

**Improve Woodland By Cutting Pulpwood**

Farmers who have stands of young pines which are ready for thinning, can turn this woodland improvement

job to a profit by cutting poorer, crowded trees for pulpwood, which is badly needed in the war effort, according to J. C. Hutchinson, assistant soil conservationist, of the Pee Dee-Cape Fear oil conservation district. The following signs indicate that

young pines are ready for and need thinning.

1. Dead lower branches due to increasing competition. This begins to occur after the young trees have completely covered the ground and the lower branches become shaded. When branches are dead up to about one-third of the total height of the trees, it is a pretty good sign that thinning is advisable.

2. As to age, normally when pines having a spacing of about six feet or less apart become 10 to 15 years of age, depending chiefly upon varying site conditions, they are ready for the first thinning.

3. The presence of dead or dying trees that have become overtopped in their struggle for existence. This is one of the easiest signs to see. It means that if thinning is not done to salvage these crowded-out trees, usable material will be lost.

If selective cutting is used and trees which are least desirable for other uses are removed for pulpwood the stand actually will be improved by the thinning operations and the growth of the thrifty trees of desirable species will be promoted.

**CHICKS**

Reports from the USDA indicate that the 2,712 hatcheries cooperating in the national poultry improvement plan produced nearly half a billion chicks during the 1942-43 season. This breaks all records.

**IMPORT FEED MEAL**

The CCC has recently negotiated the purchase of 40,000 tons of cottonseed meal for importation from Brazil. Some of this meal has already arrived in this country.

A recent survey shows that the stock of vegetable seed on hand as of June 30 was 32 per cent above the amount held at this same time last year, but the supply was below the average generally available at that date.

Total milk output has been increased almost 10 billion pounds since 1940, but is now at about the highest level which can be expected under present conditions.

**Museum Now Has Pigmy Rattler**

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 14.—The State Museum received its first live pigmy rattler-snake last week. Although only 18 inches in length, the rattler is full-grown and is just as vicious as the larger specimens, according to Harry Davis, museum director. The new museum attraction has three rattles and a butt in the size of pin heads.

Douglas Jones, 15-year-old Boy Scout naturalist of Southport captured the snake on the Orton Plantation.

**POOLE'S MEDLEY**

By D. SCOTT POOLE

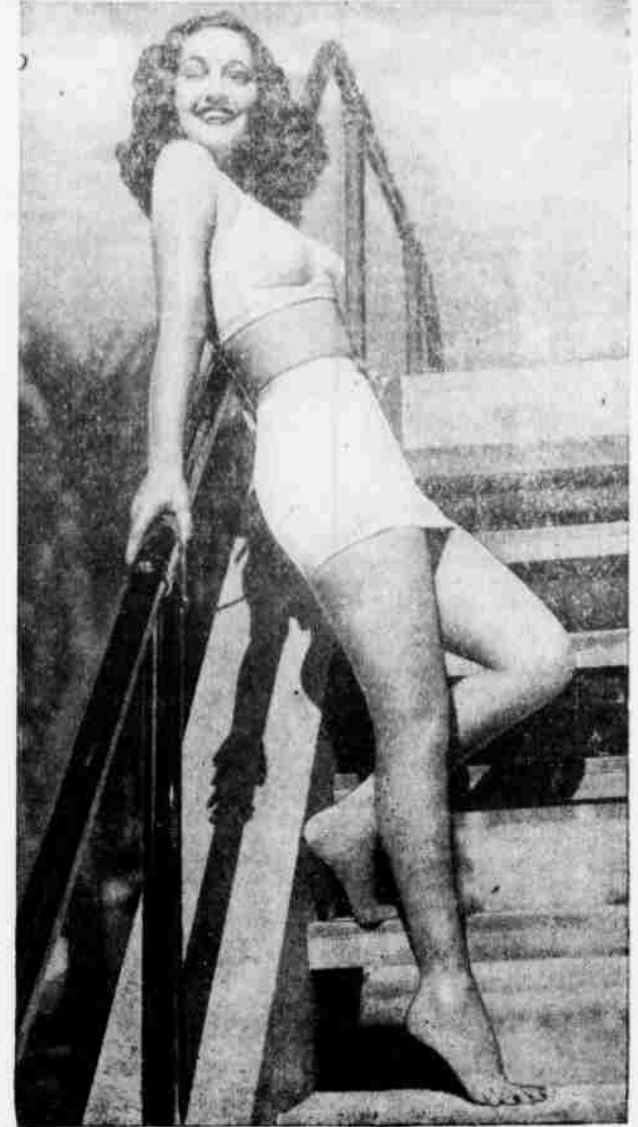
I remember well how scarce food was during the latter days of the Southern Confederacy. The South clothed her soldiers, and much of the clothing was made by women in their homes.

They picked the seed out of the cotton, carded it, spun it, wove it into cloth and made that cloth into garments. Women knitted as they walked along the road going anywhere. There was no time lost. I picked my little pile of seed cotton before I was allowed to go to bed.

"Who cares for the homespun dresses Southern ladies wear," was sung in earnest. And this homemade clothes business went on some years after the close of the war. The South was bankrupt, crushed, and misruled after the war was over.

Cotton sold in the fall of 1865 for 50 cents per pound, and other produce was in demand, and sold well. I heard old men speak of it after years had passed, how crops grew and stock thrived following the Civil War. But in 1873 cotton dropped to 7 or 8 cents per pound, and the average price for the next 30 years was 8 and one half cents.

I went to Fayetteville for the first time in November, 1868. I still remember the little oxcarts with which Negroes hauled little loads of wood to town. The streets of the town were



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working alive with these little carts, covered wagons, and drays. Every where was working alive with them. From the wagons everything known in the country was sold, possums, coons, rabbits, wild turkeys, cotton, chickens, butter and eggs.

Brother John and I went down that creek McNeill's mill is on until we found Cross Creek. He would throw sticks into one stream and I into the other, and they always shot across. We learned to notice the street numbers and we did not get lost.

There were several wagonyards in the town, and the owners allowed the campers to sleep in a room in a building in front of the wagonyards. This first time I went to town, the streets were very bad. One mud-hole joined on to another. And, there was no paving in that city until 1910. A water and sewerage system was put in in 1908.

The town of Fayetteville lost heavily on plank roads. The Civil War robbed it of its manpower; the Yankees burned the town in March, 1865. The town and the adjoining country around invested all they raise in railroads. These named investments caused banks to break. The stockholders had \$8,000,000 in railroads paid for, and they involved that to build a railroad down the

Cape Fear to Wilmington, which cost \$3,000,000 and that swamped the whole \$11,000,000.

We all spend good money after bad. We all get cheated by those we do not suspect. There is somebody settin for all any of us have. Circumstances change people's mind and often their characters. I have had numbers of subscribers to not pay their subscription until the latter part of the year, and make that pay for two years. Good folks often did that.

Folks take up stray stock, and say nothing about it. I have advertised stray pigs, and the fellow who took up such and advertised them did not find an owner nor pay for the ad.

The meanest man I ever heard of was one who in a copartnership with his son-in-law bought a cow, and afterward claimed he bought the rear part and he got all the milk, while his son-in-law had to feed the cow.

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