

Warren County Forestry Week Is Being Observed Nov. 8-14

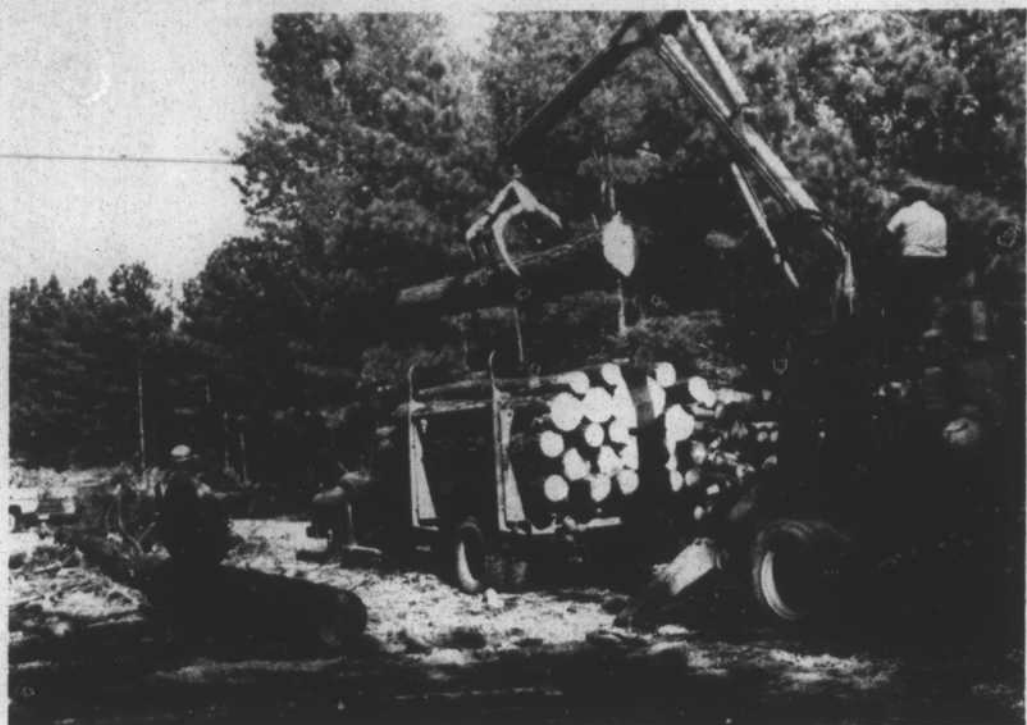
Attention Is Called To Importance Of Forestry

The Week of Nov. 8-14 is being observed as Forestry Week in Warren County under the sponsorship of the Warren County Forestry Club.

Attention is being called to the importance of the forests to the county by large displays in the Agriculture Building, the Postoffice, and the Citizens Bank, by radio talks and by

pictures and articles prepared by writers concerned with the different facets of the forestry industry.

Cooperating with the Forestry Club are the Warren County Extension Department, the N. C. State Forestry Service, the pulpwood and sawmills and other wood using industries and the Soil Conservation Service.



