

FACTS ABOUT OUR FOREST

Great Progress Has Been Made In The Past 25 Years

The large number of alphabetical government agencies which have come into prominence in the past years tend to confuse the average citizen's memory of the older agencies, but in Western North Carolina the people have known for a generation the U. S. Forest Service and its Nantahala National Forest. The older citizens can remember in 1911 when a purchase unit was established around the Nantahala Mountain Range for buying forest land and how on January 29, 1920, the President of the United States proclaimed the boundaries of the Nantahala National Forest, dedicating all its forest resources to the best possible use for the greatest number of people.

After almost 20 years of development as a National Forest under such legendary names as "Jimmie" Shields, Arthur Wood, and John

The Famous Horseshoe Bend



The above picture shows the Horseshoe Bend of the Little Tennessee River on the Franklin-Bryson City Highway.

The Bath House at Cliffside



The bath house and trail to the white sand beach

Byrne, we find the Forest with headquarters still at Franklin, North Carolina, and under Supervisor Charles Melichar. The Forest grows in net acres owned by the Government (322,365 acres), but the gross boundary stays the same at 1,349,000 acres. Supervisor Melichar has a staff of technically trained assistants to help with the planning and administration of so large an area. These are James Averell, assistant supervisor; T. T. Hall, executive assistant; Harley Dunbar, improvement superintendent; Roane Bradley, land acquisition; Ray Brandt, timber and game management; Emory Hunnicutt, abstractor, and Clint Johnson, recreation planner.

Three Ranger Districts

In addition, the Forest is divided into three Ranger Districts, each in charge of a Forest Ranger. The Rangers and Forest Supervisor are the key individuals on a Forest. The headquarters for the Wayah District is at Franklin, with Ranger John Wasilik in charge. The next largest to the Nantahala District with Ranger Wm. L. Nothstein in charge is at Andrews. The newest one is the Tusquitee District with headquarters at Murphy, and under Ranger Wm. Palmer. It was formed this month by splitting off part of Cherokee county west of Marble and all of Clay county from the old Nantahala District.

Labor From CCC Camps

The source of man power for construction of improvements, fighting forest fires, and maintaining roads and telephone lines is in the three CCC camps remaining on the forest. Once there were about a dozen camps, but they have gradually been withdrawn by the Director of the CCC until the remaining three are located as follows: Camp NC F-10 at Aquone with Project Supt. B. J. Yost in charge of the work projects; Camp NC F-23 at Otto with Project Supt. Jones in charge, and Camp NC F-24 at Robbinsville with A. M. Deitz in charge. Each camp has work projects listed that will keep them busy on worthwhile jobs several years yet to come. Many of the good gravel roads through the mountains were built by the CCC boys, so that now the Forest lists 205 miles of government built roads, 187 miles of government trails, 288 miles of telephone lines, eight fire lookout towers, and seven picnic and camp grounds.

Cooperation With Other Agencies

Beneficial help has come to the Nantahala Forest from many sources in developing the county to serve the greatest number of people, for example, the State Highway Department and the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads cooperated in completing the Highlands-Dillard Road. The N. C. State Forest Service cooperates in forest fire prevention and suppression work, the Magistrates have been splendid in upholding the state's laws regarding burning the woods, the N. C. Department of Conservation cooperates in protecting the fish and game management areas from abuse, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and U. S. Indian Service cooperate in exchanging fire detection information with the Nantahala lookouts, the TVA helps

by sending fire prevention movies to schools in Cherokee and Graham counties, while last, but not least, WPA has been very helpful in completing roads left undone when CCC camps had to be discontinued and in helping complete Cliffside Recreation Area. All of these agencies, working with the Nantahala, have succeeded in making this a happier and more attractive place to live in.

MUNDAY HOTEL

ON MAIN STREET
FRANKLIN, N. C.

Commercial
Tourist

Cool Verandas and Shade Trees

Rooms
\$1 and Up

Beauty Shop
Accommodations

It's
**PERFECTLY
CLEANED!**

When
Done
By The

City Pressing Club

We have installed a brand new
Cleaning Plant as good as money
can buy

Latest Machinery—Fastest Service

GUARANTEED ODORLESS
Harmless To Fabric

The TAVERN

GRADE A

Middle of Main Street
FRANKLIN, N. C.



Fried Chicken
Country Ham
Sizzling Steaks



FINEST OF FOOD

Courteous Service
Refined Atmosphere



Statement of Condition

At Close of Business, June 30, 1939

Resources

Cash and due from other banks	\$168,945.33
U. S. G'vmt. bonds direct and/or fully guaranteed.....	96,811.53
State, county and municipal bonds	291,980.28
Domestic stocks	200.00
Loans and discounts	267,121.85
Banking house and banking equipment and fixtures....	13,534.02
Other real estate owned	26,490.92
Other assets	3,635.38
TOTAL	\$868,719.31

Liabilities

Capital stock common	\$50,000.00
Surplus	21,000.00
Undivided profits	14,778.78
Reserves	6,543.70
	92,322.48
Other liabilities	7,048.66
Total Deposits	769,348.17
TOTAL	\$868,719.31

The steady growth of this bank is reflected by the following comparative deposit figures:

Deposits June 30, 1933	\$243,421.65
Deposits June 30, 1934	303,322.26
Deposits June 30, 1935	417,446.07
Deposits June 30, 1936	547,365.74
Deposits June 30, 1937	647,609.67
Deposits June 30, 1938	646,903.69
Deposits June 30, 1939	769,348.17

We Pay 2½% Interest on Time and Savings Deposits

The Jackson County Bank

Highlands, N. C.

Sylva, N. C.

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation \$5,000.00
Maximum Insurance for Each Depositor