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U. S. ASKS HIKE IN PRODUCTION OF ACIDWOOD

Farmers, Woods Workers Are Urged To Cut Chestnut Timber

Farmers and woods workers are being asked to go into the woods with their axes and saws and produce chestnut extract wood so our fighting men will not run low on shoes.

Lack of woods workers producing acidwood is proving a serious bottleneck in the output of extract plants, tanneries and shoe factories, the U. S. Forest Service points out in an appeal for woods labor.

The Forest Service and tanners declare that chestnut extract wood is absolutely essential in making leather for shoe soles and the decrease in acidwood receipts at the extract plants seriously threatens leather production.

Woodsmen say that the old chestnut trees, standing like silent ghosts on the mountains, can't stand for many more years. Killed by a devastating blight.

Shortage of woods labor keeps many of the old chestnut trees from joining the fight against Japan and Germany. The woods labor deficit in the production of vegetable tannin is emphasized in some extract plants that periodically are forced to shut down for lack of wood and by other plants that are running below capacity.

That is why an appeal is being made for farmers and woods workers to boost the output of chestnut extract wood. To farmers, the request comes before crops require their full time.

Timbermen are being urged to obtain contracts from buyers to cut acidwood, or if they prefer, to work at good wages for other acidwood contractors. The Forest Service is encouraging woods workers to cut chestnut timber on the National Forests and foresters are co-operating with the timber operators in obtaining stumpage, in marketing the wood, and in speeding the movement of acidwood to extract plants.

There is an abundance of dead chestnut trees in the Western North Carolina counties. They await willing hands to fell them and work them into acidwood.

ODT Warns Motorists To Have Tires Checked

Failure of commercial motor vehicle operators to comply with regulations requiring periodic tire inspections will adversely affect the claims of these operators for new tires, the District Office of Defense Transportation at Charlotte announced recently.

The ODT warned truck, bus and taxicab operators that General Orders ODT 21A requires all commercial motor vehicle operators to have their tires checked after each 5,000 miles of operation, or after every six months of operation if operated less than 5,000 miles.

Office of Price Administration action lifting this requirement for passenger car tires in no way affects compliance of commercial motor vehicle operators with ODT tire inspection requirements, it was pointed out. Inspections may be made by any agency designated by OPA.

Give to Red Cross

All American Red Cross activities are financed from voluntary contributions and gifts. To continue its work for the next year the Red Cross is appealing to the people for \$200,000,000. This sum will be raised in March. Farmers and others living in small communities have as big a stake in the Red Cross as anyone. The Red Cross serves their boys and girls in uniform. It helps in time of disaster. It teaches home nursing. Its activities include much else of direct benefit to America's farm population. Let's give all we can.

Dr. Walter West

To Speak At Methodist Church Sunday

Dr. Walter B. West, superintendent of the Waynesville District, will preach at the Franklin Methodist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. "Compassion for Others" will be the theme as the congregation takes part in a nation-wide observance of the Day of Compassion to climax the appeal for the raising of \$25,000,000 for postwar relief and reconstruction in the denomination's Crusade for Christ, it was announced by the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, pastor.

The observance of the Day of Compassion next Sunday is the first of Five Loyalty Sundays during the Lenten Season which are to continue through Easter Sunday. Next Sunday every member is urged to be present and to indicate his or her presence by signing a roll call attendance card. Other special days include in the Five Loyalty Sundays are Family Day, Youth and Young Adult Day and Palm Sunday, Mr. Huneycutt said.

Following the service next Sunday morning Dr. West is to conduct the second Quarterly Conference.

Inaugurated four years ago, before the United States entered World War II, the Day of Compassion has been observed annually by nearly 8,000,000 Methodists in more than 41,000 churches, Mr. Huneycutt said. Funds collected in special offerings on these days have been used for the relief of distress caused by war.

"The compassion of our people for the needy folks of this distraught world has been shown by their contributions to the Crusade for Christ Relief and Reconstruction Fund," declared Mr. Huneycutt. "Next Sunday we join with other Methodists in every state to express our compassion for those who need it most—the hungry, homeless and destitute men, women and children of war-torn and occupied countries. In doing this, we remember what was written of Jesus, 'He had compassion on them.'"

