleventh year of operation.

The Region, which embraces eleven States south of the borders of Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri and Kansas, was established on July 1, 1943, with headquarters in Atlanta, under the administration of Joseph C. Kircher as Regional Forester. Mr. Kircher has served in that capacity to the present time.

One of the most important present activities of the service is making timber available for the heavy demands of war. The records show a steady increase in the amount of timber cut from National Forest lands. Whereas timber cut from these lands in 1934 had a sales value of \$360,000, the value of the 1944 cut is expected to reach \$3,000,000. Twenty-five percent of the income from timber sales from the forests is returned in lieu of taxes to the counties in which the land lies for use in their school systems and the maintenance of public roads. An additional 10 percent of the income is used for the building and maintenance of roads and trails on the forests.

As another war activity, the Forest Service is administering the Timber Production War Project, set up at the request of WPB to assist timber growers, naval stores producers, and lumber and pulp mills in producing supplies for war.

Dramatic figures attest the growth in scope and efficiency of the Forest Service in the Southern Region: In ten years state and private timber acreage under fire protection in the South has increased from 47,500,000 acres to 81,000,000. National Forest acreage increased from 4,560,000 to 9,086,000. Administrative costs in 1934 were 15 cents per acre against an income of 7.9 cents per acre while 1944 estimates indicate a return of 34 cents per acre against a cost of 25 or 26 cents. Annual cut on National Forest lands is budgeted to keep it below the rate of annual growth. Cooperation between Federal, State and private agencies has worked toward improvement in culture, marketing and fire protection of the forests and wood lands of the South in the past ten years and even greater development is expected in the decade to come.

REACH 18TH BIRTHDAY DURING MONTH OF JUNE

The following boys reached their 18th birthday during the month of June and registered for Selective Service:

Cletis Everett Gibson, Clyde Dover Lakey, Clarence Levi Crane, Wint James Duvall, Gilmer Harry Henson, James Luther Henry, Roy Mack Cabe, George William Clouse, William Herschel Talley, Edward Bryce Ramey, Jesse Samuel Cunningham, Troy Lennis Gregory, James Furman Allen, Bobby Fouts Sutton.

DEMOCRATS TO MEET IN PRECINCT CONVENTION

E. W. Long, Democratic county chairman, has announced that the Precinct Convention will be held on July 8 at 10 a. m.

The purpose of this convention to elect delegates for the County Convention which is to be held Saturday, July 15 in the Courthouse to nominate the county ticket.

BROYHILL INFANT DIES IN STATESVILLE

Friends in Franklin will regret to learn of the death in Statesville of the infant son of Lieut. and Mrs. Fred T. Broyhill. The child lived only a few hours after birth. Mrs. Broyhill was the former Miss Catherine Sherrill, and taught in the Franklin public schools. She is making her home with her parents in Statesville for the duration. Lt. Broyhill is with the invasion troops somewhere in France.

DR. NOBLE Y. BEALL



Dr. Noble Y. Beall, of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, who is guest preacher at the revival services being held at the First Baptist church.

American Legion Elects New Officers

The American Legion met on June 12 and the following new officers were elected.

Commander, Lon Dalton; Vice commander, Bill Waldroop; Vice Commander, W. R. Cunningham; Vice Commander, Sam Murray; Adjutant, A. R. Higdon; Finance Officer, A. R. Higdon; Service Officer, Tom J. O'Neil; Sergeant-at-Arms, Charles Phillips; Chaplain, Fred Horne; Child Welfare Officer, Sam Murray; Graves Registration Officer, Sam Murray; Employment Officers: Gilmer A. Jones, Tom Moss, John Wasilik, Jr.; Membership Chairman, John T. Franks.

V. G. Barnett Claimed By Death

Victor Grant Barnett, 81, died here Thursday morning. He had been in ill health since coming to Franklin in April of this year.

A native of Hartford, Conn., Mr. Barnett came here from St. Cloud, Fla., where he and his wife had been making their home.

Mr. Barnett's early life was spent on the farm and later spent a number of years in the hardware business in Arkansas, before he retired about 20 years ago.

The body was sent to Hartford, for funeral services and interment.

Surviving besides the widow, the former Miss Melissa May, are one sister, Mrs. J. B. Rogers, of Urbana, Ill., and one brother, U. C. Barnett, of Little Rock, Ark. Also a number of nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Barnett plans on returning to Franklin for the summer months.

Annual Field Mass To Be Held At Cliffside

The Annual Field Mass of St. John's Catholic Parrish will be held, weather permitting, in the open Amphitheatre at Cliffside Lake near Highlands, Sunday, July 9, at 11:00 a. m. The Rev. Hugh P. Kennedy will conduct the services. The general public is invited to attend.

An Altar has been erected in the Amphitheatre by R. V. Erk, president of the Erkerath Corporation, Waynesville. Music will be provided by the choir of St. John's church, under the direction of Sister Mary Anthony, Mus. D.

The religious service will be followed by a basket lunch picnic at which swimming, boating and games will be featured.

Those who desire transportation to the event are asked to contact with Rev. Hugh P. Kennedy, chairman of the Field Mass committee.

Pvt. Harry E. Conley Wounded In Action

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Conley of Cullasaja, have been notified by the War Department that their son, Pvt. Harry E. Conley was wounded in action on Blak Island on May 29. He entered the service in June 1943 and sailed for New Guinea last January.

NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM



BROTHERS NOW OVERSEAS



WARDEN D. RUSSELL



SIMPSON S. RUSSELL

Cpl. Warden D. Russell, and Cpl. Simpson S. Russell, sons of Mr. John M. Russell of Cullasaja, are now serving overseas. Warden, who entered the service in June 1941, has been overseas in the Pacific area since December 1943. Simpson entered the service in December 1941 and has just recently arrived somewhere in the European area. His wife, from Hot Springs, Ark., is spending the duration with her father-in-law at his home on Cullasaja.

RECEIVES PURPLE HEART



1st Lt. Charles M. Hunter, son of Mrs. Pearl Hunter and the late Nichols J. Hunter of Lynchburg, Va., has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action May 31. Lt. Hunter is Company Executive on the Anzio beachhead sector.



Pvt. Wymer J. Gibson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Gibson of Cullasaja, has landed safely overseas, according to a message received by his wife. He entered the service in November, 1943. Prior to his induction he was manager of the Champion Shoe Shop in Franklin.



Pvt. J. C. McCall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy McCall of Franklin, has landed safely overseas, according to word received by his wife, the former Miss Annis Nichols.

Cadet Albert L. Ramsey, Jr., of the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., spent a 10-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Marmsey of Iota.

Pvt. Don Cabe, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cabe of Otto, recently spent a 13-day furlough at home. He entered the service May 17, 1943 and took his basic training at Camp Hulen, Texas. He has been stationed at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, for the past two months. Before entering service he was a student at Western Carolina Teachers College, Cullowhee.

Macon County Exceeds War Loan Overall Quota

Employment Ceilings Announced

All North Carolina employers are authorized to accept their employment figures as of April 1, 1944, as their temporary employment ceilings, in the new War Manpower Commission order establishing such ceilings, effective July 1, pending formal establishment of ceilings by the area manpower directors, announces Dr. J. S. Dorton, State manpower director for North Carolina.

Employers desiring further information or clarification should contact their local United States Employment Service or any of the area directors, as follows: Mason E. Swearingen, Caswell Building, Raleigh; P. M. Grandjean, Security Bank Building, High Point; R. B. Justice, Wachovia Bank Building, Asheville; Mrs. Fay D. Harmon, 204 Coddington Building, Charlotte; Henry I. Shepherd, 407 Southern Building, Wilmington; P. B. Pollock, 149 North Market Street, Washington, N. C.

Catholics To Hold Open Air Meetings Here Next Week

For the third consecutive year, three members of the Catholic Evidence Guild, Rosary College, River Forest, Illinois, will conduct a series of open air meetings in Franklin next week.

The meetings will be held on the Chamber of Commerce lot each evening at 7:45 and will continue for an hour. Following brief talks by the girls, a question and answer forum, presided over by the undergraduates, will be conducted. Everyone is cordially invited to attend and no collection will be taken.

Accompanied by two Dominican Sisters, Sister Veronita and Sister Marie Willia, the undergraduate girls who will speak in Franklin next week are Betty Ryan of Chicago; Mary Virginia Doyle of Rockford, Illinois; and Helen McGrath of Akron.

HEDDEN PAROLED BY GOVERNOR

Theodore Hedden, convicted in Macon in 1942 of manslaughter and sentenced to seven to 12 years has been paroled by Governor Broughton, according to reports received yesterday.

But E Bond Quota Still To Be Met By Saturday

Latest reports on the Fifth War Loan Drive show that Macon county has exceeded the overall quota of \$188,000 by a slight margin. However, of the E bond quota of \$144,000 only \$48,000 has been subscribed according to the official report from the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond last week. Approximate reports this week indicate that the amount of E bonds is substantially larger, but still far under the quota.

Henry W. Cabe, county War Finance chairman and Gilmer Jones, Fifth War Loan chairman, stress the fact that in past drives the E bond quota has been met without difficulty and they see no reason why we should not go over the top again, but we have only a short time in which to do it.

The sales of F and G bonds have been much better than usual due to the increased interest of the business firms of the county.

The following is a message from Miss Nora Moody, chairman of the Women's Division of the War Finance Committee: "I regret to inform you that there are more than half the stars missing on the Star honor board. This means that more than half our fighting men have not been backed with war bonds by the homefolks. It means that the homefolks haven't as much as \$18.75 to help Uncle Sam put ammunition in the hands of our men who are fighting for our protection.

"Am I wrong in such supposition? I hope I am. Maybe you are not acquainted with the Star Honor board, and have been buying bonds all along during this Fifth War Loan drive. Then come in the Bank of Franklin and watch those who are acquainted with it. See how they scan the names looking for the one of their son, husband, brother, or sweetheart. They seem to find comfort in seeing that name, buying a bond and placing a star by it. There is love and pride registered on their countenance. It's one of those things that make life worth while even under the

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5th War Loan

By Gen. Ike Eisenhower

"In moments of crisis involving the safety of our native land, the American people have invariably rallied against the danger with courage, faith and resolution.

"For the past two years we have been in one of these crises, perhaps the greatest in our history. On the battlefield and on the home front men and women are daily making great sacrifices so the freedom in our way of life may be preserved.

"There is now in progress the 5th War Loan Drive to raise money so as to insure that this conflict will be brought to the speediest possible conclusion and with the least loss in lives. The complete success in the drive will meet the acclaim of the forces in the field and will be renewed proof that all Americans are one solid phalanx of determination in this great war.

"All of us profoundly trust that soon the world may be restored to a just peace. Until we can, with God's help, bring about that happy realization of our dreams, each of us must seek incessantly for ways and means by which the value of our services to our country may be enhanced. Right now we can do so by buying bonds. Let's make this particular victory a quick and decisive one."



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