Forestry Industry Brings In \$6 Million In Warren

By FRANK W. REAMS

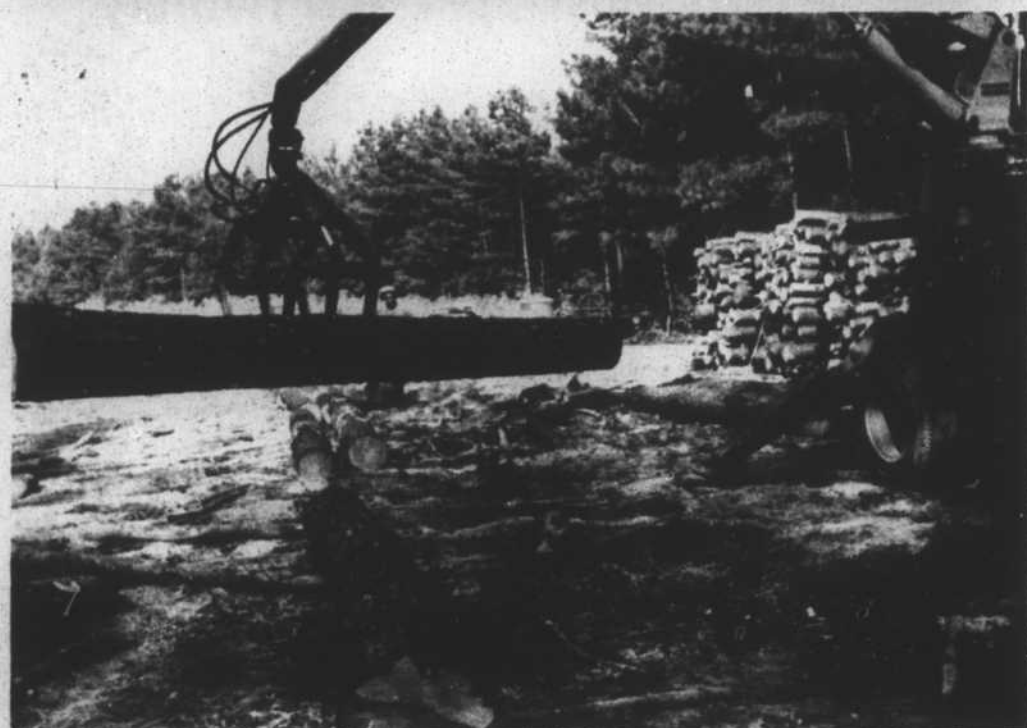
It is good to have an opportunity to say a few words on the place forestry production plays in our Warren County industrial complex. This is one of the several articles written describing the value of the total forestry program to this county.

\$6,000,000.00 of original income. According to the best information available, this \$6,000,000.00 is spent over and over about four times in Warren County in such retail trade as gasoline, automobiles, television sets, clothing, food, housing, taxes, education, etc. If Warren County had a larger number and variety of retail outlets this money would remain longer in the county and be spent over and over several more times. A lot of people spend a portion of their money at retail outlets away from Warren County and, of course, this greatly reduces our possible economy.

Rare is the industry that does not manufacture and use some wood products, whether in producing a finished product, packaging, wrapping, advertising or some allied purpose.

Sometime ago, I had the privilege to observe some new forestry harvesting machinery and operations at a sawlog assembly yard.

Some of the operations observed are shown in the two accompanying pictures. Willie



WILLIE NORWOOD OF ARCOLA OPERATES PRENTICE LOADER

Norwood of the Arcola Community is operating a prentice loader. Trees are cut down in the woods, and stripped of their limbs, after which they are "snaked" to the assembly yard. A chain saw crew cuts the logs into desired lengths and what remains is cut into pulpwood size. The prentice is used to lift the logs and pulpwood onto trucks or neatly piled in racks awaiting the arrival of transportation. I did some timber harvesting in my early twenties and I must say the improvements have been terrific. To say the least, this harvesting method has come from a dirty back-breaking job to one of comparative ease.

This is just one example of the labor-saving devices that start the industrial process, and I don't hear of anyone complaining, either.

When this timber hits the sawmills the logs go through a rapid and fast undressing process, called the debarking machine. The sidings left after sawing the desired boards are then run through the chipping machines and then chips loaded on a standby van.

This reminds me of the story going around about animal slaughterhouses to the effect that they save everything except the squeal and that is now recorded on either a record or tape.

Warren County has many industrial plants and promoters that are vital in our industrial process.

Amos L. Capps Pulpwood Company, who has offices at Arcola and Warrenton and a rail wood yard at Norlina, ships tremendous cords of pulpwood, sells logs to other processors and also buys large volumes of pine cones for seed used by pine seedling nurseries.

Warrenton Box & Lumber Company, Warrenton, saws their own lumber which is purchased from sawmill operators and owners of standing timber.

They process timber on order which is sold to the trade for building houses, all kinds of larger buildings and to industries for stock lumber to be made into hogsheads, crates, boxes, etc.

After the timber is cut into the right size from the debark-

ed logs the remaining parts are chopped into chips which are immediately loaded on a waiting van.

