

Work Starts On Paper Mill

The work of erecting the Sylva Paperboard company's new mill started January 9th with W. Mike Brown as contractor for the excavation and concrete foundation work.

The new mill is being erected just across the railroad tracks from the Tannery and Extract plant and will, when completed, manufacture into paperboard the chips from the extract plant, after the tannic acid has been boiled from them. At present the chips are a waste product burned in the furnaces.

It is authoritatively stated that the owners expect to rush the new mill to completion at the earliest possible date, and expect to have it ready for operation by June 1.

In connection with the erection of the new paper mill, the tanning extract plant began full time operation last week, after having been closed for several weeks, pending the outcome of the negotiations that assured the erection of the paper mill.

The production of chestnut wood and the marketing it is one of the big industries of Jackson county and a large number of the people of the county are engaged in it for at least part of the year. A great many of the farmers of the county utilize their off seasons and spare moments from their farms in cutting and preparing for the market the harvestable chestnut on their farms; and a number of people devote practically all their time to the chestnut forest products, and it is being pointed out in Sylva that the coming of the new plant, which insures the continuous operation of the extract plant, will greatly stabilize the chestnut wood industry, and assure a market for the product for a great many years.

While the Sylva Paperboard company's plant is to be located in Sylva it is by no means a local concern; but one that spends immense amounts of money and gives employment to many people throughout the counties of Western North Carolina. Last year the Parsons' Tanning company bought chestnut wood from practically every county in the mountains.

The government is urging that the

people harvest their chestnut as rapidly as possible, in view of the blight and it is predicted that chestnut as a source of wealth will be exhausted within fifty years, on account of the peril. It is unquestionably a fact that the extract plants cannot possibly consume all available chestnut within that period.—Jackson County Journal, Jan. 5th.

SAME, SUMMER AND WINTER

A depressed-looking fellow went to the Lost Property Office to inquire about a handbag his wife had dropped in the street.

"And what is her mane, please?" asked the official.

"Helen Summer," said the meek man. Here he paused, and added, softly and with feeling, "and it's the same in winter."—Everyday Life.

TRIBUTES TO ROBERT E. LEE

(By Mrs. John H. Anderson)

The day is approaching, January 19, when the whole southland and indeed every section of our country, commemorates the birthday of Robert E. Lee, not only the Confederate chieftain but the "American."

School children, citizens and every chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in North Carolina will pause on this coming Thursday to recall the greatness of this beloved leader.

Where shall we stop when we begin to talk of the character of Robert E. Lee? The tributes paid General

Lee by others than his own people attest the admiration of the world for this man.

Beautiful Character
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the British army, visited the Confederate army at headquarters. Of his first meeting with General Lee he wrote:

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