

These Are Good Farm Investments

Although pecan growing is not a fast-track scheme, a few pecan trees or a small orchard is a sound investment for North Carolina farmers, particularly those in the central and eastern counties.

A few pecan trees in the farm yard will furnish pleasant shade for the summer and make an attractive foreground for the home, and the nuts may be marketed at a good price.

Robert Schmidt, associate horticulturist at the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station, says that pecans thrive on a variety of soils: heavy clays, light sandy soils, and river bottoms that are well drained.

The trees will not do well on soils underlain with quicksand or hardpan, or on land that is too wet.

Before setting out pecans, the land should be well cultivated. The young trees may be set out in the late fall or early winter. Where winters are severe, they should be set out in early spring. Trees three to four years old

and four to six feet in height are best for transplanting. Older and larger trees are harder to set out, more expensive to buy, and less likely to live. In this State, budded trees are better than root-grafted trees.

On the coastal plain a number of standard varieties may be grown successfully. Schmidt recommends Schley, Stuart, Success, Fabel, Alley, and Monymaker. Mahan and Drake's Seedling are also promising new varieties, he said.

For the lower Piedmont area the Stuart variety is probably the most reliable. In the upper Piedmont and the mountain counties Schmidt recommends the northern varieties such as Indiana and Buxeron.

Trees should be planted 66 feet apart, each way, when setting out small orchards. They may also be placed in yards, fence corners, and other convenient places around the farm.

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Forestry Towers In Use In County

Forestry Towers, three of which are being built or are already completed in the county, are being used this season for the first time. Warden Miller has recently placed a man in the tower at Rose Hill, and this watchman will be on the lookout for fires in that section and will be ready to report fires and go to the aid of such fires. Plans are being made to have a man at Chinquapin in the near future and with the completion of the Pink Hill tower, the watchmen will be able to cover most of the county from the 100 foot tower.

Use Care In Burning Tobacco Beds

Ralph Miller, County Forestry Warden, has issued a warning to all farmers to be careful with fire when burning the tobacco beds for the spring crop. It is essential that the farmer who is planning to burn a plot for a tobacco bed, be sure that the fire is secure before setting out the fire. By secure we mean that there is no danger of the fire getting from under the owner's control. The same care should be used in burning off ditch banks, trash heaps

or fields. Any farm owner has a right to burn off his own land, but he also must see that fire set by him does not reach the land of a neighbor. Mr. Miller says that the best way to control fire is to be sure that the fire is secure before setting the match. Let's all cooperate with our forestry department and make our loss by fire the least that it has ever been in the county. We can do it if we will all work together. Elsewhere in the Times you will find a list of the District Fire Wardens and some of their duties. Be sure and read that.

Millertown

Mrs. J. L. Miller, of near Beula-ville, who has been in the General Memorial Hospital in Kinston during last week for treatment returned to her home last Saturday.

Davis E. Smith of near Sarecta is a patient in the General Memorial Hospital in Kinston with

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operation. Reports at this time reveal that he is recovering nicely.

Lotha DeWitt Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Miller of near Beula-ville, has been sick with pneumonia but is much improved at this time.

Harwood Miller and Mrs. Andrew Miller were in Fayetteville Monday for medical examination at the hospital.

Mr. J. E. Miller of near Beula-ville is still confined to his bed where he has been for several weeks following a light stroke.

Smith Acquires Onslow Institution

The First Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Smithfield has acquired the Bank of Onslow in Jacksonville, N. C. and has already taken over the operation of the bank. This will mean that the First-Citizens will now have in operation 18 branches and has a

total resource of about \$18,000,000. It ranks with the five largest banking houses in the state.

The Bank of Onslow under the direction of John Burton, President, has been one of the strongest individual banks of the county and showed no signs of weakness during the depression when so many banks were failing.

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