

TIMBER OF SOUTH SOURCE OF WEALTH

WILL YIELD CONTINUING AND GROWING INCOME.

Fire Control Necessary

Southern Railway System Conducting Experiment on Large Tract in South Carolina.

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ATLANTA, GA.—Landowners of the South have in their standing forests and cut-over areas one of the section's greatest sources of potential wealth. Though the greater part of the South's virgin forests have been cut away, the lands on which they stood can still be made to yield a continuing and growing income from timber for building and manufacturing and from naval stores if proper methods are adopted to safeguard the young growing trees to which the South must look for its lumber in the future.

The trees in the original Southern forests represented many of the most valuable varieties known in this country. Due to the long growing season, abundant moisture and natural fertility of the soil, tree growth in the South is very much more rapid than in other sections. Therein lies the South's greatest advantage in forestry as an industry.

Fire Greatest Hazard.

Fire has always been the greatest menace to forests and the greatest obstacle in the way of making the South a great perpetual source of timber supply lies in the thoughtless attitude of so many of our people with respect to fires burning in the woods.

Because the South has been immune from spectacular forest fires, with attendant loss of life and threats of destruction to cities and towns, our people have overlooked the fact that the South is now suffering an annual loss, running into untold figures, as the result of fires which damage mature trees and kill the young seedlings.

This damage results in some cases from casual fires, but most of all from the wide-spread custom of burning the woods annually to provide pasture for range cattle. These annual burnings retard the growth of the large trees and cause defects which greatly reduce the value of the timber cut from them, but do their greatest damage on cut-over lands where the growing trees are still young.

Since this destruction is of future rather than present values, it has not attracted the attention it deserves. The loss is actually growing greater every year as the area of original timber still standing is gradually diminished.

Southern Conducts Experiment.

In the hope that it may contribute something definite to the conservation of the timber resources of the South and also demonstrate that the timber lands of the South, under proper administration, may be made a source of continuing income to their owners, the Southern Railway System is operating a forest enterprise in Dorchester county, South Carolina. The enterprise is being conducted on a tract of 10,000 acres, which was originally purchased as a source of fuel supply by the South Carolina Canal and Railroad Company, now the Charleston division of the Southern.

All these lands had been cut over from time to time, but enough trees were left to keep the land fairly well reseeded. A survey of the standing timber showed that long leaf yellow pine was the predominant tree, particularly on the higher and drier areas. Loblolly pine was found in the lower areas with hardwoods of various varieties in the bays and slashes. Slash pine which is considered quite desirable was not found in quantities.

Our first effort was to provide fire protection through a system of breaks. We then went about replanting the bare areas with slash pine and poplar. A turpentine operation was then started. Only trees nine inches in diameter at breast measure are cupped. Only one cup is placed on a tree and only one-third the circumference of the tree is used. Death of chip is not allowed to exceed three-fourths of an inch. A sawmill was established and has been operated with satisfactory results. Only mature trees were cut. In all instances steps have been taken to protect the growing trees and all brushwood has been removed.

Good Results Promised.
Thus far as the result of this operation.

SYLVA METHODIST CHURCH

There will be a short sermon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock followed by the sacrament of the Lord's supper.

Every member who possible can is earnestly requested to be present. There will be no preaching at the evening hour, as the pastor goes to Hillsboro.

ation a village of twenty-six houses has been created and permanent employment has been given to a number of persons. While our experience is as yet quite limited, it has sustained the belief that the operation may continue indefinitely, paying its own way, and giving a satisfactory return on the investment in the land and improvements.

The main problem which must be solved before the South's pine belt shall come into its own and realize most fully upon its greatest timber resource—the pine tree—is that of controlling fires and preventing the promiscuous burning of forest lands.

The important thing to do is to impress upon the people the disastrous results which come from having fires sweep over the timber tracts. The fact that the destruction of timber is detrimental to the interest of every one as well as to the owner of timber lands must be brought home to all the people.

We believe that whatever may be done along the line of educating the people as to the destructive effect of burning the woods annually is most important. We know that our cut-over pine lands would soon be bearing perfect stands of valuable trees, if the destruction of seedlings by annual fires could be prevented.

HONOR ROLL SYLVA PUBLIC SCHOOL, MONTH SEPTEMBER.

First Grade (Miss Boone)
Frank Cowan; Hugh Battle; Matilda Jane Wilson; Wayne Deitz; J. C. Dillard; Isabel Dillard; Conley Hampton; Paul Kilpatrick; Elizabeth Dillard; Edith Hyatt; Hayes Gibbs; Enna Mae Monteith; Nettie Maye Arrowood; Helen Clark Martha McCoy; Clarence Cagle; Ray Clark; Irene Bryson; Bertie Mae Wilson.

