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paid for all the wood he has on the truck.

The woods worker will also be able to cut his big sticks, too heavy to load if it is cut in five-foot lengths, into shorter lengths that he can load without splitting, and the splitting of some of these tough mountain hardwoods is really work. Lastly, a great deal of material that was left in the woods in the tops and limbs can be now cut and marketed.

We vary our heaviness of cutting on our land at Cataloochee, depending on the lay of the land we are working on and on the condition of the timber.

If we are working in a good north cove with a fairly heavy stand of trees of all sizes, we selectively cut the area, leaving all the small and medium sized trees that are straight and of good species to grow. On these areas we take principally the very largest over-mature trees or the crooked and defective trees, making as much of them into sawlogs as possible and the balance into pulpwood.

We often leave a pretty heavy stand of merchantable material standing, even some good sized saw-timber trees that are still in good

growing condition. On the other hand, if we are working in one of our laurel thickets where lanes have to be cut through the underbrush before we can skid out our timber, we cut everything that will make a suitable stick of wood.

Our idea is that it is expensive to cut these skidding lanes and we have to get as much material as possible off the ground to pay for the cutting of the skidding lanes. Also the timber stand in these thickets is usually low grade and there is not any use in leaving low grade stems for future growth. We just pray that nature will seed in some good trees.

We know, too, that our lanes will grow back up in laurel or rhododendron before we can ever hope to come back for a new cut after more timber has grown. We just hope we won't have to go back on these areas for another cut as soon as we will on the better sites. Anything we get out of them now is really gravy. They were completely passed up by the old loggers, who considered the timber on them too low grade to be worth cutting.

We have probably more acres of woodlands than many Haywood County farmers have on their places, but our system can readily be applied to even small farm woodlots. Where we can keep three or four men busy, one or two men could be kept busy on smaller tracts. Thanks to the development of one-man power saws in recent



SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE

ACTUAL SIZE

1/8" LONG



SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE KILLED THESE TREES

The beetle, Dendroctonus Frontalis, punctures the bark, lays eggs in the living tissue beneath. The eggs hatch into larvae, which eat the cambium, thus killing the tree. Consult your Forester when bugs attack your trees.

years, it is no problem for one man to work alone in the woods to good advantage. The farmer who does

most of the work on his farm himself can also do the woods work in his woodlands by himself.

On our seven hundred acres of generally low-grade woodlands we have kept our men busy with winter work for nearly 20 years. We believe that we have as much timber now as we had when we started, perhaps more. Actually we have not been over more than two-thirds of our lands.

When we get ready to go into a new cove where we have no roads, either the Champion Company or one of the sawmills will build us a road if there is enough timber in the cove to justify. We have paid our men winter wages for 20 years, and have even made a little profit ourselves. We are completely sold on the good possibilities of forestry in these mountains.

There is nothing complicated

about forestry. It is about 90 percent common sense. Any cattle man who can cull his herd of cattle and gradually build up his herd, can cull his woodlands. And any grain farmer who can thin his corn, can cull his woods.

The general idea is to weed out the worst and keep the best, bearing in mind that he should keep as much timber growing on the land as the land will support.

There are hundreds of farmer owners in Western North Carolina now who are doing fine jobs in their woods. They have an important source of extra income in their woods, and will continue to have for many, many years to come.

Last year, 121 sawmills and other timber products processing plants used timber from the North Carolina National Forests.

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land was the town water supply, major consideration was given as to how a logging operation might be carried on without seriously affecting or endangering the water supply. The terrain of the shed lent itself very well to this problem and with very little effort and cost, this problem was ironed out through a program of alternation.

With the fundamental work done, a plan of management was developed by the state and TVA, in cooperation with the town and State Board of Health. The program included contracts for the sale and removal of the timber which minimized logging damages and derogatory effects of the watershed for water purposes. Many new methods were used and today little or no damage has resulted from the logging.

In 1948 the first timber sale was made on the watershed, this was based upon the joint recommendations of the state and TVA Foresters, and approved by the State Board of Health.

To date, six sales have been made involving 11 1/2 million board feet. This provided a revenue to the town amounting to about \$250,000 while at the same time, the cut-over stands were put into condition for maximum growth of high-quality timber.

Initially the state and TVA foresters provided necessary technical assistance. They marked the timber, computed values, designated road locations, developed logging specifications and checked cutting progress and carrying out of contracts in accordance with specifications.

Today the Town of Waynesville employs a practical, experienced woodsman to handle this work as well as occasionally employing consulting foresters for necessary technical assistance.

Since the first operation in 1948, some 75,000 trees have been planted in the open areas, and spots which required heavy cutting. Some

30 miles of logging roads have been constructed as access for fire control, administration, and for future harvesting.

In addition to the direct revenue received from stumpage sales of timber, the forest management program has also contributed substantially to the general economy of the area. It is estimated that more than \$500,000 have been earned locally by workmen in harvesting and processing the timber from the watershed. Perhaps three-fourths of the lumber was reprocessed for furniture, construction, etc., which would bring the total returns to some \$2,000,000.

It is evident that Waynesville not only has a forest working for them but for the surrounding area as well.

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EXECUTOR NOTICE

Having qualified as Executor of the estate of James M. Ratcliff, deceased, late of Haywood County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Rt. 3, Waynesville, North Carolina, on or before the 8th day of March, 1957 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 8th day of March, 1956.
J. A. Ratcliff,
Executor of the Estate of
James M. Ratcliff, deceased.
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MEETING OF BOARD of EQUALIZATION And REVIEW THE HAYWOOD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Will Sit As A BOARD of EQUALIZATION And Review Beginning MONDAY, MARCH 12, 1956

The Haywood County Board of Commissioners will sit as a Board of Equalization and Review beginning Monday, March 12th, at the commissioner's office in the Court House in the town of Waynesville, for the purpose of examining and reviewing the tax list of each township for the current year and shall hear any and all taxpayers who own or control taxable property assessed for taxation in the county, in respect to the valuation of all property in the county and correct any errors appearing on the abstract and for transaction of any other business which may come before the board in compliance with the Machinery Act of 1937. This is the only time in which the commissioners have the authority to change valuation of real estate.

Complaints from the various townships will be heard as follows:

- Monday, March 12 — Ivy Hill, Jonathan Creek, White Oak, Cataloochee Townships.
- Tuesday, March 13 — Fines Creek, Crabtree, Iron Duff Townships.
- Wednesday, March 14 — Pigeon, East Fork, Clyde, Cecil Townships.
- Thursday, March 15 — Beaverdam Township.
- Friday, March 16 — Waynesville Township.

THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION WILL VIEW THE PREMISES AND MAKE ADJUSTMENT OF ALL COMPLAINTS.

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Chairman Haywood County Board of Commissioners.

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