

To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming, is the only end of life. —Stevenson

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County Gets \$4,996 Share Nantahala Forest Income

Checks totalling \$26,740.12 have been issued for distribution to the North Carolina counties having land within the Nantahala National Forest. This is their one-fourth share of the national forest receipts for fiscal year 1949 according to Forest Supervisor E. W. Renshaw, of Franklin. The money is for road and school purposes and is in lieu of taxes on the federally owned national forests. The money is apportioned to the counties according to the national forest land each contains.

Cherokee County with 77,385 acres of national forest, received \$4,996.78.

This amount is approximately \$4,000 more than was received by the counties in the Nantahala National Forest for fiscal year 1948. The payment represents a return to the counties off approximately 6 1/2c per acre. The split between the counties is as follows:

Cherokee, 77,385 acres, \$4,996.78; Clay, 57,106 acres, 3,687.36; Graham, 103,787 acres, 6,701.57; Jackson, 18,888 acres, 1,219.63; Macon, 147,177 acres, 9,503.26; Swain, 9,780 acres, 631.52.

Supervisor Renshaw stated that in addition to the amounts distributed direct to the counties, 10% of the gross national forest receipts is made available to the national forest for construction and maintenance of roads. Other costs of protecting and administering the national forests are borne by federal appropriations.

Practically all of the income earned on the Nantahala National Forest was from the sale of timber, with small amounts from special land use permits. During fiscal year 1949, 36,359,000 board feet of sawtimber, acidwood, pulpwood, crossties, posts and fuel wood were out. All timber for sawlogs or pulpwood was marketed for cutting by U. S. Forest Officers and was done under a long-range timber management plan which insures a steady increase in growth. A large volume of chestnut acidwood was moved during the year but demand for this product has diminished. Plans are being made to cut increasing amounts of pulpwood to supply the market. National forest timber in Western North Carolina is an important source of raw materials for the lumber, pulp and wood-working industries and an important source of employment for woods labor.

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Unaka School Burns

The Unaka school building was destroyed by fire Monday between 9 and 10 P. M. No cause for the fire is known unless it was set on fire by loafers in the building or some one else, according to report from the county superintendent's office. About 725 free text books were destroyed. These were insured by the state. There was \$2,500 insurance on the building.

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Tenth Division Gets 300 Miles Roads Surfaced

The Highway Commission's mountainous Tenth Division will let 300 miles of bond money roads to contract between January 31 and April, Commissioner L. Dale Thrash of Asheville announces.

Bids on 97.1 miles of secondary road black-topping will be opened at the Commission's regular letting on January 31. Another 100 miles of bond money work will be ready for letting in February, Thrash said, and still another 100 miles in March or April.

The Commissioner said this represents almost one-third of the total paving work planned for the Tenth Division under the \$200,000,000 bond issue program.

Public meetings have been held in nine of the 14 counties in the division at which time special "Go Forward" road committees and the general public have been asked to help elect roads for paving. "This system of public participation has proved very popular and has helped us in the job of road selections," Thrash said.

Five additional meetings will be held during the remainder of January and early February. Roads selected for paving during 1950 and also during 1951 are being announced at these county meetings.

The relatively short paving season in the mountains makes it necessary to get all planning work done as quickly as possible, Thrash said. The Tenth Division will build more crushed stone roads than other divisions in line with a policy adopted last year. Many thousands of tons of crushed rock and gravel have been concentrated in the division during the fall and winter, and the stabilization program is moving at top speed.

Burning Permits Now Are Required

County Fire Warden, E. S. Burnette urges the cooperation of every person in Cherokee County to assist in the prevention of Forest Fires during the approaching fire season. Warden Burnette advises people to do any necessary burning after a rain when the woods are too wet to burn, or after 4 P. M. Be sure to secure a permit before burning, in every case. This is required by the N. C. Law. Permits may be secured from the District Warden in your community, any U. S. Forest Ranger, County Agent's Office or County Warden Burnette.

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Luther Gentry Missing 20 Days Found In Texas

Luther Gentry of Murphy, who left here January 4 en route to Abilene, Texas, to visit his sister, was reported missing last week. He was found sick in Fort Worth, Texas, this week. He had left here by bus, and his travelling bags arrived in Abilene but he failed to arrive, so a search was instituted over him.

Policeman Buren Grant here stated that Texas police and others cooperated splendidly with him in an effort to locate Mr. Gentry. Members of the family located him in Fort Worth.

Local Leaders Invited To Attend WNCAC Meeting

Civic leaders of Murphy and Andrews, and all Cherokee county are being invited by Western North Carolina Associated Communities to attend the quarterly meeting which will be held in Waynesville on Tuesday, Feb. 7, beginning with a "dutch" luncheon at the Town House at 1:00 o'clock.

