

## More Adult Leaders Needed In County 4-H Club Work

### Need In County Adults, Point Out Extension Workers

The primary problem facing the county extension workers is the need for more adult leaders. This is pointed out in the annual report submitted by Miss Chaucers, assistant home agent in charge of girls 4-H work. The biggest problem we face is the need for a greater number of adults to help with the project of the large number of girls. The annual leaders cannot do the work for the many that are needed. Families could be reached through a stronger leadership program.

An example of the result of a leader is reflected by the club which was awarded the honor of the outstanding club — both junior and senior winners were as a result of their leaders. In addition to project work, there are so many community activities that club members can assist club members in where it would be impossible for the assistant agent to direct projects. In 1954 between one and three community clubs will be organized with to observe the results of the leadership training. Results are good, plans are to carry the program on throughout the year.

There are now 24 active 4-H clubs in the county — composed of boys and girls — as compared with only eight clubs in 1937.

Present 4-H organizations are: Beaverdam, Bethel Junior and Senior, Canton Junior and Senior, Clyde, Crabtree-Iron Duff Junior and Senior, Cruso, East Waynesville, Fines Creek Junior and Senior, Hazelwood, Lake Junaluska, Maggie, Morning Star, North Canton, Patton, Pennsylvania, Rock Hill, Waynesville Junior and Senior, and Saunook.

County winners in 1953 in girls 4-H club projects were:

Betty Felmet — dress revue, community relations; Frances Yates — clothing achievement and farm and home safety; Sue Justice — recreation; Martha Ann Caldwell — canning and better grooming; Barbara Ferguson — junior; Estelena Robinson — frozies; Bobby Jean Bradshaw — preparation; Mattie Sue Medley — home beautification; Row Robinson — girls record, and Mathey — vocal talent. Miss Mathey was also district winner in ship and Miss Cathey in vocation.

County winners in boys 4-H projects were:

Best — poultry, entomology and field crops; Edwin Bryson — forestry and beef herd; Ed Plemmons — crafts, farm home electric, and Irish potato; Jack W. Felmet — meat and dairy; Emma Yates — dairy; Bernard Ferguson — garden and sheep; James Ray Fore — calf; David Hugh Tate — male angle — brood sow, and Bernard Ferguson, tractor maintenance.

Edward Ferguson was also district and state winner in to growing and later attended National 4-H Congress in Raleigh.

District winners from Wood County were: Edwin Bryson, corn; Billy Best, biology; James Ferguson, tractor maintenance; Billy Best and Edwin Bryson, livestock conservation; demonstration; Morris Broyles.

## State Forestry Service Offers Varied Service To Citizens Of State

By WADE LUCAS

A wide variety of services in forestry is offered by the State Department of Conservation and Development's Division of Forestry to the owners and operators of some 16,900,000 acres of private timberland in North Carolina.

The Division of Forestry, as C & D Director Ben E. Douglas points out, is the largest of the seven divisions of the Department of Conservation and Development.

Sometimes referred to as the State Forest Service, the C&D Department's Division of Forestry is designated by State law to "have charge of the work of forest maintenance, forest fire prevention, reforestation and the protection of lands and water supplies by the preservation of forests."

State laws also require that the Division of Forestry arrange for and accept such aid and cooperation from the several United States Government bureaus and other sources as may assist in and carry out the objectives of the C&D Department.

"Since our woodlands occupy about 58 percent of our total land area, and in view of the fact that the value of our forest products in 1952 was placed at \$773,000,000, it can readily be seen that our forests mean much to the economy of North Carolina," says Director Douglas.

### More Seedlings

Approximately 40 million seedlings are now being produced annually in good growing years at the Clayton and Hendersonville nurseries and it can easily be seen that in a short time the C&D Department's Division of Forestry will be able to fill all requests for seedlings and for the first time offer to landowners seedlings at nominal prices for plantings in sub-marginal lands. Such lands, ideal for timber and pulpwood production, are not considered good for other crops.

