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"Strong for America"

THE training program of the Boy Scouts of America has been planned to meet the need of war time. This training of boys who will soon come of military age takes on new importance. Not only will Boy Scout troops serve in every community in groups known as Emergency Service Corps to render aid in any war emergency or disaster which may arise, but the older scouts are receiving training which will be of great value when they are no longer members of Scout Troops.

The great Scout objectives—to make boys "physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight" and make them attain the Scout aim of "Be Prepared" were never more needed than today as the nation faces grave peril. In line with preparation to meet war emergencies has been added this incentive, "Strong For America".

The recent campaign for local work which is reported in this issue has been gratifying in its response. Several new troops have been organized in the county, and a larger number of boys are receiving more training than ever before. Local leaders are reaching out to secure more members and boys of scout age will be welcomed to membership.

Our Forests In New Light

THE following article prepared by request for the Franklin Press is a timely warning to the thoughtless and careless. So great is the need at this time for protection of our forests, that destruction of this asset to the nation's war materials ranks with sabotage and fifth column activities, —The Editor.

Governor J. Melville Broughton in proclaiming March 15-21 "Forest Protection Week" chose a timely period. Soon woods fires may be burning over thousands of acres of actual or potential timberlands in North Carolina. Since its inception in 1905 the U. S. Forest Service, to name but a single agency, has heartily recommended keeping the wholesale use of fire out of the woods.

There is still existent in many minds a misconception of the aim of the Forest Service in preventing and suppressing woods fires. To those individuals a stroll through timberlands freed of brush and debris by fire and characterized by large old trees suffices to satisfy their contention that conditions are ideal.

Before arriving at immediate decisions let us pause with the Forest Service and examine the reasons behind its recommended fire protective measures:

(1) Can fires continue to annually burn over timberlands and allow young trees, the potential future crop, to exist? They cannot. Burning therefore converts a forest to a temporary state, limited by the expected lifetime of trees too large to be immediately killed by fire.

(2) Can sawtimber remain healthy through a series of fires? Again the answer is no. Like blood poisoning which requires a point of entry for impurities directly into the blood stream of a human being before infection occurs, decay must seek an entry into wood before damage can be done a living tree. The bark of a tree is its shield. In time repeated fires burn through bark of even the largest trees and expose the susceptible wood. Decay results. This fact can readily be noted by any who care to visit a local mill and study fire-scarred logs as they are opened by the saw.

(3) Does constant burning destroy food materials necessary for timber growth? Yes. We know that the farmer who annually removes his crop with no thought of returning nutrients in the form of fertilizers to the soil in time reduces his farm to a low state of productivity. Likewise, leaves, needles, twigs, and decaying wood which go up in smoke are but lost fertilizers to future timber crops.

(4) Does a burned-over hillside encourage the runoff of rainfall and the consequent loss through erosion of valuable topsoil? Of course it does. We have only to go to the timbered hillside untouched by fire and tread the spongy carpet that feeds the crystal river, to view the picture on the one hand. On the other, we have only to glance at the blackened hillside, robbed of its protective cover, to note

THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE

WORKMEN IN ONE FACTORY RECENTLY DUG UP THE GROUND AROUND THEIR PLANT AND RECOVERED 50 TONS OF VALUABLE SCRAP METALS IN COGS AND ENDS THAT HAD BEEN THROWN OUT

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VANILLA COMES FROM AN ORCHID

THE BORDERS OF BRAZIL TOUCH EVERY COUNTRY IN SOUTH AMERICA EXCEPT CHILE AND ECUADOR

the raw scars down which torrents race to flow as rivers red to the sea. Torrents forever carrying America's heritage, valuable topsoil, a thousand, ten thousand years in the making.

The Forest Service has no concern, but only approval for the dedication of those lands to agricultural use which will produce a living wage. On those lands it is the business of the individual farmer to determine if fire must be the medium by which he rids his acres of a worthless weed crop. His business, so long as the fire he sets does not spread to adjacent lands and thereby interfere with the rights of others. The Forest Service does experience concern over the treatment by fire annually given these millions of acres unfit for the production of farm crops but ideally fitted, if given the opportunity, to produce continuous crops of timber for our benefit and for the benefit of those generations of Americans whom, we trust, will follow after us.

Like the loafer, scorned, who in this hour of national emergency, stands idly on a corner, our timberlands too often now, because of wholesale use of fire, stand idly by. There are those who can take the fifth column attitude of spinelessly whimpering: "Too late and too few!" Or the isolationist's chant: "Black is white." Again there are those, such as the Governor of North Carolina, who during this week has asked us to look the future of our forest lands, to which many of us normally turn for livelihood, squarely in the face. In so many words, he asks: "Shall we continue a squandering, scorched earth policy in our forests in a time when every national resource is a link in the chain dividing independence from slavery? Or shall we, through a unified public opinion, brand as mere unknowing bedfellows of fifth columnists, those who thoughtlessly waste?"

The Governor, through proclaiming "Forest Protection Week" gives his answer. "Let us awake, willingly remove the factors which impede development of our forests, including the wholesale use of fire," he implies, "and thereby put nature back to the job for which she is so aptly fitted."