At request of C. M. Douglas, of Brevard, secretary of the organization which represents 11 counties, THE SCOUT is issuing invitation to officers of civic clubs, mayors, and boards of commissioners of this community to attend and take part in plans for this summer's business on an area-wide basis.

Election of officers for the ensuing year will be special order of business at the Western North Carolina meeting, and other business will include discussion of the advertising booklet which is being put out by the State Department of Conservation and Development which will feature WNC in the first 44 pages, promotion of the Cherokee Pageant and other entertainment programs to be carried out in the Mountains this coming summer and fall.

Further work will also be reported on by the agriculture, industry, and recreation committees which are working on projects of interest to the entire section.

W. O. W. To Play Ragland Here For March Of Dimes

Murphy W. O. W. Basketball team will meet the Ragland Bros. of Knoxville, Tenn., team at 8 o'clock Saturday night in the school gymnasium. The W. O. W.'s played this team last year and were beaten only four points, so this should be a good game. Thus far, the W. O. W. team has won nine games and lost four this year.

The proceeds from the game Saturday night will go to the 1950 Polio fund.

Mrs. Warner Takes Metal Work Course

Mrs. Ben Warner returned Saturday night from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where she took a weeks' course in metal work. Mrs. Warner received a scholarship for this special course. There were 14 others from seven states working on scholarships.

Scholarships in weaving will be given in March.

To Show Film Sunday Night

At the evening youth meeting of First Methodist Church on Sunday, January 29, at 6 o'clock a sound filmstrip OPERATION J 3 will be shown. This filmstrip tells of the three-year missionary service of American youth in Japan since the war. This visual aid is being used in connection with the January mission emphasis on Japan.

She's in World-Wide Flying Job



Pretty WAF S/Sgt. Gladys M. Woodward wears the famous shoulder insignia of the Military Air Transport Service. The enlarged replica of her shoulder patch, left, shows three golden arrows on Air Force wings to represent Army, Navy, Air Force unification. The wings, superimposed on a globe, characterize the organization's world-wide operations.

Cobb Hospital Dedicated Sunday

The Cobb Memorial Hospital at Royston, Ga., which was made possible by a contribution of more than \$100,000 by Tyrus R. Cobb, baseball immortal and son of Herschel Cobb, native of Cherokee County, was dedicated Sunday at 2:30 P. M. Mr. Cobb and his wife were present for the celebration.

The hospital with 25 beds is one of the most modern and best equipped hospitals that has been built under the Hill Burton Act in Georgia and contains the latest equipment such as X-ray, sterilizers, obstetrical lab'atory, that could be bought.

Ty Cobb, as he is known in this county, is a member of the Board of Trustees.

Herschel Cobb, father of Ty Cobb, was Mrs. Nora Cobb Spencer's oldest brother and a first son of North Carolina. He was graduated with highest honors from Georgia Military College approximately 50 years ago. Ty is a second son of North Carolina, having spent much time at the old Cobb homestead.

Those from Murphy attending the dedication Sunday were: Mrs. Spencer, aunt of Ty Cobb; Mr. and Mrs. Peyton G. Iwie, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Fain, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bueck, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Miller and daughter, Susie, Miss Josephine Highway and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Davidson.

Workers Council To Be Held

The Rev. R. Delbert Byrum, pastor of First Methodist Church, has announced that his sermon topic for Sunday morning will be, "On Using the Bible", and for Sunday evening, "Christian Living: Hindrances and Helps". Other services will be held at the usual time.

The Sunday School officers and teachers will meet for a workers' conference on Tuesday evening, January 31, at 7:30 o'clock in the Ladies' Parlor.

Pearson Describes Sen. Frank Graham

WASHINGTON—A modest little man who looks like a small-town hardware merchant has completely won the heart of cynical Capitol Hill in less than a year.

He is Frank P. Graham, former president of the University of North Carolina, now senator from that state. Graham is as friendly and disarming as a puppy, has a lively twinkle in his dark eyes, and has sparse gray hair that looks as though he'd just come in from a windstorm.

When Dr. Graham was appointed to the Senate last March, John Bricker, right-wing Republican, raised the clamor that the newcomer was a "radical."

Sen. Forrest C. Donnell of Missouri, a conscientious conservative, asked his GOP colleague, Wayne Morse, "What kind of a fellow is Graham? You served with him on the War Labor Board."

To the deeply religious Donnell, Senator Morse replied, "Forrest, I have often said you were the most Christian man I know. Frank Graham is the most Christlike man I know."

Months later, Donnell remarked to Morse: "Remember what you said about Frank Graham being the most Christlike man you know? Well, I share your opinion."