First Grade Sec. II. (Miss Johnson)
Mary Beasley Dora Beasley; Arquilla Clemmons; Marjorie Jamison; Mary Hawkins; Zachie Leatherwood; Fred McCoy Jr.; Harold Beasley Hilda Tallent; Alex Jones; Pearl Conner; Annie Seay; Albert Carden; Horace Moody; Jack Wilson; Mary Bryson; Alvin Ridley;

Low Second grade (Mrs. Sutton)
Minnie Fox; Floyd Carden; Glenn Frady Horace Barnes; Mary Ellen Painter; Ruth Morrison; Cecil Seay; Edith Garret; Lunie Hasket; Isabelle Jamison; Mary Jane Henson; Wiley Waldroup; Edith Chester; Billie Wilson Kathleen Hooper; Denise Deitz; Beatrice Stein; Gartrell Barne

High Second Grade (Miss Hemphill)
Mack Albert Hyatt; William Conner; Glenn Morrison; Charlie Gibbs; Mildred Franklin; Charles Allen; Ivory Stanle; Kitty Dean McGuire; Willa Mae Jamison; Anne Thrasher; Rachel Brown; Lillian Hensley Andrew Wilson; Amy Cogdill; Elsie Geisler; Hilda Keener; Hazel Sherrill; Lola Davis.

Third Grade (Mrs. Freeze)
William Allen Jr.; Carl Beasley; Cash Clark; Dean Davis; Willie Edwards; Miller Edwards; Willard Waldroup; Joe Teddy Wilson; Woodrow Tolley; Gay Battle; Lucy Barnes; Fred Cagle; Marie Childers; Viola Edwards; Birdie Leatherman; Julia

Don't Forget

Dr. Heinzerling's free clinic for children under fourteen years which will be held every Saturday morning from ten to twelve. Also don't forget that we are in Sylva now only Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 2 to 5:30 p. m. If you are sick and have tried everything else without help try us and get well.

DR. HEINZERLING'S Health Institute
Over Post Office
Sylva, N. C.

Hasket; Kathryn Parris; Etta Stanley; William Parris; Fred Tallent; Charlie Corn; Avery Dillard; Nora Lee Hoxit; Gwyn Davis; Dave Sorrells; Bernadene Ensley.

Fourth Grade (Miss Haire)
Clyde Bryson; Asberry Carden; Willard Crisp; Harold Dillard Ardell Owens; E. D. Smith; Hazel Allison; Maude Battle; Ethel Ballew; Lola Bell Cowan; Charmie Chester; Alpha Smith; Carrie Crisp; Maurine Davis; Etta Deitz; Grace Edwards Ora Franklin; Hazel Fox; Gladys Griffin; Marjorie Grindstaff; Josephine Garret; Elva Harris; Bonnie Monteith, Essie Parker; Gracia Queen Evelyn Queen; Lula Stanley; Maydell Stanley; Bessie Sorrells; Louise Toy.

Fifth Grade (Miss Young)
Edna Bryson Hazel Chester; Frankie Creamsman; Ruth Dillard; Annie Fox; Hattie Moody; Mildred Ridely; Helen Stien; Evelyn Wilson; Gertrude Wilson; Edith Woodard; Thomas Barnes; Clyde Fox; Homer Harris; Claude Henson; Roscoe Hyatt; Hal Keener; William Kilpatrick; Sam Billy Parker; Grady Thrasher; Taylor Toy; Ernest Wilson.

Sixth Grade (Miss Evt Johnson)
Willard Allen; Dewitt Beasie; Clyde Brown; William Curtis; Paul Elders; Zeb Farmer; T. K. Guthrie; Morris Guthrie; Gray Hampton; Tom Hastings; Ralph Morgan Walter Sprinkle; Eulalia Barnes; Ethel Fox; Frances Grindstaff; Margaret Hall; Nova Harris; Lucile Hensley; Gertrude Massey; Edith Monteith; Ella Painter; Margie Parris; Beverly Taylor; Lucile Wilson; Madge Wilson.

Seventh Grade (Mrs. Allison)
Helen Allison; Lena Bryson; Katie Carden; Hazel Coward; Virginia Dietz; Nora Edwards; Ruby Edwards Diana Ensley; Sarah Frady; Oscar Fox; Noraeella McGuire; Evelyn Parker; Margaret Wilson; Gertrude Stanley; Amos Harris; Richard McKee; Lyndon McKee Johnny Parris; Homer Sherril.

