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### Pulpwood Industry Is Boom To Farmer

The sale of pulpwood can be a boon to North Carolina farmers

W. F. Graeber, Extension Forester at State College.

Growth of the pulpwood industry in North Carolina and nearby territory in adjoining States is providing a market for 1,000 to 1,500 cords of pulpwood every day, he said.

This is a good source of cash income, Graeber added, and it can induce farmers to thin their overcrowded timber stands so that better quality trees will be produced for lumber.

But if farmers make indiscriminate cuttings of young trees that would make good lumber, and sell these trees for pulpwood, they will devastate their forests and lose the opportunity to produce higher priced timber.

Pulpwood should be considered a by-product rather than the main product of forestry. As a by-product, it helps round out a well balanced forestry program, he continued.

In cutting pulpwood, he added, select only small, runted, misshapen, overcrowded trees. They will provide a source of income while the better trees are growing into logs, posts, pilings, poles, ties, stave bolts, and other higher priced material.

There is no reason why the paper industry and the lumber industry cannot draw their wood supplies from the same forests, Graeber said, if the land owners will treat their timber as a crop.

### Says Hard Soil Should Be Retired To Pasture

Because of the difficulty of cultivation and high erodibility of the types of soil known to North Carolina farmers as "iron rock" land, the Soil Conservation Service and State College Extension Service are recommending that these types of soil—the Iredell series—be retired to pasture, according to E. C. Pleasants of the Charlotte project.

These soils, also sometimes referred to as "black jack," "bull tallow," and "beeswax" land, vary in the surface from light brown to the sandy types to brown and occasionally black in the clay types.

The reason why sheet erosion is so severe in these soils, Mr. Pleasants points out, is easily seen from the waxy, heavy clay subsoil, which is so plastic and tight that it is impossible for water to penetrate through it except at a very slow rate.

This means that when rains come the surface soil is soon saturated and the water begins running off, carrying the topsoil with it, Pleasants said.

Gullies are numerous on these soils. When they occur on even a slight slope, ruinous erosion is certain to result if the land is used for other than soil-binding crops.

By placing Iredell soils in pasture erosion can easily be controlled by the various pasture grasses, he said.

Daniel Clark was elected president of the recently organized Cumberland County Agricultural and Homemakers Club composed of older rural boys and girls not now in school.

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