March 4 was set by the General Conference of the Methodist Church as the climax of the Crusade for Christ financial appeal, and it is expected by Bishop J. Ralph Magee of Chicago, the director, that the fund will be subscribed by that date. Solicitation of funds officially began last December 1, and contributors have until January 31, 1946, to complete payment.

Feed Wheat To Be Sold Saturday

There will be Feed Wheat sold from the wheat bins, Saturday, March 3. It will not be necessary to come by the AAA office to get receipts since there will be someone out at the bins all day to weigh your wheat and take your money.

Court Of Honor To Be Held Monday Night

District Scout Court of Honor will be held in the basement of the Franklin Methodist church on Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, according to an announcement made by James Hauser, Scout Master.

The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, District Chairman, will be in charge, and the public is invited to attend.

CPL. LEDFORD COMPLETES ORIENTATION COURSE

Cpl. Kenneth D. Ledford, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ledford of Franklin, recently completed an orientation course designed to bridge the gap between training in the States and combat soldiering against the enemy in Germany.

At this Air Service Command Station Cpl. Ledford attended a series of lectures given by veterans of this command which included instructions on chemical warfare defense and pertinent tips on staying healthy in a combat zone.

His next station will be one from which America's fighting planes cover our advance into Germany.

A church-owned forest of 75 acres in New England has netted the church \$4.45 per acre yearly for more than 100 years, without becoming depleted.



NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Sgt. R. L. McGaha Wounded In Germany



Sgt. Robert L. McGaha, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred McGaha, of the West's Mill section of Macon county, was reported by the War Department to be wounded in action in Germany on February 6.

Sgt. McGaha was serving with an infantry unit of the First Army when wounded. He has been in overseas service since January of this year.

Volunteering into the armed forces in February 1941, he received his basic training at Ft. Sumter, S. C. Upon the completion of his training he volunteered for service in the Panama Canal Zone, where he was stationed for 39 months. He was then given a 21-day furlough which he spent with his parents, after which he reported to Camp Butler for further location and instructions. He was then placed in the infantry and given a five-months intensified training at Camp Stewart, Ga., Camp Haan, Calif., and Camp Hauze, Texas, immediately after was sent to overseas duties.

Pfc. Biye, Franklin Colored Soldier, Wounded

Mrs. Octavie Harshaw, colored, of Franklin, received a message from the War Department stating that her son, Pfc. Charles W. Biye, had been seriously wounded in action in Italy on February 12.

Pfc. Biye, who entered the armed forces in 1943, has been serving in the Coast Guard unit. He has been overseas for the past two months.

Pfc. Richard Sloan Back In States

Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. Sloan received a telephone call Tuesday from their son, Pfc. Richard K. Sloan, saying that he was back in the states following several months of overseas service.

On January 10, Pfc. Sloan wrote his parents that he was in a hospital suffering from wounds received on December 24, and this was the first message they had had since. He is expected to be in a North Carolina hospital for a short time, after which he is to have a 30 day furlough at home.

Health Clinic

The regular Health Clinic for Franklin and vicinity will be held the first Monday, March 5, 10 to 12 a. m. and 1 to 3:30 p. m., at the Macon County Health Department office. Services offered include infant and maternal welfare, pre-school children, maternal hygiene, and immunizations.

Baptist Ministers To Meet Monday, March 5

The Macon County Baptist Ministers Association will meet on Monday morning at 11 o'clock at the Franklin church, it has been announced by the Rev. J. F. Marchman, pastor. All ministers of this denomination in Macon county are urged to be present.

Buy more War Bonds now

Wounded in Action



S/Sgt. Thomas McDowell, of the Otto section of Macon county, was reported by the War Department to be slightly wounded in action in France on February 1, according to a message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDowell, of Otto.

S/Sgt. McDowell has been serving with the 142nd infantry in overseas duties for the past two years.