"The very fact that products instrument, and Neal Kelly, public speaking.

Outstanding events on the 4-H Club calendar in the county in 1953 were:

Achievement Day, held January 19, 1953 at East Waynesville School; Betty Felmet inducted into the State Honor Club; Junior 4-H Club Basketball Tournament, won by the Bethel girls and Canton boys; Elementary 4-H Tournament, won by Hazelwood boys and girls; observation of National 4-H Club Week in March; Dress Revue, won by Betty Felmet; State 4-H Club Week in Raleigh in June, attended by a number of Haywood 4-H members; Pig Chain Show, with blue ribbons awarded to Tommy Davis, Kenneth Green and Robert Murray; visit by 4-H Exchange Club members to Berkshire County, Mass.; District 4-H Club Recognition Day at Asheville in October; Fat Stock Show at Enka, where Jack W. Felmet exhibited the Grand Champion animal, and the annual Tobacco and Home Arts Exhibition at the Armory in November.

from our forests had a value of 773 millions of dollars in 1952 should convince every person that timber and pulpwood production are cash crops and should be so considered by landowners as well as by all other people.

The forest fire control program, which is under the personal direction of Assistant State Forester F. W. Luman, is administered in financial cooperation with counties. At the present time, 86 of the State's 100 counties participate in the cooperative forest fire protection program as administered by the C&D Department's Division of Forestry.

The fire control program is handled in the participating counties under direction of full-time, salaried, county forest rangers or foresters. These men, who are assisted by men known as "smoke-chasers" and by people who serve as lookouts in the 122 forest fire lookout towers located in or near heavily wooded areas, are responsible to the district forester in charge of their particular area. There are 12 of these district foresters. They have headquarters in the following places: Elizabeth City, Asheville, Rocky Mount, Belmont, Chapel Hill, Lexington, Sylva, Whiteville, New Bern, Lenoir, Fayetteville, and Rockingham.

### Lower Fire Loss

The Division of Forestry owns and operates more than \$1,000,000 worth of forest firefighting equipment. Included are 350 radios equipped for two-way communication with lookouts in forest towers by smoke-chasers and forest rangers, who may be miles away from the tower or the scene of a forest fire.

It is of record that these hardy forest firefighters, who risk life and limb in fighting fires, have done excellent jobs in keeping losses in forests. Last year, for example, the estimated damage to wooded areas under protection of the State was about \$200,000 less than what it was in 1952. This reduction was made in the face of one of the worst droughts the State has experienced in many years. So great was the fire hazard at times to many woodland areas that Governor Umstead quickly approved recommendations of Director Douglas and Director Clyde Patton of the State Wildlife Resources Commission to close woods in 52 counties to protect them against fires.