Carolina Lumber Products Company, Warrenton, processes sawed lumber into a finished product. They process to full orders of the building trade for housing, large buildings, and to industries, stock lumber to build hogsheads, crates, boxes, etc.

General Box Company, Warrenton, builds hogsheads, pallets and many other lumber products on order and also processes hardwood lumber.

Arcola Lumber Company and Arcola Hardwood Company at Arcola buy logs and standing timber and operate their own sawmills. Their sawlogs go through a debarking machine and after sawing into lumber, the remainder is chopped into chips which are immediately loaded on a waiting van. They process finished lumber for sale, build hogsheads, pallets, crates and sell chips and sawdust. In all cases in Warrenton County the chips and sawdust are sold to the pulpwood mills.

Cochrane Eastern, Inc. at Warrenton processes stock parts for assembly at the Cochrane Furniture plants at Lincolnton, N. C. Some parts will be completed here, machine-finished and assembled here. This plant is on the market for all the local lumber that can be used in their manufactured products.

Eastern Motor Lines and Read's Truck Lines of Warrenton are vital to our industrial complex by furnishing transportation for lumber to and from their plants as well as the finished products. Warrenton Railroad Company is also a vital link, however, the railroad's physical facilities must be greatly improved to be of full service.

There are many sawmill operators and pulpwood crews that form a real service in this total process.

All of the above mentioned may from time to time change and modify their operations to supply the changes in market demands.

The agricultural agencies located in the county agricultural building, the State Forestry

Stumpage Is Worth \$2 Million To Farmers Of Warren County

By L. B. HARDAGE
Co. Exten Chairman

Warren County's timber income is valued at \$2,000,000 yearly stumpage to the landowners. The Warren County Forestry Club can claim some credit for part of this income due to improved practices that the club has advocated over the past years. The Agricultural and Forestry Agencies have also contributed a part to the above in recommending certain improved practices that have been accepted by landowners. The paper companies, saw-

mills, private companies and foresters have also been very active in all phases of forest improvement in the county. Many farm owners have done an excellent job in forestry - some have accepted some practices, others have done nothing to increase their income from woodland.

The main purpose of the Forestry Club is to increase in-

come from forestry in Warren and surrounding counties. This is a respected and growing club. The original membership was around 25; today the active membership numbers above 50 so this speaks well for the club.

My guess is that if all forestry land in the county was treated as a crop that the total income could easily be \$3,000,000 stumpage value by 1980.

Service, including the local forest fire unit and many others, promote forest production and protect it from fire, insects and many other hazards.

If forestry was suddenly eliminated from Warren County, this loss of income would immediately stagger our entire economy. It would take a comprehensive survey to determine the full economic extent forestry provides Warren County but it is no secret that it is tremendous. Estimates indicate that, on the average, Warren land owners are receiving only about 50% of their potential. To come near our full potential would create many chain reactions resulting in pumping many additional millions into our economy.

Capps Dealer Of Month

The following was taken from the October, 1969 issue of the News for Dealers, Chesapeake Operations, West Point, Virginia:

Dealer Of The Month

Amos Lee Capps of Arcola, N. C., has been in the pulpwood business since 1940. His principal yard has been at Norlina but any day now he'll be operating from Chesapeake's new eight-acre siding on the Southern near Henderson.

Born in Arcola, he worked in a sawmill at 14, later tried trucking and the meat market business. During the depression he married and took a job with the Coast and Geodetic Survey. In 1939, he resigned and set up his own pulpwood business. Today it's a corporation

-Amos L. Capps Pulpwood Co., Inc. with Amos as president and Mrs. Ann L. Arrington as secretary-treasurer.

In 1933 his bride was the former Rebecca Davis of Arcola. They have two daughters and five sons. The eldest son, Weldon C. Capps, is vice president of the company and a 1959 forest management graduate of North Carolina State University. Another son, Lester Davis, also a State forest Management graduate, is now in the Marines.

Amos Capps has the energy of a six-weeks-old pup when it comes to community affairs. He is chairman of the Warren County Board of Health and spent 15 of his 19 years membership as chairman of the Board of Commissioners. He

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