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BIG FIELD DAY TO BE HELD IN MARSHALL ON AUGUST 1

FARM FORESTRY IN EUROPE

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FARMERS FEDERATION NEWS

(NOTE: This is the first of a number of brief articles on forestry in Europe prepared by Mr. Forsling, Director of the Appalachian Forest Experiment Station of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, who spent several months in Central Europe last year studying various aspects of forestry in relation to their application in the United States.)

The profitable growing of trees as a cash crop in farm wood-lots or forest is no more complicated and requires much less labor or effort than most other crops. There is little reason why the average farmer in Western North Carolina who owns some acres of forest land can not do as well with it as many European farmers are doing with theirs. The fact is that forestry on the farm, as practiced in Central and Northern Europe, offers a number of worth while suggestions to farmers in this country. On the whole, the Europeans recognize in their wood lands an important source of yearly income, as well as a source of usable farm material which would otherwise have to be bought.

Just how important forest growing is considered in many parts of Europe is reflected by a general review of the land situation as it exists today. In Germany, for example, 46 per cent of the total land is in cultivated crops, 16 per cent is in meadow and pasture, and 27 per cent is in forest. The total land area of Germany is a little less than that of Tennessee. The density of population is far greater than in the United States. On the average there are 345 people per square mile in Germany as compared to an average of 65 persons per square mile in this country. It is interesting in this connection to note that this figure for North Carolina is the same as the population density for the United States as a whole.

Right away an apparent discrepancy shows itself in these figures. Why should a country like Germany where, because of the dense population, every suitable acre is needed for cultivated crops and intensive farming is an economic and social necessity, still maintain almost a third of its total land area in forest? The answer is simple. It is the outcome of the realization on the part of the German people that it is fully as important in the national economy to have forest products as it is to have other crops.

By no means, however, do all German farms have wood-lots or farm forests. Most of the farms are very small—perhaps three-fourths of them are under 50 acres. About one-fifth of the total forest area is on tracts of less than 50 acres—indicating that they make up parts of farm holdings. Here is a parallel between the German farmer and the average farmer of Western North Carolina in that both own small farms which have forest land or wood-lots on them.

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Because of the recognized high

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value of forest products in Germany the smaller farmer puts his forest land to good use. In communities where forests are scarce, many cooperative forests have been formed, each farmer sharing in it. On a number of farms visited, the farmer was using his wood-lot as a source of additional income—he was cutting and selling enough wood each year to pay taxes or to meet regular bills which he would have difficulty to meet otherwise. In other cases the wood-lot was used as a sort of savings bank where the farmer could have an immediate source of cash to meet emergencies.

It is true that many small farmers in this country are doing much the same thing whenever given the opportunity. However, the intelligent forest on the basis of steady annual treatment of the farm wood-lot or increase in harvestable volume has been widely neglected in this country. A specific example of what intelligent wood-lot management can mean to the farmer will illustrate.

PAID FOR A NEW HOUSE
In Sweden a farmer was visited

Farm Forestry in Europe. who had recently completed a comfortable new home. He explained that he had sold enough saw-logs and pulp wood from his farm forest to pay almost the entire cost of the material used in his new home. For a good many years he had cut only the inferior trees and made sufficient thinnings to keep the better trees growing as rapidly as possible. This thinning material provided fire wood and rough construction materials for use on the farm. Finally the better trees reached logging size and being of sound clear wood they brought a good price. In the meantime young growth was taking the place of the cut trees and a new crop was established by the time he had cut the tree crop mentioned above. This new crop coming up will repeat the process of yielding fire wood, farm construction material and some pulpwood taken out in thinnings until another logging of the stand is possible and so on indefinitely.

Many European farmers aim to produce saleable timber, but most of them use the forest yield for their own use. Fuelwood is especially important, and is used in especially designed cook stoves or heating stoves. These prevent the heating of "all outdoors" which seems to be the common failing of the chimneys and flues on our own fireplaces and stoves. Another common practice over there is the use of pine needles and leaves for stable bedding which is afterward taken out and spread as fertilizer. Sometimes partially rotted leaves and litter is raked up and used directly as fertilizer. This latter practice, however, is not to be recommended, except to a limited extent on flat land for, as people who live in the mountains here can appreciate, whenever the forest litter is removed or destroyed by fire, the rains run off rapidly from the hillside, causing erosion, the danger of floods is increased and there is a slowing down of tree growth. The practice of removing litter from the forest is being curtailed in Europe.

