

Tree Seedlings Are Distributed In This County

A half million forest trees were distributed Mar. 23 to more than 250 farmers and other landowners in the fifteen Tennessee Valley counties of Western North Carolina. State District Forester Charles C. Pettit, Jr., who is in charge of the distribution in District 9 of the NCFS, stated that the trees were produced by "The Tennessee Valley Authority, under a cooperative agreement the North Carolina Division of Forestry and Parks in distributing them through the Agricultural Extension Service, free of charge, to farmers for erosion control and reforestation purposes. Some of the types are being distributed to lumber companies, pulp companies, and municipalities for both forest products and watershed protection."

The truck load of seedlings arrived at the State Forestry Warehouse in Sylva Mar. 23 from the TVA's forestry nursery at Clinton, Tennessee. Within three hours the 103,000 short-leaf pine, 162,000 white pine, 3,500 black locust and 20,000 yellow poplar were transferred to the State Forestry trucks and were on their way to landowners in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain, and Transylvania counties. Trees for Haywood county were delivered by the second truck that delivered trees to the other counties at the Dist. 1 warehouse in Asheville.

Mr. Pettit said "Anyone who is

interested in planting trees on his property should get in touch with the county farm agent or any member of the North Carolina Division of Forestry and Parks". He said "there is no charge for the trees, but they are not to be used for ornamental or landscaping purposes. The landowner must agree to plant the trees promptly and protect them from fire and grazing". Mr. Pettit emphasized the importance of fire protection by saying that fires will retard growth and damage large trees, but small trees are killed outright by fire.

New Buildings Planned At Young Harris College

Young Harris College entered into its Spring Quarter this week with ground breaking for the \$250,000 Memorial Methodist Church.

Other constructions to be planned in the near future include a new gymnasium and a \$45,000 administration building. As announced by the college officials, the Board of Trustees reports that the funds for the new administration building have been raised and that the building will proceed as soon as materials are available.

The new church is being erected on the college campus directly across from the Walter Rich Building. Its completion will mark the removal of the religious services from the Susan B. Harris Chapel, landmark at Young Harris since 1892.

18 Cherokee People Receive Treatment At Baptist Hospital

Patient visits of Cherokee county citizens to the Outpatient Department of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem totaled 18 for the year 1947, according to the annual report released this week by Dr. C. Nash Herndon, director. This figure means that 9.7 visits were made to the hospital's outpatient department for each 10,000 residents of the county.

The figures refer to service patients only. Nominal fees are charged with the difference between the total cost and amount that the patient can pay being defrayed by the annual Mother's Day Offering from the Baptist churches of the State.

Dr. Herndon's report showed a total of 23,691 patient visits made to the department during the year—over the 645 visits reported in 1946 when the department was opened. In addition to patients from 28 of the State's 100 counties, visitors were reported from Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas,

Virginia and West Virginia. The patients represented 18 different religious faiths with Baptists leading in numbers.

Dr. Herndon listed the new facilities made available in the outpatient department in 1947 as follows: a physiotherapy department with equipment obtained through a grant from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and a full-time physiotherapist; an ear, nose and throat clinic, opened September 1; expansion of the eye clinic with equipment for a second refracting alley given by the Winston-Salem Lions Club; a dental clinic, added to the department August 1; a separate clinic for rectal surgery, put in operation October 1; a clinic in pediatric neurology to handle diseases of the nervous system in children, opened September 1; and the addition of X-ray facilities in the urology clinic, made available through an anonymous donor.

Yearly totals issued at the same time by Reid Holmes, administrator of Baptist Hospital, showed a total of 219 patient days spent by residents of Cherokee County in the hospital during 1947. This included both service and private patients. The total number of patient days reported by the hospital for the year was 83,618.

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Alfred J. Hardin Is On USS Neuces

Alfred James Hardin, fireman, second class, USN, husband of Mrs. Jerry Hardin, and son of A. C. Matheson of Topton, is serving aboard the barracks ship USS Neuces with Subordinate Group Two, Florida Group, Atlantic Reserve Fleet, at Green Cove Springs, Fla., and is engaged in the inactivating of surplus Navy ships.

The ships of this Fleet are undergoing a change known as "Operation Zipper." Upon arrival at Green Cove Springs, they are moored alongside other members of the Fleet and inactivation is begun. Part of the equipment is removed and stored below decks and the remainder is given a weather-proof plastic or metal covering to prevent rust and deterioration. After inactivation is completed, the ships are placed under close supervision to avoid possible damage.

Hardin entered the Naval service Oct. 16, 1945, and received his recruit training at the Naval Training Center Camp Peary, Va.

Diseases and insects have caused only a minimum of damage to the 1946 North Carolina strawberry crop to date.

On January 1, livestock numbers in the United States were at the lowest level since 1939 and far below the peak of January 1, 1944.

Cash receipts of United States farmers were about 4.5 billion dollars for the first two months of 1948, about 10 per cent more than in January-February last year.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Cherokee County Republican Convention is called to meet on Saturday, April 3, 1948, at 2:00 o'clock P. M., in the Courthouse in Murphy for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various public offices, for the election of the chairman of the Republican Executive Committee and for such other purpose or purposes as may come before the convention.

It is requested that delegates be selected from the various townships to see to it that they have representation at the meeting.

ELBERT TOTHEROW,
Chairman Rep. Executive Committee.



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She is making her own clothes according to latest fashion trends, and seeing to it that every outfit is becoming to her type and expressive of her personality. She is acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary to make suitable costumes for work, school and social occasions through taking part in the 1948 National 4-H Dress Revue.

Participation in that program affords the 4-H girl the opportunity to model her "best" dress in her local county revue. If she wins a medal of honor, she may enter the State Dress Revue, the winner of which will receive an educational trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago next November, provided by Simplicity Pattern Co. Each state winner taking part in the National 4-H Dress Revue Presentation at the Congress will receive a \$25.00 U. S. Savings Bond and appropriate ribbon.

Three hundred one county winners received medals in 1947.

Practically all of the State's small beet crop is grown in the Wrightsboro-Wilmington area.

Milk production on North Carolina farms totaled 106 million pounds during January, an increase of 4 per cent over the 10-year average for the month.

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It's part of the amazing fact that oil has supplied 62% of this country's whole vast increase in use of fuel over the past 20 years—for industry, agriculture, homes, and transportation.

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