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REFOREST 5 MILLION ACRES, SAYS GRAEBER

North Carolina has about 4 million acres of woodland that has been poorly cut over and in many cases burned over to a point where there is now only a sparse stand of growing trees. There is also another 11-4 million acres of cleared land that is idle, with much of it badly eroded.

R. W. Graeber of State College, who is in charge of Extension Forestry, says that a good portion of this land should be reclaimed through the planting of trees. As matters now stand these lands are returning little if any income.

Graeber maintains that a balance should be established between land in cultivation, land in pasture, and land in growing timber. As a general rule, he says that trees should be planted

on idle open fields not suited for profitable annual crops or for good pasture.

Large openings in the woods, where root competition is not too great, may also be planted. In the Mountains and the upper Piedmont, where woods are open or poorly stocked because of grazing, he suggests underplantings of white pine or Norway spruce.

For general planting, Graeber recommends the spacing of forest trees about 6 by 7 feet. This requires 1,000 trees per acre. In reclaiming gullies, 5 by 6 feet spacing may be available.

Farmers desiring information of what tree seedlings are available for planting, what types are best for their farms, and other such information, should contact the county agent.

F. S. A. Program in County

The following article lists some points in the far reaching Farm Security Program in Yancey county and is taken from the supervisors' report:

Since the inception of the Farm Security Administration, approximately ten years ago, over 450 low-income farm families have been assisted in Yancey county. Today hundreds of families are now well on their way to better farming and better living through sound financial assistance, combined with on-the-farm teaching and guidance in sound farm and home practice that enables each family to farm better and to live at home better. During its approximate ten year history in Yancey county the work of the Farm Security Administration is shown from the following major practices recommended and followed out in the rehabilitation of low-income farm families.

1. Soil Conservation and Improvement: All families have been encouraged to develop a sound farming system that will conserve their land resources and improve the soil, which leads directly to better farming and better living. Cover crops are now being used on a larger scale than ever before. Over 90 percent of all FSA families are now using legume crops to improve the fertility of the soil in their regular crop rotation.

The use of lime and phosphate on pasture and grass land is now a reality, whereas a few years ago it was thought to be one of the "impossibilities" in mountain farming. Strip cropping on hillsides today is the life of many farms.

2. Improved Crop Production: Through the use of good or certified seed the yields of several crops have more than doubled. This is especially true with Irish potatoes. According to W. J. Fox of the Jacks Creek section, "We now make approximately 300 bushels of potatoes when a few years ago we were

lucky to make a hundred." With the proper use of sprays and dusting, proper fertilization and cultural practices, increased yields are evident throughout the county.

Corn yields have over doubled on many FSA farms in the county. Roy Mathas of the Cane River section reports that he is now getting around 100 bushels of corn per acre when in 1940 his average yield was 30 bushels per acre. He attributes this to the use of lime and phosphate on grass, a good three year crop rotation with legume crops being used.

3. Improved Livestock Production: Through the purchasing of purebred sires the quality of livestock has been greatly improved. Emphasis has been placed on keeping beef breeding separate from dairy-type breeding, since a cross tends to weaken either breed.

Two registered Jacks and one Purebred Percheron Stallion have aided in the promotion of better colts in the county. During the past six years over five hundred colts have been raised in the county. Over fifty Purebred bulls have been financed individually, and also on a cooperative community basis, which helped in improving both beef-type cattle and the fast-developing dairy industry in the county.

Better feeding practices with the use of winter pasture has helped livestock production. Over 100 improved poultry houses have helped in increasing the winter supply of eggs. Over a five-year period over 10,000 purebred baby chicks were added in the county annually. Many home flocks are now composed of one good breed, whereas in years past a mixed flock was kept, with a low record of production and output. Approximately 200 sheep have been added to flocks already owned or to new growers. Several families are now profitably keeping sheep as well as other livestock.

4. Better Balanced Farm Program: Many families participating in the FSA program now have a well-balanced farm program. Very few are following the old practice of "putting all their eggs in one basket." Through FSA assistance and guidance a complete reorganization has resulted in a new way of life. Many families are now respectful citizens and taking an active part in community activities when only a few years ago they were "heavy in debt, down and out"—this being no fault of their own.

Farm Loans

One of the main objectives of FSA loans is farm ownership, but in lending money to families that are not eligible for credit from regular sources, the agency reasons that credit alone will not make these families successful. It has been proven in Yancey county that assistance in reorganization and planning is necessary in order to coordinate land, labor and credit into a successful farm business.

Over 90 percent of all families participating in the FSA program are using a diversified farming sys-

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tem. From a "one crop" farming system, these families now have at least three main crops. To supplement income from Burley tobacco the dairy industry is fast developing into a big county industry. Truck farming and beef cattle production follow. Many farmers today have annual income from four or five sources, when only a few years ago tobacco was the main cash crop.

(Continued next week)

Bald Creek School
Helen Tipton and Atlas Shepherd entertained the Senior class of Bald Creek school with a party on Wednesday night, October 23rd. The following attended: Eleanor Ledford, Margaret Lawhern, Mary C. Severs, Bobby Severs, Earl Ray, Van Jamerson, Russel York, Betty Wray Hensley, Hugh Jamerson, Willie Ray, Junior Pate, Donald Tomberlin, Charles Neill, Reece Robertson, Anastasia Tomberlin, Betty Tipton, Mrs. S. S. Tipton and Mrs. Mary C. Severs.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Buckner of Bald Creek are now in Richmond, Va.

Bald Creek Dramatic Club
The Dramatic Club had its first meeting on Oct. 4, under the direction of Miss Tomberlin.

The following officers were elected: president, Pauline Ledford; vice president, Aldine Banks; secretary, Ena Holcombe; reporter, Willa Lea Banks; program committee, Juanita Banks, Tessie Lee Griffith, Mauveline Tomberlin.

There were so many students who wished to join the Dramatic Club that it was divided into two sections, Junior and Senior. At the last meeting the Senior section entertained the Junior section.

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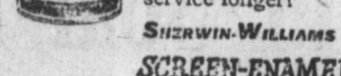
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Whereas, on April 4, 1930, J. L. Hyatt and wife executed a deed of trust to John H. Cathey, Trustee, for Central Bank and Trust Company to secure certain indebtedness therein named, which instrument appears of record in Book of Mortgages 19 at page 592, Records of Yancey County;

And whereas, by an instrument dated January 17, 1936, recorded in Deed Book 84 at page 270, Records of Yancey County, the Central Bank and Trust Company through its proper officers and agents duly assigned, for value, the said note and deed of trust to John Bennett;

And whereas, the said John H. Cathey is now out of the State of North Carolina, and the undersigned has been duly named as substituted trustee in the deed of trust above referred to by an instrument of writing which appears of record in the office of the Register of Deeds for Yancey County;

And whereas, default has been made in the payment of said indebtedness and demand for foreclosure has been made upon the substituted trustee;

Now, therefore, I shall offer for sale at public outcry at the court house door in Burnsville, N. C., at 10:00 o'clock A. M., on the 9th day of November, 1946, the following described lots of land located in the Town of Burnsville and more particularly described as follows:

Being Lots 2 and 3 in Block E of the S. M. Bennett Addition to the Town of Burnsville as shown by recorded plat in office of Register of Deeds for Yancey County at Burnsville, N. C., to which plat reference is made for more complete description.

This 2nd day of Oct. 1946.
J. Frank Huskins, Substituted Trustee.
Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31 Nov. 7