### Public Blamed

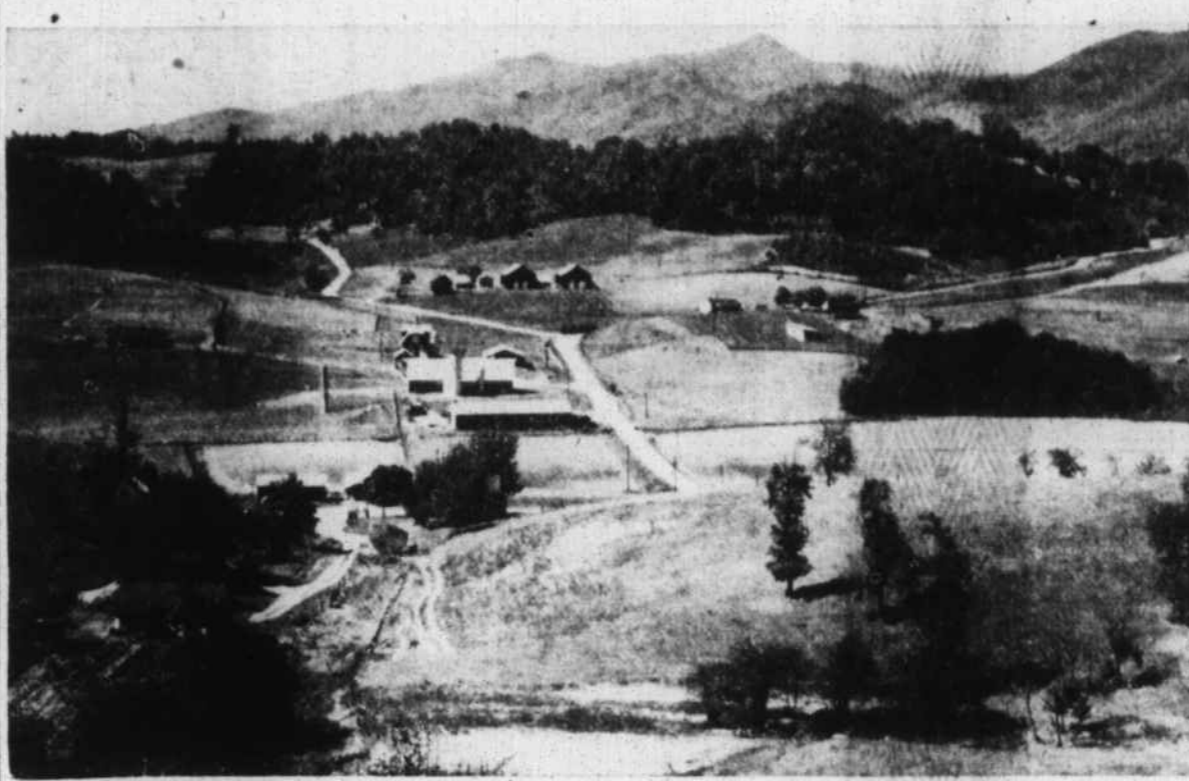
Progress is also being made in educating the public to the fact that nine out of every ten forest fires are caused by human beings. "We cannot put too much stress on the known fact that we humans are by far the chief causes of fires in our forests," Douglas and Claridge are saying repeatedly.

In the field of forest management, P. A. Griffiths, assistant State forester in charge of forest management, has a number of trained foresters working under his direction in the promotion of better forest management practices and in giving advice and service to landowners and operators.

### Many State Graduates

Of the 56 foresters employed by the Division of Forestry, it is of record that 33 of them are graduates of the School of Forestry at N. C. State College, Raleigh.

A variety of services is performed by these foresters. Ten foresters carry titles of Service Foresters. They work by districts in



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advising landowners and operators in proper planting practices, care of trees, and in marking trees for cutting so that natural or artificial reforestation may be carried on in productive forest areas. These foresters are currently marking from 20 to 25 million board feet of timber annually for cutting by individual landowners. This is about two percent of the timber being cut annually in North Carolina.

## Republicans Plan County Convention February 27th

With the county convention scheduled to be held on February 27, Haywood County Republicans are formulating plans for activities during the coming months.

The meeting has been set for 7:30 p.m. at the town hall in Canton.

Glenn F. Boyd, acting county vice chairman, has asked that each precinct chairman call his meeting prior to the county convention, and select a delegate, or delegates to represent the respective precincts in the county convention.

According to information this week, the precincts are entitled to from one to ten representatives, depending on the number of votes cast for Governor in the 1952 general election.

Allens Creek may select five delegates: Beaverdam 1, eight; Beaverdam 2, five; Beaverdam 3, seven; Beaverdam 4, eight; Beaverdam 5, six; Beaverdam 6, ten.

Big Creek one; Cecil, two; Clyde, eight; Crabtree, one; East Fork, four; Fines Creek No. 1, one; Fines Creek No. 2, one; Hazelwood, three; Iron Duff, one; Ivey Hill, four.

