

Woodlot Management

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A sharp axe, like fire, is a necessity on the farm, but when in the hands of the wrong person, in a farm wood lot, can cause more destruction in a day than nature can rebuild in fifty years. Don't let any and everybody go into your woods and cut unless they know and realize the value of a tree. Woodlands in this County have been heavily cut over and otherwise mismanaged with a present day picture of uneven aged stands, undesirable species, insufficiently stocked and of low quality.

Timber as well as row crops must be cared for. One thing the cotton crop to give the best cotton stock a better chance to grow and produce more cotton, so must timber be thinned to give the straight and healthy trees a better chance to put on their best growth.

To aide the owners of farm wood lots the Forestry Department of the Soil Conservation Service of Franklin County is establishing Demonstrational Timber Stand Improvement Plots on land of cooperators of Soil Conservation to demonstrate to the owners the proper care and improvement of the wood land.

M. H. Hunt, a cooperator, living five miles south of Louisburg, has a four acre tract of timber which has been thus treated. The timber is pure loblolly pine about thirty years old and an average height of fifty feet. Dead, dying, diseased and undesirable species were removed, leaving the straight and healthy trees to grow into saw timber. An average of four cords per acre of wood was removed from the stand. This wood removed not only will help the remaining trees but also has aided in answering the fuel question for Mr. Hunt.

Several more such demonstrational areas are being worked throughout the county. Visit them and see the improvement on the stand and then try the method on your own wood lot this winter when you get your supply of fire wood for the coming year rather than cutting the first tree you come too.

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Farmers Club Program

At an Executive meeting held Saturday afternoon in the County Agent's Office, attended by nine members, it was decided to make the following recommendations, to be presented to the Farmers Club at its next regular meeting to be held at Justice school, Friday night, February, 14.

1. That the Farmers Club send a delegation of five members in one car to Washington to contact our Congressmen and Senators, relative to the new Agricultural Control Program; and that this body be clothed with the power to speak for the majority of the farmers in Franklin County.

2. That our next regular meetings of the Farmers Club shall be open meetings, and instead of a fixed program with special speakers, we have a program with the leading farmers from each township given an opportunity to make a short talk on some assigned subject. In this way it was thought that our program could be more interesting, and a larger number of Franklin County's problems could be discussed at the meetings.

3. Mr. H. A. Faulkner suggested that each township organize a Township Club with regular officers and regular date of meeting; these clubs to be sponsored by the County-wide Farmers Club. That the township problems be discussed and brought by the members of the local club to the County Club for further discussion and interpretation.

4. It was suggested that the

farmers wives be invited to attend the meetings with their husbands, and that the club in the future, should have programs based on the agricultural interests of the farm home, with the men and women taking part.

5. When the Club was organized, it was the responsibility of the Host Club to prepare the program for the meeting. It was recommended that the Host Club continue this idea by having the teachers of the school in the host community present a short program with the school children of the community taking part.

6. A recent letter from Raleigh stated that money from the Federal Government would be available for the Franklin County Club Building, provided sufficient labor could be secured for the construction of the building, and the promoters' part of slightly more than \$900, could be raised to match the W. F. A. appropriation of over \$7000.00. As members at-

tending gave some very interesting information relative to getting the labor, it was decided that a delegation of members go to Raleigh to attempt to get immediate action toward the construction of the building.

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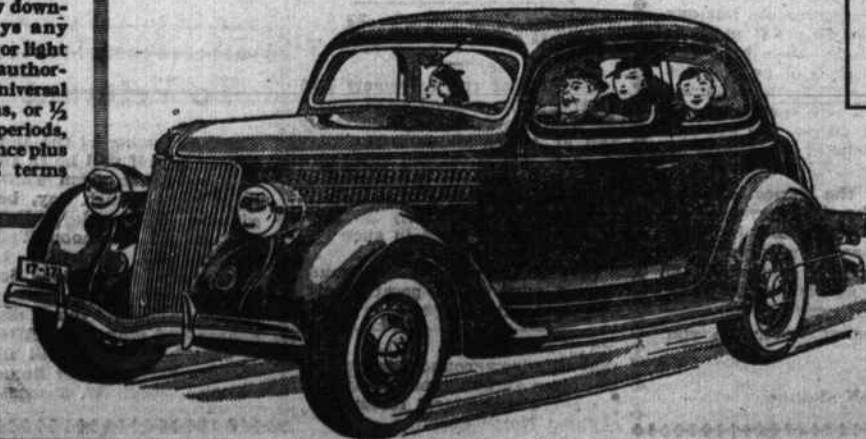
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