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CARE OF THE FARM WOODLAND

(By H. M. Curran, Forestry Specialist of State College.)

Our observations lead us to believe that the woodland is the most abused portion of the average farm in this state. In these days of fast diminishing timber supply, proper care and management of the woodlands mean much not only to the farmer himself, but to the country at large. We feel, therefore, that your interests as well as ours will be materially benefited by observing as far as practical, the following suggestions which have been outlined with the object of bringing about a better utilization of the wood and timber resources of this state.

One of the most important ways of improving the quality of the wood land and at the same time increasing the amount of the annual growth is to see care when cutting a few cords to be sold or when taking a small crop of lumber for improvement of the farm buildings. While the amount of fire wood cut yearly on the farm is small, a practice between 10 and 15 cord cord is for home consumption (the standard cord is 4 x 8 x 8 and contains 128 cubic feet) may amount to over one acre after a year and may amount to considerable part of the annual growth of the woodland. Fifteen cords of wood is the equivalent to the entire annual growth of from 15 to 25 acres of woodland depending on the soil and the species of trees.

Good wood is a relatively cheap and abundant forest product, while fence posts, railroad ties, telegraph poles and lumber are examples of the more valuable products. The more lumber and other high priced products that can be grown on the farm woodland the greater the cash return. All trees should be selected in such a way that the area cut over will be in a better condition to produce more of these higher grade products than ever before.

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DAY BY DAY

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

STEP by step we walk the way,
Stair by stair we climb,
Day by day we live—today
Makes the sum of time.

Day by day, as chip by chip
Sculptors shape the stone,
In the moment's fellowship,
In the hours alone,

So we shape the thing we are,
Not the thing we seem,
What the yesterdays afar,
What tomorrows gleam.

Day by day! We cannot wait
For tomorrow, we
From the present must create
All we are to be.

Who, through every day of life,
Do their best Today!
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ting will effect the greatest improvement in the woodland.

(3) In most cases pasturing materially damages the woodland, especially hardwood, through destruction of young trees which should be permitted to grow to take the place of those maturing. The amount of pasturing afforded by good woodland is small and the damage done to the young growth by horses is great. Just notice the difference in pastured and un-pastured woodland in your neighborhood.

(4) Protect your woodland from fire. Every time a fire runs through a woodland, damage is not only done to the young trees but a great number of young trees are killed. Where for any reason woodland is subject to a fire risk greater than the average, the fire insurance value of the land is very much reduced. Strict observance of the state fire laws will materially lessen your fire risk.

Growing a good crop of timber requires knowledge and skill just as does the production of a good crop of grain. You cannot produce the latter without care and effort. It is equally absurd to expect that woodlands can be maintained in excellent condition without careful attention to details. The Forestry Department of the Extension Service of the State College and Department of Agriculture is prepared to give additional information by correspondence and demonstrations arranged for by county agents. This will be without cost in cases where it is desired and considered advisable arrangements can be made for personal visits to the farm and show by actual instruction the most satisfactory and approved methods of managing and developing a piece of timber land. The cost of this personal visit will be borne by the user himself. It is small however involving only his expense of travel and subsistence as the state pays his salary.

We would again emphasize that we believe the wood and timber resources of the average farm are being ruined and are in only a few cases being managed in a systematic way. If you can be of any service to the average farmer, please write for a copy of our booklet on "The Care of the Farm Woodland" and we will be glad to send it to you.

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OLD PAPERS REFLECT LIFE IN THE SOUTH BEFORE THE WAR

In the possession of W. M. McClure, one of the proprietors of the McClure and W. J. McClure at 9 East Fifth street, are two old newspapers that reflect interestingly the life of North Carolinians in the days preceding the civil war and during the war.

One of the papers is a publication of The North Carolina White and bears the Charlotte date line of April 27, 1858. The other paper is a copy of The Weekly Standard of the April 15, 1863 issue. The latter paper was published at Raleigh.