Mr. and Mrs. McDowell have had no further message from their son since he was reported wounded.

Cpl. Shuler Wounded On Luzon Islands

Mr. and Mrs. Jess C. Shuler, of the West's Mill section of Macon county have received a message from the War Department stating that their son, Cpl. George Dover Shuler, had been wounded in action on Luzon on January 12.

Cpl. Shuler, who has been with the military police force, has been in overseas service for the past four months. He had previously served two years in the armed forces and received an honorable discharge in order to do defense work and was later called back to duty in October 1943.

Cpl. Shuler has four brothers in the armed forces. They are Clyde and Paul Shuler, who have returned from overseas service, Furman in the Philippines and Perry serving in the Navy.

Wounded Third Time In Action

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Owenby, of the Nantahala section of Macon county, have had a telegram from the War Department that their son, S/Sgt. Warren G. Owenby, had been seriously wounded in action in Germany on February 8.

This is the third time that S/Sgt. Owenby has been wounded since he has been in action. He received his first wound in July and following his recovery, went back into action, and was again wounded in August. He is serving in the infantry unit.

Pvt. Joseph A. Dills Loses Life In Belgium

Pvt. Joseph A. Dills, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Dills, of the Nantahala section of Macon county, was killed in action in Belgium on January 6, according to a message received by his parents recently.

Pvt. Dills entered the armed forces on December 16, 1942 and took his basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., Camp Polk, La., Camp Pickett, Va., and Fort Knox, Ky. He was serving with an infantry unit and had participated in battles in Germany and Belgium. Prior to entering the armed forces he was employed in timber works.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Mae Martin, of Fairview and Nantahala; the parents, four brothers, Earl, Glen, Arch and Emmett Dills, of Macon county, and two sisters, Mrs. Ollie Wykle and Mrs. Eller Denny, also of Macon county.

Federation Stockholders Held Meeting Wednesday

Lord's Acre Movement To Celebrate 15th Anniversary

The 15th Anniversary meeting of the churches in the Lord's Acre Movement, under the auspices of the Religious Department of the Farmers Federation will meet at the Central Methodist church in Asheville on Thursday, March 8, at from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m., it has been announced by Dumont Clarke, head of the movement.

During the morning session, Dr. Arthur Wentworth Hewitt will speak on "People of the Country Church—Build for a New World." Dr. Hewitt is a nationally known author of a number of well-known books and is a very entertaining orator.

Also instructive and inspiring testimonies, pageant of the Lord's Acre Movement and the singing of familiar hymns will also feature the morning's program.

During the afternoon session an open forum will be held on "The Country in the Post-War World." Taking part in the discussion will be Rev. Harold Hammer, of New York; Rev. E. Dargan Butt, Tennessee; Dr. J. M. Carr, Appalachia, and James G. K. McClure, of Asheville.

Admission will be, by ticket only, until 9:55, then the doors will be open to all. Tickets may be obtained through your pastor, without charge. This will be a great meeting for the country church members, to which they are all invited.

James G. K. McClure Guest Rotary Speaker

James G. K. McClure, president of the Farmers Federation Cooperative, speaking before the Rotary Club Wednesday night, urged the people of Franklin to help the Federation find new sources of income for Macon county people. He was introduced by H. H. Gnuse program chairman.

It has been the policy of the Federation since its beginning 25 years ago to be on the watch for new opportunities, he said. He suggested that handicraft industries might be started here to supplement the farm income.

He pointed out that the Asheville Tobacco Market paid more than four million dollars to farmers of Western North Carolina for their 1944 crop. Many more Macon farmers can share in this cash income if they wish, he said. He added that the production of Turkish tobacco might be built into a great new cash crop here.

"Farmers who have no allotment for growing Burley can now grow a crop, pay the ten cent penalty to earn their allotment, and still make a fine profit," he declared.

Lions Club

Holds Rummage Sale And Entertain Visitors

The Franklin Lions Club made \$108.78 at its Rummage Sale held Saturday afternoon, February 24. Rummage was donated by Lions and their friends. Ben McGlomery, auctioneer, sold every article of 150 donated. Values received for individual articles ranged from a low of four cents to a high of \$7.25.

