

## Forestry Big Income Item To Haywood Farmers

### Champion Buys More Than Half Million Cords of Wood

#### Logging On Unused Section Of Waynesville Watershed



Modern cutting practices are being followed in cutting timber on 600 acres of an unused section of the Waynesville watershed. The program is being managed in a way that will completely utilize the water resources as well as produce a periodic cash income from timber resources. Waynesville Lumber Company is doing the work as outlined for forestry specialists from State and Federal agencies and the TVA. (This photograph courtesy TVA).

#### Modern Practices Are Being Pushed

The trees that blanket Haywood county's mountains look like a million dollars. But they're worth considerably more than that. They constitute vital forces in four of the county's major industries, and actually count for the presence of two of them. These four are paper and furniture manufacturing, farming and the tourist business. They brought a Champion Paper and Fibre Company plant to Canton, which gives work to 2,500 county people at its factory alone, and paid salaries totalling \$10,000,000 last year. They mean hundreds of thousands of dollars more in the tourist business to which they are vital. Every summer, thousands of travellers come to stay in the county anywhere from a week to three or four months. They don't come to see mountains alone. They come to see mountains blanketed with trees. These trees supply the raw material for the Unagusta Manufacturing Corp., which employ about 300 people in making furniture and has a payroll that varies between \$700,000 and \$800,000 a year. Their value in farming itself is difficult to estimate. There is no way to determine the amount of topsoil the trees have held on the land and prevented from being washed by the rains into the rivers and streams. But they can be and are being used to increase both the money value and the beauty of the land. Planted bleak, eroded hills, they are being used to build future pastures and cropland, or woodlots that will provide a permanent source of timber and pulpwood. These trees also created many of Haywood's smaller industries. Their ultimate value to the county's merchants also can be measured in terms of millions of dollars. For instance, of Champion's multi-million-dollar payroll, all but a small fraction is spent in the stores of the county. The same also may be said of the Unagusta wages and salaries. In addition to this direct spending, there are also the contributions that these industries make to the social and religious lives of the communities. The YMCA at Canton. The rooms sponsored at the Haywood County Hospital by industries and civic organizations whose members are also members of these industries, and others. And the fact that the value of the trees are appreciated fully is reflected in the importance of forestry in the Haywood County Community Development program, in the long-range building and conservation practices of Champion.

#### 4-H Boys Learn Forestry By Working At It



Haywood County 4-H Club boys plant white pine seedlings at their camp on the Mountain Test Farm under the guidance of foresters and men from the county agent's office. At left, Bill Martin Boone digs a post hole for a seedling, while the boy in the foreground by him plants a young tree. Behind him to the right is Thad Medford. Standing next to Thad is John Gray, North Carolina State College Extension Forester. David Hugh Tate works with a pick mattock, and Harley Caldwell takes a few seconds off from tree planting to watch the camera. Other boys in the picture are Charlie Wilson, Lynn McClure, Dan Davis, James Williamson, Jimmy McElroy, Billy Bishop, T. L. Francis, Christopher Douglas, Jack Chason, and Ted Francis. In the background are E. R. Caldwell, Haywood County forester; County Agent Wayne Corpening, State Forester Charles Pettit, and TVA Forester R. A. Vogenburger.

### Town Puts Modern Forestry Program Into Effect On 9,000-Acre Watershed

(By TVA Foresters)

Farm timber should be considered as a crop just like corn or potatoes. By applying scientific methods farm timber lands can be managed in such a way that successive cuttings of sawtimber and minor forest products can be made and at the same time improve the forest stand, and increase yields of better quality wood products to the end that the county and the nation shall be insured a perpetual supply. Several months ago the board of aldermen adopted a management plan prepared by the North Carolina Department of Conservation and The Tennessee Valley

Authority Department of Forestry Relations for Waynesville Municipal watershed. A timber sale on the Old Bald drainage represents the beginning of a long range management program designated to improve and utilize both water and timber resources on the watershed. The plan outlines operations for a 13 year period, and provides for the systematic removal of mature, overmature and defective trees from portions of the watershed, not currently in use for the supply of water. This project is of considerable significance in that it represents the first example in the region where a municipality has undertaken the development and utilization of both forest and water resources on the same area. The first timber sale unit consists of about 600 acres on Old Bald drainage. Approximately 1,600,000 board feet of selectively marked sawtimber and 430 cords of chestnut acidwood were designated for cutting. The timber was sold on a lump sum bid of \$17,000 to the Waynesville Lumber Company.

The sale contract provided for removal of designated trees in such a way as to do a minimum amount of damage to the watershed values of the area; provide protection to the reserve trees, and to provide access for fire control through the construction of permanent roads. Timber cutting and road construction activities were initiated in April, 1949, in accordance with approved specifications. These specifications represented the combined experience and studies of representatives of the State Board of Health, the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station, the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, the Tennessee Valley Authority Division of Forestry Relations, the town and practical timber operators. To date, approximately 3 miles of road have been built and 500,000 board feet of sawtimber harvested. The Board of Aldermen have expressed considerable enthusiasm and satisfaction concerning the progress on the first phase of the

program. (Continued on page four)

#### Young Timber On Watershed Means Future Profits



Residual stands of timber left after the logging operation on the Waynesville watershed are high quality, fast growing timber which may be selectively cut in future years. There are 600 acres being cut over in an unused portion of the watershed. The program was adopted by the Town Board in cooperation with forestry specialists from the State, National and TVA services. Waynesville Lumber Company is doing the logging, having made the highest bid for the timber. (This photograph courtesy TVA).

### Forestry Commission For Haywood Sets Up Far-Reaching Program Goals

The Forestry Commission of the Haywood County Community Development program recently adopted as their goal, a program to improve forestry management practices so as to increase the income from forestry in Haywood county above the \$250,000, where it now stands; and double the number of white pine and poplar seedlings set out in the county in 1948. The Commission is composed of the following: Ted Davis, of Champion Paper and Fibre Company; John Gray, Extension Forester, State College; Tom Alexander, route two; Charles

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