The most noticeable thing about the old news sheets to a present day newspaper man is the lack of large black face head lines. Over the stories in the old papers are only small catch lines of ordinary size type. Another very noticeable thing from a journalistic viewpoint is that reports are written in the first person and are accompanied by editorial comment. Following is an interesting story from The North Carolina White:

A Slave Stealer Chained to the Victim of His Roguery

John Jones Moore, the "respectable looking" scoundrel who was arrested several days ago in Ashland, in company with William Jackson, a slave belonging to Mrs. Frank Weston, of Charleston, S. C., whom he had abducted, for the underground, passed through this city Wednesday afternoon en route for Charleston, in the custody of police officers from that city. The noble Godefrey was chained by the wrist to his too confiding friend Bill, who couldn't help glowing on him at Ashland, and presented an appearance of the most perfect shame the human countenance can be capable of expressing. It was a most appropriate method of securing the scoundrel; he was caught taking the slaves to the north; now it was clear to see and the slave was taken south. The scoundrel's face was a study in the lines of satisfaction, a look of unguessed remorse and triumph. He was pretty well convinced that the law was powerless to do anything to him. He was a scoundrel, but he was a scoundrel of the first order.

of the bystanders at the depot that he should be taken north and treated with a suit of tar and feathers, but as he was now under the care of the commonwealth, it was thought best to let him slide. We would suggest to our Charleston friends that instead of hanging the scoundrel they brand his forehead with the ear of a runaway nigger and take off both his ears by way of a lesson to other followers of his philanthropic profession.

Following is a humorous little story from The North Carolina White:

"A young man was lately arrested in Pennsylvania for stealing a horse, and confessed the crime, stating that he knew no other way to get rid of a woman who constantly was importuning him to marry her. Between a wife and a prison he chose as he believed, the lesser of the two evils."

In both the old papers are numerous slave advertisements. Some of these advertisements are for "slaves for sale," while others offer bounties for the return of runaway slaves. The slave advertisements are even numerous in the copy of The Weekly Standard, which was published during the Civil War.

Market reports in The Weekly Standard reflect the value during the war of food and money. Flour is quoted at \$45 and \$50 a barrel; corn at \$1 a bushel; lard at \$1 a pound; butter at \$1.25 and \$1.50 per pound; coffee at \$4.50 per pound; molasses at \$10 a gallon; refined sugar at \$1.50 per pound, wholesale. Gold was quoted at 400 per cent premium.

IN CAR LOAD LOTS
Six Choice Brands Of Flour
HAY, CORN, OATS, SWEET FEED, CHOPS, BRAN, CHICKEN FEED, AND IN FACT FULL LINE OF EVERYTHING USUALLY KEPT IN A FIRST CLASS FEED STORE.
We NOW HAVE ON THE ROAD A SOLID CAR OF SALT.
TO THE TRADE—WE ALWAYS BUY IN LARGE QUANTITIES. HENCE WE ARE PREPARED TO SELL AT A VERY LOW PRICE.
BOONE HEADWE CO.

WE SPECIALIZE IN KEEPING OUR STOCK COMPLETE IN SEASON.
FLY TIME IS HERE, REGARDLESS OF THESE COLD DAYS AND NIGHTS. WE HAVE ALL WIDTHS OF SCHEEN WIRE, BLACK AND GALVANIZED. SCREEN DOORS, ALL SIZES TOO.
GARDEN AND FIELD TOOLS, HOES, RAKES, MATTOCKS AND DETC.
CAR-LOAD OF ROOFING.
CAR-LOAD OF NAILS, WIRE, CEMENT & C.
CORN PLANTERS, GRAIN DRILLS, TOO.
DON'T BE AFRAID TO CALL ON US FOR ANYTHING YOU MAY NEED.
IF WE HAVEN'T GOT IT WE WILL GET IT IF POSSIBLE.
THANK YOU ONE AND ALL
COME AGAIN
Boone Hdwe. Co.
Boone, North Carolina

Building Material Is CHEAP now
WE HAVE PRETTY NO. 1 and NO. 2 WHITE PINE CEILING AT \$25, CHEST-NUT AT \$25.00, FLOORING AT \$30.00.
FOUR NARROW GAUGE CARS OF WINDOWS AND DOORS JUST RECEIVED. OUR PRICES ARE WAY DOWN.
WE HAVE A PRETTY STOCK OF YELLOW PINE KILN DRIED FLOORING, CEILING AND SIDING. PRICES AND QUALITY IS RIGHT.
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