Clippings

SHOULD "GIVE US PAUSE"

The following from an English preacher should cause serious thought here in America. The same may be true in the United States soon, as it is in Britain now:

"We have been a pleasure-loving people, dishonoring God's day, picnicking and bathing, and now the seashores are barred.

"We have preferred motor travel to church going, and now there is no fuel for our motors.

"We have ignored the ringing of the church bells, calling us to worship, and now the bells cannot ring except to warn us of invasion.

"We have left our churches half empty on the Lord's day, and now the buildings are in ruins.

"We would not listen to the way of peace, and now we are forced to listen to the way of war.

"The money we would not give to the Lord is now taken from us in taxes.

"The food for which we forgot to say thanks, is now unattainable.

"Nights we would not spend in prayer are now spent in anxious air raids.

"The evils of modernism we would not fight, and now we face the Germans in death struggle, which produced these teachings.

"In view of such results the truth of God's plain words ought to sink into people's hearts all over the world: 'If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their

wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their lands.'" (II Chron. 7:14.)

Poet's Corner

UNCLE SAM'S CALL

Uncle Sam has blown his bugle,
And the brave have heard his call.
They have come to fight for liberty,
We're for victory, we must not fall.

From the northland to the southland,
From the eastland to the west;
Come the sons of brave America
To keep the Stars and Stripes
abreast.

Now the Soldiers march for victory
And the Marines on guard they stand;
While the Sailor sails the ocean
To keep Old Glory o'er our land.

So we know that all the people
In this land of brave and true;
Will not pause to give their utmost
For the Red and White and Blue.

By Sally Sue Mincey,
Pupil Franklin High School

FIRST SHOT

America's first shot in World War I was not fired in France but in Guam by Corporal Michael Chockie of the U. S. Marines.

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By CHRISTINE DEHART
(Held Over from Last Week)

Mr. and Mrs. Felton McGaha of Gastonia spent a few days with Mr. McGaha's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus McGaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Stockton of Franklin were visiting Mrs. Stockton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vance DeHart recently.

George Byrd is leaving March 11 for the Army.

Creed DeHart of Asheville spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vance DeHart.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Cook announce the birth of a son on February 26.

Louise Guffey, formerly of Franklin, left for the Army March 5. He is a brother of Mrs. Wint DeHart of this section.

Olive Hill

By JESSIE WILLIS
(Held Over from Last Week)

Mrs. J. R. Guyer is visiting her friends on Oak Dale.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of Sam Gibson, deceased, late of Macon county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 18th day of February, 1943, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 18th day of February, 1942. MRS. FANNIE GIBSON, Administratrix.

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ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of Mattie Moss, deceased, late of Macon county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 11th day of February, 1943, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 11th day of February, 1942. NORA ZACHARY, Administratrix.

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National Forest Timber for Sale

Sealed bids will be received by the Forest Supervisor, Franklin, North Carolina, up to and including April 20, 1942, for all the live timber marked or designated for cutting and all the merchantable dead timber located on areas embracing about 380 acres within the Brown Branch Unit, Watauga Creek Drainage, Macon County, Nantahala National Forest, North Carolina, estimated to be 167 M feet, more or less, of yellow poplar, northern red oak, basswood, cucumber, white ash, white oak, black oak, chestnut oak, red maple, birch, chestnut, scarlet oak, beech, pitch pine, hickory, black gum, and an unestimated amount of chestnut extractwood. The removal of chestnut extractwood at \$0.75 per unit (160 cu. ft. per unit) will be optional with the purchaser. No bid of less than \$10.00 per M feet for yellow poplar; \$8.00 for northern red oak, basswood, cucumber, and white ash; \$7.00 for white oak; \$3.00 for black oak, chestnut oak, red maple and birch, and \$2.00 for chestnut, scarlet oak, beech, pitch pine, hickory and black gum will be considered. In addition to the prices bid for stumpage, a deposit of \$0.25 per M feet for all sawtimber cut will be required for sale area betterment work. \$200 must be deposited with each bid to be applied on the purchase price, refunded, or retained in part as liquidated damages according to conditions of sale. The right to reject any and all bids reserved. Before bids are submitted full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale, and submission of bids should be obtained from the Forest Supervisor, Franklin, North Carolina. M19-2tc-A1

Horace Morgan returned to his work at Fontana after spending a few days with home folks at Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hannah and son, Richard, are visiting Mrs. Hannah's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Willis.

Jimmy Passmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Passmore, is improving after a few days illness.

Mrs. L. W. Ashe spent Tuesday with Mrs. Ida Ledford.

Woodrow Poindexter of Burningtown visited his mother, Mrs. A. L. Poindexter at Olive Hill.

Mrs. Mary Long Tallent of Olive Hill, is spending several weeks on Oak Dale.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Willis and children were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arvil Guyer Sunday.

A large crowd attended preaching services at Olive Hill last Sunday night.

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. What is the most economical way of securing more milk from cows?

A. Through liberal feeding, says Extension Dairyman John Arey, especially roughage. This includes pasture, hay, and silage. Quality roughage is the cheapest source of feed for dairy cows and should be made the basis of the dairy ration. One to two acres of good pasture should be provided for every mature cow. Legume hay, being higher in protein than grass hay, is the best milk producing hay.

JUMP FROM TOWERS

Before jumping from planes, U. S. Marine Corps parachutists practice jumping from towers similar to the ones used at the New York Worlds Fair.

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