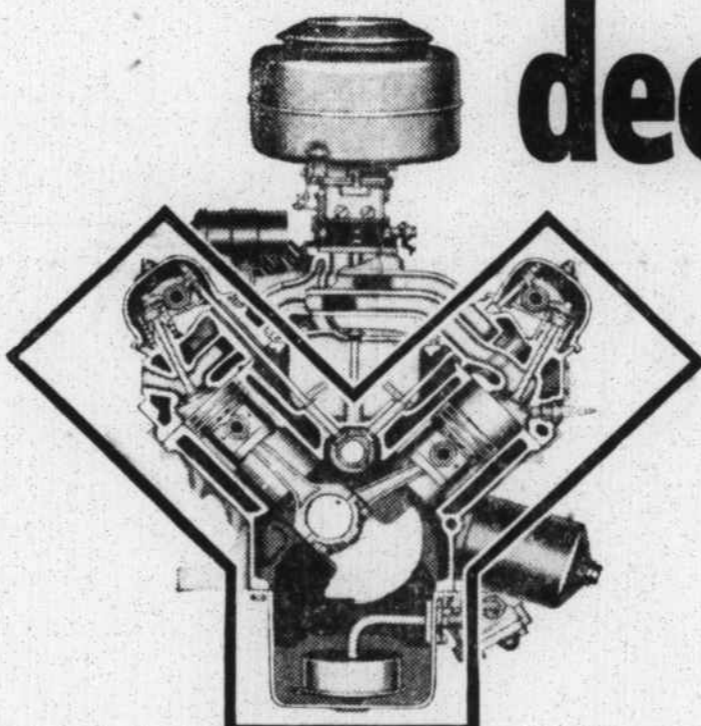
Jonathan Creek, three; Lake Junaluska, two; Pigeon, eight; Center Pigeon, three; Saunook, one; Center Waynesville, three; West Waynesville, three; South Waynesville, four; East Waynesville, two; and White Oak, one.

At the county convention, a chairman will be elected to fill the vacancy made when Gudger Duckett resigned to become Canton's acting postmaster, a vice chairman, secretary, and members of the State Executive Committee are also to be selected at that time, as will delegates to the district and state conventions.

The second meeting scheduled is that of the 12th Congressional District which will be held in the Haywood County court house at Waynesville on March 2, at 2 p.m.

All persons who expect to file for any of the state offices must have their filing fee in Raleigh not later than noon, March 20. Those filing for county offices must do so not later than 6 p.m. April 17. The primary date is May 29.

# Ford presents two new deep-block engines

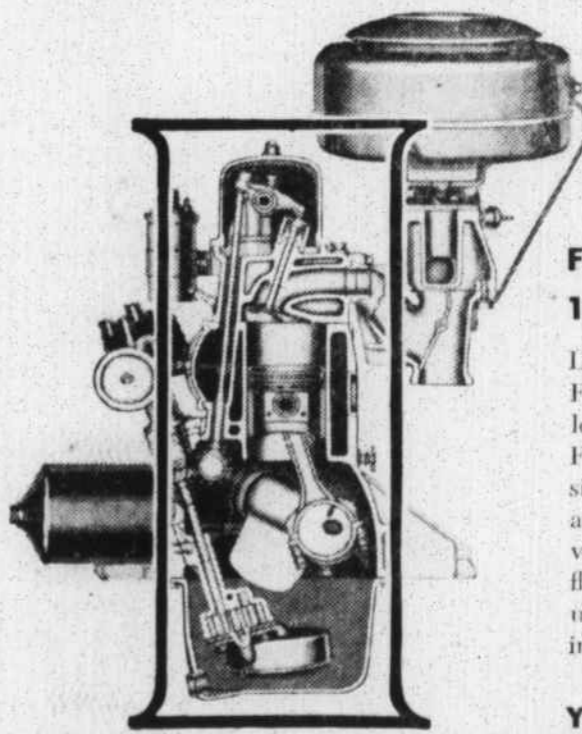


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