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LOCAL FOREST LEADS REGION IN PRODUCTION

Nantahala Timber Cut Highest In South; Salvage Chestnut

The Nantahala led all the national forests in the entire Southern region, both in the amount of timber cut and in timber sales (timber put under contract), during the period July 1, 1945, to March 31, 1946.

The Nantahala set this record, despite the fact that it is one of the smallest forests in area in the region. The region comprises all the Southern states from North Carolina to Texas.

Timber cut in the Nantahala during the nine-month period totaled 33 million board feet, according to figures compiled by the U. S. Forest service and made public at the headquarters here of the Nantahala forest.

The Texas National forests stood in second place, with cuttings totaling 32 million feet, while the Ouachita forest, in Arkansas, with 29 million feet, stood in third place in the region.

One interesting feature of the cutting in the Nantahala forest is that approximately 75 per cent of the timber cut was in the nature of salvage—dead chestnut, which otherwise would have been wasted. It is marketed as extract wood and saw timber.

In the same period, the timber put under contract for cutting totaled 26 million board feet, with the Ouachita in second place with 25 million, and the Chattahoochee, in Georgia, third with 23 million.

During the first quarter of this year, timber cut in the Nantahala totaled 7 million, while the same amount was contracted. These figures put the Nantahala forest in second place in the region for that quarter.

The timber cut during the nine months ended March 31 brought \$81,000 into the U. S. Treasury.

Thirty-five per cent of this amount will come back to the counties—Macon, Cherokee, Graham, Clay, and Jackson—in which the forest lies, it was explained. Twenty-five per cent will go to the state treasurer for distribution to the counties for use on schools and roads, while 10 per cent will be returned to the Nantahala headquarters here for improvement to forest roads.

Nantahala officials, commenting on the record set by the local forest, remarked that the timber cut in this region aided the war effort by providing tannic acid and wood for military purposes, and that now the forest is furnishing wood for re-conversion and housing projects.

Officers

For Next Year Elected At P. T. A. Meeting

Monday night's monthly meeting of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association was featured by the election of officers for next year and the showing of a film, provided by the National Education association, "Assignment Tomorrow."

Mrs. Weimar Jones was elected president. She succeeds the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, who was unable to serve another year.

Other officers are Miss Amy Henderson, vice-president; Mrs. Margaret Bulgin, secretary; and R. S. Jones, treasurer, who was reelected despite his request that his nomination be withdrawn.

The association voted its appreciation to L. B. Phillips for hauling a quantity of gravel to cover the space between the buildings and on the walks.

George W. Hearn, of Salisbury, arrived here Monday for a visit with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hearn, at Hotel Hearn.

Prospects for most all North Carolina crops are good.

Grand Jurors Urge Action To Protect Public Records

The Macon County grand jury, in its report made at the conclusion of the April term of superior court, called for "some provision" at the courthouse "to keep the records safe". The records are "as well kept as possible under present conditions", the grand jurors reported, but declared that "the vaults should be made fireproof in both the clerk of court and register of deeds offices".

The grand jury also reported the county farm home "in very bad condition", with the roof in bad condition, the front porch in need of sills and floor, the fire escape bad, water rising in the basement, and bed bugs on the beds.

A bar, window, and other repairs were recommended for one cell of the jail.

Members of the grand jury were Walter A. Bryson, foreman, Harold Houston, A. C. Patterson, D. C. Rogers, W. P. Hedden, W. Furman Welch, L. M. Smith, R. H. Houston, Cecil Holland, W. S. Seagle, Henry J. Hurst, Gordon Ammons, O. L. Buchanan, R. B. Davis, Carrol Gibson, Gwyn Day, R. E. Norton, and Curtis Passmore.

In his charge to the grand jury, Judge J. Wilson Warlick, of Newton, emphasized that the grand jury stands as a safeguard of the rights of the citizens of the county, with the duty of seeing that all have fair and impartial hearings. "You, and you only, are to determine whether or not the evidence offered will warrant a true bill."

He also instructed the grand jurors to inspect the county institutions, offices, and property.

Solicitor John M. Queen, who is serving his last term, was complimented by Judge Warlick for his "integrity" and "faithful performance of duty".

Cases tried included that in

which four young men and two young women were charged with assault and robbery of Arvin Duvall last February. Frank Raby and Clyde Elliott were given two year suspended sentences, each was fined \$25 and costs, and each ordered to pay Mr. Duvall \$10. Della Sanders was found not guilty. In the cases of Fred Jenkins, Louise Raby, and Verlon Jenkins, prayer for judgment was continued for two years.

In another case, Frank Raby was given eight months on the roads, suspended on payment of \$50 and the costs, for resisting an officer and assault.

