

# 10th Annual Rural Health Conference

The 10th Annual State Rural Health Conference will be held in Raleigh on Wednesday, October 2, 1957, at the Sir Walter Hotel. Announcement officials of the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina sponsors of the day-long conference.

Announcing the conference, Dr. Hugh A. Matthews of Canton, Chairman of the Society's Committee on Rural Health and Education stated that the theme of this year's conference will be "Looking Both Ways" for a review of the improvements made in health practices and services over the past ten years in

North Carolina and for predictions of things to come in the future.

One morning feature of the conference will be entitled "The Little Black Bag," a narration by Dr. W. Wyan Washburn of Bolling Springs which bridges the gap between medicine as practiced yesterday and today. Dr. Washburn is a past chairman of the State Society Committee on Rural Health and Education and is currently a member of the American Medical Association's Council on Rural Health representing a seven state region. According to Dr. Matthews, "The presentation by Dr. Washburn was one of the 'key' addresses given at the National Rural Health Conference this year in Louisville, Kentucky, and received such favorable reviews, that we wanted to share this feature at our State Conference."

A "Look Ahead" as to future health programs and needs based on individual and group participation and responsibility will be a feature of the afternoon program. Other program participants will include the recognition of leaders who are familiar with the many and varied health improvement programs promoted by citizens and organized groups within the state.

Special guest of the conference will be Mrs. Charles Sewell of Otterbein, Indiana, a national leader in both Farm Bureau and Rural Health programs. She will summarize the day's program.

Special recognition will be given to the progress made over the past few years and the benefits offered by increased and improved facilities, practices, and the emphasis given to health education programs by all health and medical personnel.

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## Farmer, Small Land Owner Role In Forestry

Over 80 agricultural workers from North Carolina heard Thursday that the farmer and small private landowner is the biggest little man in southern forestry.

Representatives of the Soil Conservation Service and Agricultural Extension Service began a two-day meeting as guests of the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association and three of its member pulp and paper mills in this area.

The Association is conducting this meeting in cooperation with the two agricultural organizations. Member mills of the Association financing and participating in the meeting are North Carolina Pulp Company; Riegel Paper Corporation, Molton; and International Paper Company, Wilmington.

K. S. Towbridge, North Carolina Pulp Company, told the group that there are 193 million forest acres in the South. He said the small land owner or farmer was the biggest landowner by class, owning 74 per cent of the forests.

Towbridge said the same condition exists in North Carolina. He explained that there are over 19 million acres of forest land in the State with 91.6 per cent being owned by small private landowners. The speaker said that all forest lands owned by all wood-using industries including pulp and paper, doctors, lawyers and other individuals not farmers, owned approximately 23 per cent of the State's forest land.

Speaking of the land ownership policy of the pulp and paper industry, Towbridge said, "There is only one reason for pulp and paper forest land ownership and that is to have a wood supply at hand of known amount and cost and which is ready for use when wanted. This land held by industry is an insurance policy needed to take up some of the risk of the business." He explained that over 80 per cent of the industry's raw product, trees was purchased from the farmer.

Towbridge said the pulp and paper industry bought most of its lands from timber holdings of other wood-using industries. Most of this land, he said, was poorly stocked and unless taken over by an industry which had the capital and technical knowhow to bring these acres into a more productive state would probably remain in a low productive condition.

Towbridge quoted figures of the U. S. Forest Service showing that there has been a seven per cent increase of forest land in North Carolina over a 17 year period. He said there is more timber on the State's land today, a volume increase of 17 per cent. He emphasized that tree growth now exceeds trees cut in the State for all important species.

R. R. Richardson, Riegel Paper Corporation, spoke to the group on the wood procurement system of the pulp and paper industry. He said that last year over 1,800,000 cords of pulpwood were cut in the State.

The speaker pointed out that most farmers consider their woods a "bank" only drawing on this "bank" when in immediate need of money. He said for this reason the industry must depend on its own forest lands to supply wood for paper products when the agricultural economy is such that most farmers do not need to sell the forest products.

C. E. Millwood, International Paper Company, told the group of the free forestry services available to private forest landowners by the industry. He mentioned tree harvesting information, management recommendations and tree marking

Millwood said that over one-half of the forest fires fought by the pulp and paper industry the past year were on lands other than their own. He said the last tree planting season the pulp and paper industry planted or distributed over 26 million trees in North Carolina. Millwood said that this was more trees than the industry used in making pulp and paper. He said over five million trees were given to farmers and private landowners.

Following the three talks, there was an open discussion by the groups represented as to how they might combine their efforts and work for a more effective forestry conservation program in North Carolina.

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