President Claude H. Bolton advises that it is impossible to announce with certainty at this time the exact uses to which this sum will be put. He points out that the Club currently sponsors numerous charitable activities. A recent audit of books indicates that since July 1, 1944 the Club has contributed \$356.85 to various worthy causes. All moneys so contributed were raised through the efforts of Club members, rather than by solicitation.

At its second regular meeting of the month, held at the Hotel Montague the evening of February 26, the Franklin Lions Club entertained as dinner guests Joel Adams of Franklin, and visiting Lions Jennings A. Bryson, Ray Orr, John E. Hennessy, and A. H. Bryson of Sylva; and J. L. Woody, W. T. Hyams, C. F. Platt, C. C. Wright, C. A.

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Officers Elected; 25-Year Development Traced By President McClure

A large delegation of Farmers Federation stockholders met at the Franklin warehouse Wednesday, elected Carl Slagle for another two-year term as director, reappointed the Franklin warehouse committee with the addition of Adrian Howell, heard an annual report by James G. K. McClure, Federation president, and enjoyed coffee and doughnuts.

Mr. McClure announced that the Franklin warehouse did a business of \$102,584.16 during 1944. The Federation as a whole did a business of \$3,674,801.03 during the same year, he said.

He traced the development of the Federation since it began with a few farmers in the Fairview section of Buncombe county 25 years ago. One of the objects of it, he said, is the development of new sources of income for the farmers, and as examples he told of the development of the Asheville Tobacco Market and the Federation poultry and egg program.

Urges Farmers to Grow Burley

The Asheville Burley market has become the top market in the United States as far as high prices paid to farmers is concerned, he pointed out, and has passed the four million dollar a year mark. He urged that more Macon farmers grow burley, predicting that the high prices will continue for several more years.

At present prices, he said, farmers without allotments can grow burley, sell it at 45 cents to 50 cents a pound, pay the ten cent per pound penalty, and still make good money. Then, the farmers will automatically have an allotment for future years.

Mr. McClure predicted also that poultry and eggs will bring good profits this year. He based his prediction on conversations with government men, he explained.

S. C. Clapp, Farmers Federation Horticulture specialist, spoke on the high quality maintained by the Federation in seeds, and explained the co-operative system whereby all who trade in Farmers Federation stores can share in the profits or savings made by the Federation. Coupons are given with each purchase, he said, and these, if turned in at the end of each year, earn dividends for the farmers. The dividends are paid in stock, which in turn draws interest.

Ransom Ledford, manager of the Franklin warehouse, and Harry Thomas, assistant manager, made short speeches of welcome to the farmers.

Wins Baby Chicks

Baby chicks were given to Mrs. Lambert Leopard, Pink Martin, and Davis Morgan, who held lucky numbers.

Macon county has two directors in the Federation. Jerry Franklin was elected last year for a two-year term, and continues in that office. Technically, Mr. Slagle, who has served a term as director, was nominated at the Franklin meeting, and will be elected at the general stockholders meeting in Asheville later. Nomination is equivalent to election.

Warehouse Committee

The Franklin Warehouse Committee now consists of: Carl Slagle, Franklin; Elias Ammons, Franklin; Ed Byrd, Styles; J. R. Holbrooks, West's Mill; James Young, Franklin; J. I. Vinson, Dillard, Ga.; J. S. Conley, Franklin; Jerry Franklin, Franklin; Lawrence Ramsay, Robert Bennett, Franklin; Charles W. Henderson, Gneiss; and Adrian Howell, Franklin.

Mr. Hulme To Assist Veterans March 7

A. R. Higdon, Clerk of Macon county Superior Court, has announced that on Wednesday morning, March 7, Richard S. Hulme, Assistant State Service Officer of the Veteran's Service Division, from Asheville, will be in his office to assist all interested veteran's and claimants.

Mr. Higdon said if there were any veteran's in the county who wished to make claims to be sure and see Mr. Hulme on the above date.