Whenever Senator Graham raises from a Senate desk that almost swallows him—he is the shortest man on the floor—Senators come back from the cloakrooms to listen. This is a tribute few men in Senate history have won. Frank Graham is not an orator, in the manner of dramatic Arthur Vandenberg. He speaks in a soft drawl, but he is able to put in simple words the great problems of the day, and point the way clearly to their answers.

After his Senate speech on the

Atlantic Pact, Republican Sen. Charles Tobey, himself a vivid phrasemaker, remarked in awe:

"Frank Graham's speech was the greatest I have ever heard in the Senate. The Senator has given us a pattern, not for my party or his party, but a pattern for America. I commend his state for having given him to us as a Senator."

After another Graham talk, Senator Vandenberg said thoughtfully, "I was profoundly impressed by his grasp of the subject."

Despite the praise showered on him, Frank Graham is still a modest, unassuming man with a great affection for people. He will spot a friend, a Senator, an elevator boy working his way through college, or a reporter, and trot up to him. "Hey, there," he will say, "got something to talk to you about."

Senator Graham is one of the most conscientious men in Washington, and a story is told of how President Roosevelt exploited this. Dr. Graham's University trustees had asked him to resign from the War Labor Board and give all his time to the University. Graham stayed up all night writing and rewriting his letter of resignation to the President.

When he arrived at the White House, Mr. Roosevelt, who had been tipped off, got in the first word. He said, "Frank, what would you think of a man who deserts his nation in time of war? I have a businessman here who wants to resign from the War Production Board and go back to his company."

Later, when Dr. Graham returned to his hotel, a friend asked, "well did you resign?"

Meekly, Graham drew from his pocket the rumpled but still unopened letter of resignation.—Washington Merry-Go-Round.

Clerk Is Charged With Embezzlement 73c Worth Stamps

\$185 Donated To Crop Program In This County

The Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) collected in Cherokee County in the recent drive 89 bushels of corn and \$64.98 in cash. The goal had been set for a half carload of corn, and since this was not reached the Cherokee County CROP committee was instructed to sell the corn and send the entire cash to CROP headquarters in Durham. This money will be used to buy corn at the point of shipping. This procedure saved the freight expense from Murphy. The 89 bushels of corn were converted into cash at \$1.35 a bushel at a total of \$120.15, making the total receipts \$185.13. All expenses in this county were absorbed by the workers. The total amount will be converted into corn at the point of embarkation. Officials say they hope Cherokee County can in the future do much more toward this program. This was the first year that the County had participated in CROP, and there was not sufficient time to fully organize.

Morris Preaches Sunday On New Testament Church

The Rev. J. Alton Morris is preaching a series of sermons on the New Testament Church at First Baptist Church. His sermon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock will be the third in the series, the topic of which is, "The New Testament Church—Its Ordinances".

He will preach Sunday evening at 7:30 on, "A Blue Day in a Good Man's Life". Officers and teachers of the Sunday School will meet Tuesday evening for the regular monthly workers' council. February 5-11 is Y. W. A. focus week at the church.

The Fidelis Class will meet Monday evening at 7:30 in the men's Bible class room, for a program and party, the husbands of members being special guests.

First Vice-President Loren Davis presided, President Mack Patton being ill.

Harold Wells introduced his guest, Duane Powers of Milwaukee, Wis., and W. D. Townson his guest, Paul Johnson of Hendersonville, Red Hoyle of Asheville, a Lion was a visitor.

Secretary R. S. Bault requested committee chairman to report activities of their committees, for the Lions International report.

R. W. White reported on the Christmas baskets distributed by the club.

W. A. Sherrill announced that the Boy Scout drive will start February 13. The Lions sponsor the Scout troop here.

Dale Lee presented the Rev. Delbert Byrum as a new member, welcoming him into the club.

The names of R. W. Easley and W. M. Davis, members of the club for several years, were inadvertently omitted from the list of members under the Christmas basket picture in the SCOUT January 12.

C. Bussort Dies In Knoxville

Christopher (Buzz) Bussort age 68, formerly of Etowah, Tenn., and Murphy died at the Baptist Hospital in Knoxville, Tenn., Thursday, January 19. He was a retired engineer for L and N Railroad Company having been employed by them for 45 years, and was a member of the Local 547 Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

The Rosary was recited at 8:30 Thursday. The body remained at the funeral home until Friday noon, and was then taken to Louisville, Ky., for burial.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Beatrice Davidson Bussort; two sons, Leo of Belfast, Tenn.; and Walter of St. Louis, Mo.; one daughter, Mrs. R. T. McMillon of Knoxville, Tenn.; one sister, Mrs. Katherine Pennington of Louisville, Ky., and six grandchildren.

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