

## THE CARE OF THE FARM WOOD LOT

**With Proper Care, the Wood Lot Can Be Made One of the Best Paying Parts of the Whole Farm.**

The woodlot is one of the most important portions of the farm. It supplies wood for cooking and for warmth, protects the farm from washing rains and erosion, enhances the value of the property, and, properly handled, provides a continuous money crop, supplying work for the idle periods when other farm work is impossible. It is important, therefore, for the owner to give some attention to the protection and proper handling of the woodlot.

The following simple rules will, if observed, improve the woodlot and increase the revenue from it.

1. Don't attempt to use the woodlot as a pasture. Very little forage is found for cattle in the wooded area. Usually only young trees are available as forage and these supply very little nourishment. Cattle, sheep and hogs in the woodlot absolutely prevent young growth by eating the acorns, or seeds, nipping the tops from young seedlings and packing the ground so hard as to prevent sprouting of seeds or stumps. Therefore decide whether the land is to be used for pasture or woodlot and use it for that purpose exclusively.

2. Cut inferior trees first. Don't cull out the best trees and leave the poorer, crooked or inferior ones standing. Use the crooked, dead and defective trees for firewood. Hickory makes excellent firewood but is not well suited for any other purpose. Crooked dead and down timber make as good or better firewood than tall, straight, green timber. Old and defective trees produce seed that are likely to produce defective young growth or be incapable of reproducing.

3. Where young growth is well started and thick, remove all the old mature timber. Old trees grow slowly, take lots of space, exhaust the food from the ground, and shade the young timber so that it cannot grow rapidly and healthily.

4. Cut chestnut as closely as possible. There is great danger of losing all chestnut from blight within the next ten years. Even if chestnut is not blight killed it is well to keep it cut close because it grows rapidly, reproduces well from both seed and sprouts and will produce a money crop more quickly than any other species.

5. Cut low stumps and use as much of the material in each tree as possible. Sprouts coming from high stumps will break off and die much easier and quicker than those coming from near the ground. By cutting low stumps more material is gotten out of the tree, making it more valuable. Laps will rot quicker, allowing young growth an earlier start if the large limbs and butts are removed.

6. Don't cut timber as you come to it. Thin the stand evenly throughout, so that there will always be partial shade on the ground and trees standing to produce seed. Properly thinned stands of young growth will produce as much actual timber as heavier stands where the individual trees are crowded. It is the same principle as hoeing corn, leaving the stalks all spaced properly.

7. DO NOT BURN THE WOODS. This is the most important of all rules regarding the handling of the woodlot. Those leaves from last year are the food for this year's timber. They rot, sink into the ground, and are drawn up in the form of sap in this year's growing season, forming the fertilizer for the timber. They also form a blanket on the ground, holding excess water, preventing quick run-off, protecting the ground from erosion, and providing a rich, black soil for the seed to sprout in. Fire not only burns the fertilizer, but kills the young trees that will form the next crop. Fire burns through the bark at the base of the old trees, causing hollow butts, allowing insects and disease a chance to get into the tree, and holds back the growth of the tree by killing some of the fibres that carry the food into the limbs and leaves. It exposes the mineral soil, allowing the sun to bake it, and thus preventing moisture from soaking through the roots of the tree.

Remember that timber is a crop, just as corn is a crop. Timber actually brings more money into the county than corn. Timber is easier to grow than corn. Timber plants itself, hoes itself, and plows itself, and a little attention from the owner of the woodlot will repay him better than any time he spends on other work.

Fire is timber's greatest enemy. Keep it down.

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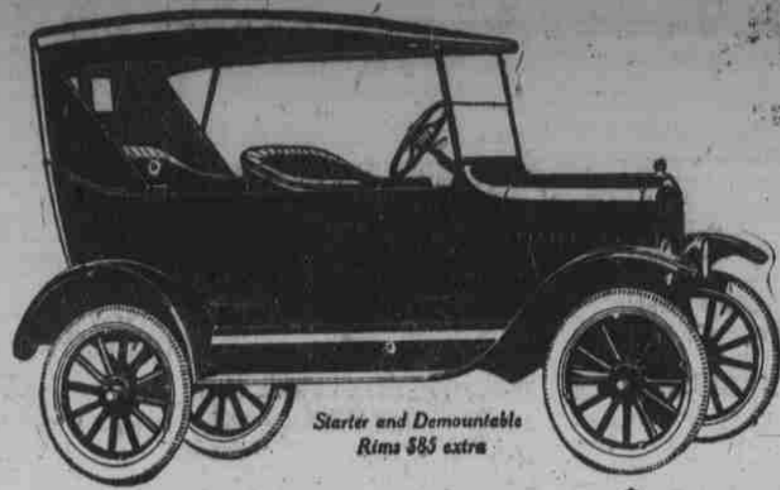
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Cowee—Ruf Upton, Geo. Love, Lester Hall.

The above is the list of school committees appointed by the County Board of Education at the April meeting. These appointments will be confirmed at the July meeting. It was ordered by the Board that the schools are to open this year July 28th, but where in the opinion of the committee and the superintendent it will be better for an earlier date, they may open before that time. This applies to schools having a term of less than eight months.  
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