

Pine Trees Can Produce Longtime Yield

In a recent survey of 98 pine plantations in the Tennessee Valley foresters found that idle land planted to pine trees can produce a long-time yield of between \$7 and \$28 per acre per year. The average return was \$15 per acre per year over the life of the trees.

The first commercial thinning came as early as 14 years from planting, but on the average it came when the trees were twenty years old, and yielded 7 cords of wood per acre worth \$29 as stumpage.

According to John Nicholson, District Forester of the North Carolina Division of Forestry, Yancey County has approximately 10,140 acres which should be planted to trees. "If this land were reforested," he says, "it would produce an average annual income of \$152 thousand to the landowners of Yancey County, and would help provide the base for 100 new full-time jobs in wood harvesting, processing, and utilization.

"Many landowners own relatively small tracts of land and feel that their reforestation activities would be too small to make a significant contribution to themselves or to the economy of the country." Mr. Nicholson states this assumption is in error, for there are many ways a landowner benefits from the reforesting of just one acre of idle land.

To begin with, most people want to improve their property and have it in better shape when it is sold or turned over to heirs. This is simply the practice of good stewardship. Trees planted on idle or eroded land immediately make the property more valuable. It's just the same if you'd sell a farm just before the corn was harvested — you'd expect more because a crop was already established.

Another benefit one will receive by planting trees on eroded land is erosion control. Moderate erosion will be checked in only three to five years and the soil will be built up again.

An example of what tree planting can mean is the plantation of Chuck Smith of Penland, North Carolina. Mr. Smith owns 2 acres of white pine planted on an eroded field in 1945. The first cut was in 1963 at age 18, and yielded 16 cords of pulpwood worth \$48. Foresters estimate that over the next 27 years Mr. Smith will be able to cut an additional 66 cords of pulpwood worth \$198, plus 82,000 board feet of sawtimber worth \$2,050. Thus on previously eroding land Mr. Smith's pine will earn \$26 per acre per year over the life of the trees.

People who have planted trees are the strongest supporters of getting our idle land planted. Mr. Smith says: "Tree planting and tree

NOTICE
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
NORTH CAROLINA
YANCEY COUNTY
GENEVIEVE RANDOLPH
LEDFORD, Plaintiff

vs.
FLOYD LEDFORD, Defendant.
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This 18 day of Nov. 1965.
Glenna Thomas, Asst.
Clerk of Superior Court
Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16

farming offer a good income for landowners who, like myself, know very little about agricultural farming. I have planted over 20,000 seedlings and plan to plant more. Trees are a good business. They grow fast, protect the land, and look good."

To find out what species to plant on your idle land for the best income, contact your county ranger, county agent, SCS personnel, or see your ASCS office manager and find out if you are eligible for ACP Cost-sharing.

