

Fire Protection for 15,000,000 Acres

75 Per Cent State Forest Land Has Organized Forces

The State forestry officials of North Carolina report that 15,000,000 acres, or 75 per cent of the state's 20,000 acres of forest land, is under organized protection this fiscal year. This is nearly twice the area of national forest land in the Southern region.

The necessity for fire control work in North Carolina has been recognized for half a century, but no active work toward this end was accomplished until 1915 when the first fire law was enacted. Today, the division of forestry, under the Department of Conservation and Development, is headed by J. S. Holmes, state forester, and W. C. McCormick, assistant state forester, in charge of fire control. Some measure of their progress is apparent in recent legislative acts which provide:

(a) For the compulsory establishment of a forest-fire organization and the initiation and development of fire control activities in each county, if the State forester and board of conservation and development determine that the amount of forest land and risk justify protection.

(b) That the refusal to assist a warden in fire fighting, when called upon, shall be a misdemeanor.

The state is divided into six major divisions with a district forester in charge of each. These are further sub-divided into county and association units with a warden and ranger, respectively, in charge of each. The 15,000,000 acres under protection is embraced by 60 cooperating counties, within which are 14 protective associations with a combined acreage of 400,000. General county-wide protection is provided in these counties; however, should a group of owners desire more intensive protection, it may be obtained by the organization of a protection association and the owners paying 1 to 3 cents per acre, which, with

Service and Cooperation Is Basis Upon Which Williamston Invites Patronage

Another marketing season for this section is just a few days away, and as the high spot of 1936 approaches hopes of everyone are renewed. Hopes for great riches are not entertained, but fair prices are strongly expected to the end that everyone can live and let live, enjoy the fruits of a combined labor and the untold friendship of fellowman.

Williamston and its people, it is agreed, ever have a ready welcome for the visitor, but just at this time, every man, woman and child wishes to renew that welcome, to make sure in the minds of all that a true and cordial reception awaits them

at Williamston business establishments at all times.

In years gone by there has been a marked cooperation between the people of Williamston and those of surrounding communities; in fact, the citizenship of the town is composed to a great extent of those who come from the farm homes and rural centers near by. Surely the interest of all is interlocking with the ultimate goal to live and let live being the aim of everyone.

This section has weathered some mighty severe financial storms. Few have amassed a fortune, and surely many have gone without customary lux-

uries and even necessities. The worst has been reached, it is hoped, and now with a cooperation based on service and friendship, let us pull together in the future for the common good of all.

The service and facilities offered on Williamston's tobacco market and stores are not surpassed anywhere; in fact, everyone who has confined his social and business dealings throughout the past years with Williamston firms and the people therein, will readily tell you that few other towns, if any, could have been more thoughtful and congenial in the transactions handled.

HEADS WOMEN MEDICS



Dr. Catherine Macfarland of Philadelphia is the new president of the Medical Woman's National association which held its annual convention in Kansas City.

county appropriations, is matched by state and federal funds. During the past year the acreage under protection has increased from 10,000,000 acres to the present figure, an increase of 5,000,000 acres. Likewise the estimated budget for this year is \$169,000,

as compared with \$117,000 and \$72,000 for the two preceding years.

The value of the emergency conservation work program in furthering fire protection is readily grasped by the amount of protection improvements being constructed. Of a total of 120 detection structures required for adequate detection, some 28 of the 56 enrollees and 14 more are included in the present ECW work plans. Likewise 265 miles of the state's 352 miles of telephone lines were built by CCC labor, as well as 903 miles of roads, 31 combination cabins, garages, and living quarters; 466 miles of fire lines; 812 bridges, and 45 miles of foot and horse trails. The above figures are as of July 1, 1935, and since that time many miles of road, telephone lines, and a number of towers and buildings have been added to the system.

In the matter of equipment, the state is experimenting with a radio transmitting and receiving set having a 20 miles range. It is planned to purchase additional equipment of this sort as funds are available and proper equipment is decided upon. For the main job—fire suppression—

CHESS CHAMPION



Samuel Reshevsky, who won first place in the recent chess tourney in New York, thereby became the national champion, succeeding Frank J. Marshall.

the state has the following equipment, much of which has been purchased recently:

1. 35 trucks (20 purchased within the past year), the greater number of which are equipped with motor pumps, 75-gallon water tanks, and fire-fighting equipment for 10 men, with carrying capacity on the truck for this number of men.
2. 58 trailers equipped with 55

Teacher Salaries Never Been High Old Books Show

While there may be equality in salaries in the future, it is quite evidence from the records that school teachers have not and are not now receiving great salaries. Back in 1900 the superintendent of county schools was paid \$3 a day for each day he worked. In 1908 he was paid \$75 a month and allowed an expense account. Some years later he received \$100 a month. Nearly 20 years have passed, and the salary is less than double the \$100 figure.

Colored teachers in the county were paid \$30 a month in 1913, the average schedule now being less than double that amount. Probably salaries paid white teachers have shown a greater increase, but they are considerably below the average paid workers of equal preparation employed in industry.

In thousands of instances, poor people and poor land are forced into a mutually poor partnership. Poor diets, poor housing and bad sanitation on land, as well as in cities, initiate and hasten the decay of nations.

Wherever in our nation the loss of soil fertility outruns the restoration of soil fertility, decay is taking place. Decay, due to this kind of loss, is going on in almost every farming neighborhood of the United States.

gallons of water and fire equipment for 10 men.

3. Two 1935 model "22" caterpillar tractors (recently purchased) for plowing of fire lines with Hester plow and harrow.

4. 5,000 portable knapsacks, fire pumps on hand, of which 1,000 are recent purchases.

5. 5,000 fire rakes, 1,100 being new additions.

There have also been recent purchases of other equipment, but the above serves to indicate the progress in building up their fire equipment.

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