PARENTS' WEEK AT SYLVA GRADED SCHOOL

October 10th to 14th, inclusive, will be Parents' week in the Sylva Graded School. During this time all parents are urged to visit the school. In their behalf, special chapel programs will be given each day from 8:45 to 9:00 o'clock. The pupils and teachers desire your presence.

WANT COLUMN

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BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT, Finest quality draperies, household linens and dress goods, hosiery and lingerie—displayed by appointment. Write Iva Lee Nations, Whittier North Carolina.

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WANTED—Middle aged woman to do housework and care for invalid. Mrs. C. M. Wells, Sylva.

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CAR STORAGE I HAVE AMPLE room for storage of automobiles. Rates by month, week or day. See J. H. DeHart at Coward House

ALL PERSONS ARE HEREBY forbidden to hunt on my land on Hills Creek. Thos. H. Dills.—1tp.

\$25.00 REWARD FOR PROOF OF the identity of the person who killed my turkeys while hunting. Mrs. Maggie Gribble.—1tp.

HEARS HIS MOTHER IS DEAD COMMITS SUICIDE

Franklin, N. C.—Hearing that his mother was dead, Crawford Matlock, aged 25 a native of this county committed suicide in Detroit last Sunday it has been learned here. The report of his mother's death was erroneous.

That motive for the suicide was the one assigned today by the boy's father, J. Bowman Matlock of the Cowee community this county. The youth took his own life by poisoning it was reported.

The body was to be sent to his home here for the funeral and left Detroit Tuesday.

Mother!

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"California Fig Syrup" is Children's Harmless Laxative



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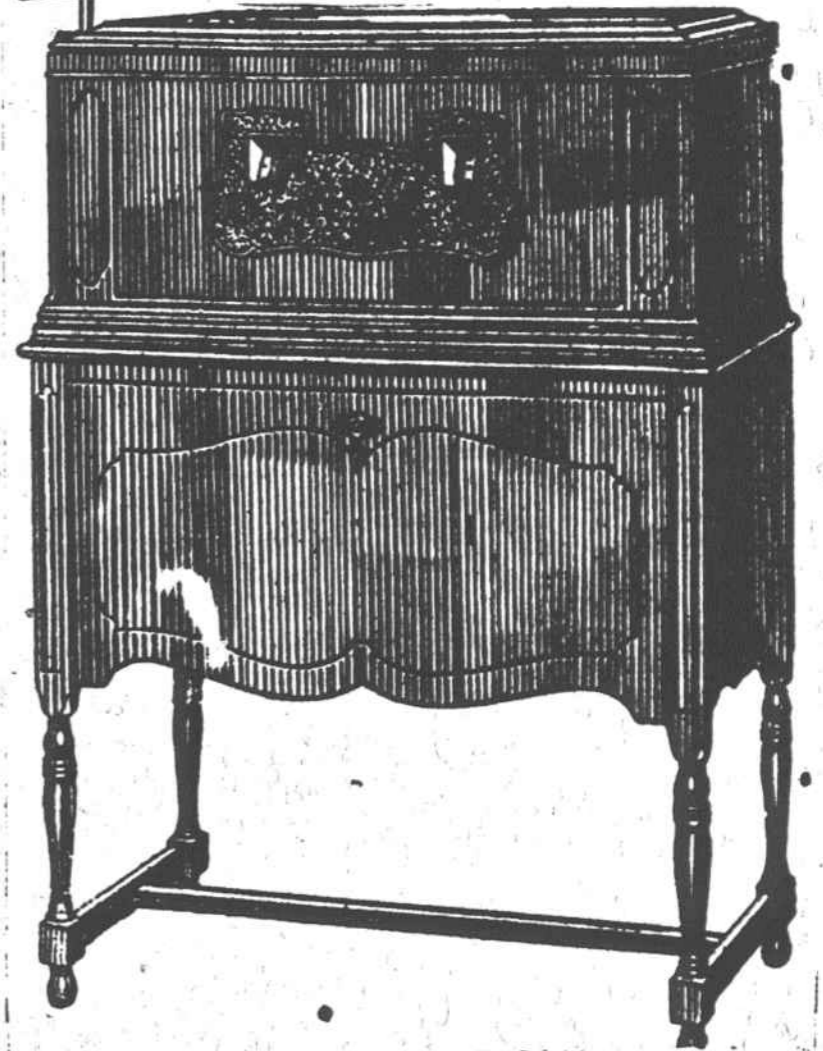
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