Frank Beach, of Tarboro, prisoner at the highway camp here, was given a total of three years on a charge of an assault with a deadly weapon in connection with the attempted prison break here in February.

Other cases included the following:

Robert Williams, reckless driving and no driver's license, 90 days; Charlie Sneed, prohibition law violation, prayer for judgment continued on payment of a fine of \$150; Louis Austin, in the same case, \$100 and the costs, driver's license to be surrendered for one year; Carl W. Jones, operating motor vehicle intoxicated, \$50 and driver's license surrendered; Cecil Webb, prohibition law, failed to appear, \$300 cash bond ordered forfeited and seized auto sold; Grenell Moss, operating motor vehicle intoxicated, \$50 and costs, license surrendered; Virgil Welch, assault on Howard McCoy, two years, suspended on payment of \$250 to be used to pay Mr. Howard's physician and hospital bills; Todd Guest, prohibition law violations, cash bonds of \$250 forfeited and cases dismissed.



GEORGE BASIL DIXON has assumed his duties with the county agent's office here as head of 4-H boys' and girls' club work in Macon County. Mr. Dixon, a native of Kings Mountain, is a graduate of N. C. State college and a veteran of three and a half years' navy service.

ANGEL ELECTED C. OF C. HEAD

New Board Organizes; 130 Persons Attend Dinner Meeting

T. W. Angel, Jr., is the new president of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

The new board of directors, elected at the annual dinner meeting of the chamber last Friday night at Panorama Courts, held an organization meeting Tuesday night, at which plans for the coming year were discussed and Mr. Angel was named president, Harmon H. Gnuse, vice-president, and Frank B. Duncan, treasurer. The other directors chosen at the annual meeting are W. C. Burrell, S. W. Mendenhall, A. G. Cagle, and C. S. Slagle.

Lee Guffey, who has served as secretary of the chamber of commerce for the past four years, resigned sometime ago, and at Tuesday night's meeting reiterated to the new board that he is unable to continue in the post. His place will be filled at a subsequent meeting of the board.

Approximately 130 persons attended the dinner session, at which Francis J. Heazel, Asheville attorney, was the chief speaker. Mr. Heazel is a member of the board of directors and chairman of the regional cooperation committee of the Asheville chamber. Major Birard E. Haven, commanding officer of the Asheville Military district, was the other speaker.

One of today's difficulties in the United States, Mr. Heazel said, grows out of the reversal of the traditional American method of dealing with problems. "We must get back to handling things from the bottom up, instead of from the top down," he said. And that means starting with community effort, he added.

The chamber of commerce, he said, usually represents all elements in a community, and "creates a forum in which conflicting views can be aired, and unified aims and efforts attained."

He emphasized the importance of Western North Carolina unity of effort, asked the cooperation of Franklin in such unified effort, and pledged the aid of the Asheville chamber when it may be needed.

Major Haven, using chart to illustrate his points, discussed the unification of the armed forces.

Other guests included a delegation from the Sylva chamber of commerce and the following other officials of the Asheville chamber: Fuller Brown, president; Arthur M. Jones, manager; Col. R. J. Putnam, assistant manager; and J. O. Angel, a director.

B. L. McGlamery, a past president, presided and reported to the president, Mr. Guffey made the annual financial report. And Mr. Mendenhall led group singing. The Rev. C. E. Parker pronounced the invocation.

The speakers and guests were introduced by Weimar Jones.

8 Out For Education Board; Bryson Files

Full County Ticket Filed By G. O. P. After Caucus

Republican party leaders held a caucus at the courthouse last Saturday afternoon, just a short time before the 6 p. m. deadline for filing of candidates, and selected a county ticket to enter the general election this fall. The names of the nominees then were filed with the county board of elections.

The group selected a full ticket, except that it nominated no candidate for surveyor.

Since the filing date is past, and only one Republican is entered for each office, there will be no Republican primary.

The nominees chosen at the caucus are:

For state senate, E. J. Carpenter, of Franklin, insurance man and principal of the Cowee school.

Representative, Sanford Smith, principal of the Holly Springs school.

Clerk of superior court, A. R. Higdon, the incumbent, Franklin merchant.

Register of deeds, Charles Bryan McClure, of Otto, returned veteran, employed by the Nantahala Power and Light company.

Sheriff, J. P. Bradley, the incumbent, of the Oak Grove community, farmer and livestock dealer.

Chairman of the board of county commissioners, J. D. Burnette, farmer and merchant, of the Highlands section.

Members of board of commissioners, Clyde Morgan, Stiles farmer, and C. W. Henderson, Cullasaja farmer.

Coroner, H. D. Corbin, farmer, of Franklin, Route 4.