THRIFTY YOUNG TREES SAVED

The European farmer is aided in intensive utilization of his wood by the great demand—to the extent of using small twigs and branches for fuel. Even the roots and stumps are dug up and used. In the United States there has been such apparent abundance of wood that far too little thought is given to close utilization and a common practice has been to cut down and use for fuel wood the best young trees which would have grown into a saleable product, instead of using limbs, tops or the crooked, knotty trees for fuelwood or other farm use. It requires a little more work, it is true, to use the limby crooked trees on the farm but cutting can usually be done in winter when there is little other farm work. Incidentally, removal of the crooked, big topped trees makes room for the better young trees to grow more rapidly. There has grown up almost an instinctive fear in Europe of wasting anything grown from the land. With

Program For "Big Field Day" In Madison Saturday, August 1, Marshall, N. C.

MADISON FARMERS' FIELD DAY

At a general committee meeting last week of which Mr. Guy V. Roberts was chairman special committees were appointed to make plans and get ready for the big day.

The committees and members are as follows:

Program Committee;
Robert Teague
A. W. Whitehurst
C. L. Rudisill
Mrs. Guy V. Roberts
Mrs. G. W. Miller
Mrs. Annie M. White
Publicity Committee;
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Mrs. Guy English
Finance Committee;
J. B. McDewitt
Eugene Rector

Nothing is left upturned to make his day a big occasion to remember in Madison County. A good program is being arranged with exhibits, judging, stunts, music and lunch provided for during the day. The island has been selected as the place to hold this event.

PROGRAM FOR "BIG FIELD DAY" IN MADISON SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, MARSHALL, N. C.

Music 10:00-10:15
Invocation — Dr. W. E. Finley
Welcome — Guy V. Roberts
Presenting of Presidents:
1. Madison Farmers
2. Madison County Soil Association

an average of 345 people to each square mile they know that there are no new frontiers for them to open up and that their existence must come from the home fields.

European countries once faced depletion of resources and with increase in population had to correct the situation. Out of this has grown so deep conviction of the need for conservation that today each farmer endeavors to pass his land on to his son in as good or a better condition than when he received it. For many years they have faced the realities of conservation of natural resources which we are beginning to face in this country.

CHINA TOOK THE OTHER ROAD

Big Pine Farmer and Mares



Mr. C. J. Wild, of Big Pine and His Fine Mares

PROGRESSIVE FARMING BY A DEMONSTRATION FARMER

With the present demand for better work stock Mr. C. J. Wild of Big Pine, N. C. says "It is more economical to keep good brood mares to do the farm work with and raise a colt every year for the market."

Mr. Wild is shown above with his pair of year old Belgian mares and their colts. The colts are two and one-half months old. Mr. Wild figures that the colts will cost him \$50.00 to keep them until they are two years old and that he can sell them for \$500.00 or do a good year's work with them and then get it. At the rate the colts are growing now they will tip the scales at 1000 pounds when they are two years old. An animal of this breeding and type is much more desirable and is far superior to a broncho to farm with. They are easier to train and can stand more hard work than the wild

Hereford Breeders Association Business Men's Club

Address — Speaker to be announced

Introduction of Guest

Entertainments by: Robert Davis

Lunch 12:00—1:30

Music Business Meeting Madison Farmers, Inc. 1:30—2:30

Robert Teague presiding

Hog Calling Contest—For Men

Rolling Pin Contest—For Women

Wheel Barrow Race—Boys

Dressing Race—Girls

Terrapin Race—Everybody

Every farmer and business man in Madison County is invited to come with their families and bring a basket lunch.

A number of distinguished guests are expected to be here with a thousand or more people of Madison County.

The meeting will be on the school house island where it will be cool or in the shade.

There will be many things on exhibit at this time on the grounds. Be sure you see everything. It is all free.

The judging for the prizes will be interesting because they are very valuable prizes.

COME! COME! At 10:00 o'clock

EXHIBITS

We are giving every person in Madison County a special invitation to bring his or her hobby to the schoolhouse August 1 and put it on exhibit. It may be canned fruits or vegetables, honey, molasses, rugs, bird spreads, apples or any item that is of interest on the farm.

Be sure you put your name and label very plain on your article and bring it in if possible by Friday, July 31. If you can't get it here by then it will be accepted until 10:00 o'clock Saturday, August 1.

See Mrs. H. B. Dittmore, Mr. R. R. Ramsey or come to the county agent's office to get your item placed on exhibit.

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23 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN MADISON OPEN NEXT MONDAY

Teachers To Meet Friday Morning

All Rural Elementary Schools in Madison County will open Monday, July 27th, with the exception of California Creek and Center. These two schools will not open until August 24th due to the fact that they are served by the same buses that serve the High Schools. The teachers for the schools which will open Monday, will meet at the Court House in Marshall Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock to receive instruction and supplies.

A list of the schools which open next Monday and the names of the teachers are as follows:

WALNUT CREEK—

Warren Ramsey, Prin.