Board of education: The Rev. J. I. Vinson, of Dillard, Ga., Route 1; R. D. Rogers, Franklin contractor; F. E. Hasting, farmer and business man of Franklin, Route 2; John Wisnom, Nantahala merchant; and T. M. Keener, Highlands carpenter.

\$3,905.53

Contributed To Red Cross By Macon People

Final figures on the Red Cross campaign show that Macon County contributed \$3,905.53, or \$455.53 more than the county's quota of \$3,450, Bob S. Sloan, campaign chairman, announced this week.

In making the total public, Mr. Sloan expressed pleasure that the county had gone over its quota, and voiced his "gratitude to every worker, in every section of the county, and to the general public for the splendid cooperation" given the Red Cross organization during the campaign.

Miss Mattie Moffitt's Rites Held At Cashiers

Final rites for Miss Mattie Moffitt, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Finley Moffitt, of Cashiers, formerly of Macon County, were held at the home in Cashiers Sunday afternoon, March 31, at 2 o'clock. The Rev. H. F. Rochester, officiated, and burial followed in the church cemetery.

Miss Moffitt died at her home March 29, following an illness of four months.

She, with her parents, moved to Cashiers about six years ago. The pallbearers were Claude, June and Hayes Bumgarner, Leonard and Claude McCall and Cecil Passmore.

Surviving are her parents; two sisters, Misses Irene and Azalie Moffitt, and three brothers, Finley, Jr., Eugene and Marvin Moffitt, all of Cashiers. The arrangements were under the direction of the Bryant Funeral home.

An Easter egg hunt for the children of the primary department of the Franklin Methodist Sunday school will be held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Henry Christy on the Murphy road, it was announced by Mrs. Zeb W. Conley, superintendent of the primary department.

Seeks Sheriff's Post; 25 Democrats In Primary Races

Ten candidates, previously unannounced, last Saturday filed for races in the Democratic primary, while one man who had announced did not file. Saturday at 6 p. m. was the deadline for filing, both for the primary and the general elections.

Nine of the 10 new candidates filed for places on the five-member board of education, and the tenth entered the sheriff's race.

Meanwhile, early this week two of the 27 Democrats who paid their filing fees withdrew.

When C. Tom Bryson, business man and former county official, filed for sheriff Saturday, it brought to six the number in the race for the Democratic nomination for that office, but G. F. (Ferd) Burrell on Monday decided to withdraw, leaving five in the race. The others are L. B. (Shine) Phillips, Paschal Norton, Bill Bryson, and Fred D. Cabe.

For Education Board

Filing for membership on the board of education were four members of the old board and five other men. One of the five, C. N. (Joe) Dowdle, however, withdrew this week, leaving eight in the race for the five places on the board.

They are: Walter Gibson, Iotia farmer and mineral man; Bob S. Sloan, war veteran and county veterans service officer; Harmon H. Gnuse, electrical engineer with the Nantahala Power and Light company; Paul Ammons, farmer of Franklin, Route 4; and the following members of the present board:

C. Gordon Moore, of Franklin, maintenance man at the state prison camp here, who is chairman of the present board; Frank Browning, farmer, of Oak Grove; Charles J. Anderson, Highlands druggist; and Ed Byrd, of Stiles, farmer and former county commissioner. J. E. (Johnny) Cabe, of Otto, the fifth member of the present board, did not file for renomination.

Members of the board of education are nominated in the primary and appointed by the general assembly.

Did Not File

The candidate who had announced but did not file is Harley Stewart, who had come out for membership on the board of county commissioners. The three who filed for the two memberships on that board are W. W. Edwards, incumbent, John W. Roane, and W. C. Sheffield.

W. E. (Gene) Baldwin, chairman of the board of commissioners, is unopposed for renomination. Also unopposed are Lake V. Shope, for renomination as register of deeds; Lawrence Blaine, carpenter, of Franklin, Route 1, for nomination as coroner to succeed George Wallace, who did not stand for renomination, and John H. Dalton, for surveyor. Mr. Dalton, unopposed by either a Democrat or a Republican, will succeed W. M. Parrish as surveyor.

There were no changes in the other Democratic primary races for county offices. R. A. (Bob) Patton, J. M. Raby, and Herbert A. McGlamery filed for representative; while Gilmer L. Crawford and J. Clinton Brookshire are the candidates for clerk of superior court.

Mr. Bryson, the latest candidate for the sheriff's nomination, served as Macon County register of deeds from 1930 to 1938, and in 1942 served the unexpired term of Lester Arnold in that office, when the latter entered the navy. He was chairman of the county board of education in 1939-40. In recent years, he has been in postal work, having been employed in both the Franklin and Fontana post offices. He resigned from the latter sometime ago to return to his home at Cullasaja, where he and Mrs. Bryson have a store. A native of the Cowee section, Mr. Bryson is a veteran of World War I, during which he served in the 81st division.