Agnes Wilde

Mrs. Mary West Wallin

Lace McLean.

SANDY MUSH—

Grant McDarris, Prin.

Clarie Edwards.

UPPER LITTLE PINE—

Minnie Rice, Prin.

Ruby Kent.

LOWER LITTLE PINE—

D. Carter, Prin.

Hattie Tweed.

PINEY GROVE—

E. O. Burnette, Prin.

Lucille Briggman.

UPPER BIG PINE—

Glenn Jarvis, Prin.

Mrs. Clayton Worley.

LOWER BIG PINE—

Mrs. Emma Boone, Prin.

Marie Willis

Grace Dockery.

STACKHOUSE—

Mrs. Jessie F. Laws.

DOE BRANCH—

Ima Henderson.

HIGHLANDS—

Iola McDewitt.

ROARING FORK—

Ira Oscar Blankenship

Ira Ponder.

MEADOW FORK—

Rickman Fleming

essie Norris Fleming.

KEENER—

Thurston Green.

POPLAR GAP—

C. J. Smith.

REVERE—

Mrs. Cora Stines

Helen Wallin.

SPILL CORN—

P. N. McDewitt

Fowler Wallin.

RICE—

Faye Wallin

Lucille Bryan.

RICE'S COVE—

Edith Shelton.

BIG LAUREL—

Robert Roberts

Mrs. Florence Wallin.

BRIGHT HOLE—

Orlena McMillan

Telarah Hunter.

POSTER CREEK—

Vittley Hunter

Dorothy English

Lula Hinkner.

IVY RIDGE—

Oliver Whitt

Evelyn Whitt.

BULL CREEK—

Albyn Buckner

Mrs. Attley Hunter.

GRAPEVINE—

Wesley Hunter

Vesta Boone Hensley.

LONG BRANCH—

Winston Rice

Gennell Fox.

GRANDVIEW—

Eloise Ward.

OAK GROVE—

Mary Alice Gibbs.

America has reached the crossroads, where Europe stood more than a century ago. They took the course which today has placed Europe on an economic basis of conservation and profitable utilization of natural resources. China took the other fork in the road which has meant famine and flood and the near bankruptcy of her farm and forest resources. European methods should not be copied in full, but after all it is only plain horse sense to benefit by the

lessons of another people who at one time were wasting their soil and forests much as we have done in this country, but have learned the meaning of the intelligent conservation and use of natural resources.

LANDON'S SPEECH IS HEARD HERE

Governor Landon's acceptance speech was picked up from a radio in Mr. Calvin Edney's office Thursday night and amplified so as to be clear to people on the Marshall streets and at the courthouse lawn. Mr. Edney distributed circulars calling attention to the radio program. Besides a number of local people, several tourists stopped and heard the nationwide hookup.

Lightning Kills Mrs. Emma Boone At Weaverville

Mrs. Emma Boone, 30, of Weaverville, was instantly killed by lightning Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the rear yard of her home. Mrs. Boone was hanging out clothes on a wire when a bolt of lightning struck a tree to which one end of the clothes wire was attached. The bolt apparently was conducted through the wire and electrocuted Mrs. Boone.

Surviving Mrs. Boone are her husband, Ernest Boone, and two children, James and Dorothy Boone.

Funeral services were in the English settlement of Madison County at 10:30 Monday morning.

Car Wrecks, Sending Three For Treatment

Miss Bonnie Cutshall, sister of Mr. Grady Cutshall, and her sister, and the lady who was driving received first aid from Dr. Sams Wednesday for wounds received in a wreck. Miss Bonnie had a broken arm and was sent to a Greenville hospital for further treatment.

Woodmen To Hold Meeting

Marshall Camp No. 571, Woodmen of the World, is now in the midst of one of the greatest membership campaigns in the history of the camp. Since June 15, more than sixty persons have applied for membership in our camp, making to date a total of around ninety members.

On Tuesday night, Aug. 4, there will be a large class initiation held in the Asheville camp. We expect more than one hundred candidates to take their protection degree, which will be put on by the Hickory degree team, one of the best drill teams in North Carolina. Supper will be furnished free by the Asheville camp.

We expect more than fifty candidates from the Marshall camp to be there at that time. Every applicant who takes his certificate by Aug. 4th will be eligible to attend. I want to urge every one to take your certificate promptly and make your plans to be in Asheville that night.

Immediately after the class initiation we want to start building a degree team for our own camp. We now have an opportunity not only of showing our beloved president, Dr. E. Bradshaw, and our esteemed State Mgr., T. E. Newton, but also our own community what the Woodmen in Marshall can do.

Typhoid season is here! One case is reported, so far. — You can't afford to take the risk. So see your Doctor and get inoculated at once.

W. A. SAMS, Co. Phy.