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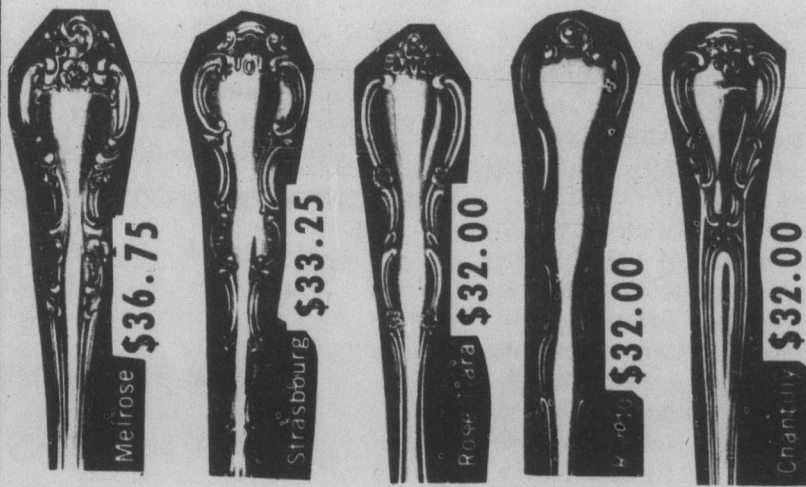
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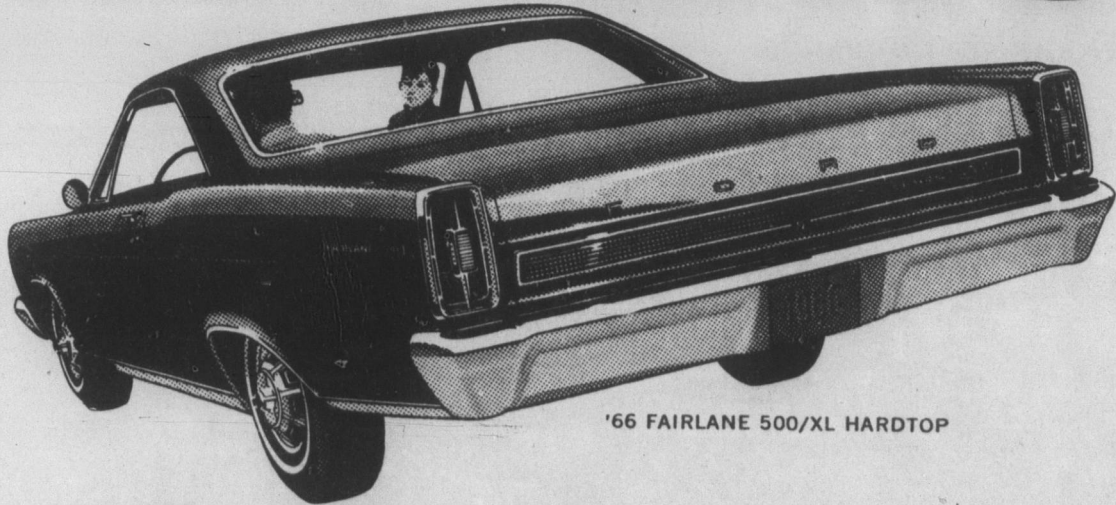
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High Schools Release Schedules

EAST YANCEY 1965-66		BASKETBALL SCHEDULE
Date	School	Place
12-3-65	Cranberry	Cranberry
12-7-65	Tipton Hill	East Yancey
12-10-65	Bakersville	East Yancey
12-14-65	Mars Hill	Mars Hill
12-17-65	Cane River	Cane River
12-21-65	Newland	Newland
1-4-66	Marshall	Marshall
1-7-66	Cranberry	East Yancey
1-14-66	Cane River	East Yancey
1-18-66	Spruce Pine	Spruce Pine
1-21-66	Mars Hill	East Yancey
1-25-66	Marshall	East Yancey
2-4-66	Spruce Pine	East Yancey
2-5-66	Asheville Catholic	East Yancey
2-8-66	Tipton Hill	Tipton Hill
2-11-66	Bakersville	Bakersville
2-18-66	Asheville Catholic	Asheville
2-19-66	Newland	East Yancey

CANE RIVER 1965-66		BASKETBALL SCHEDULE
Time	School	Place
12-3-65	Tipton Hill	Tipton Hill
12-7-65	Open	
12-10-65	Mars Hill	Cane River
12-14-65	Marshall	Marshall
12-17-65	East Yancey	Cane River
12-21-65	Crossnore	Crossnore
12-31-65	Bakersville	Cane River
1-4-66	Open	
1-7-66	Spruce Pine	Spruce Pine
1-11-66	Marshall	Cane River
1-14-66	East Yancey	East Yancey
1-18-66	Cranberry	Cranberry
1-21-66	Newland	Newland
1-25-66	Open	
1-28-66	Crossnore	Cane River
2-1-66	Open	
2-4-66	Tipton Hill	Cane River
2-8-66	Bakersville	Bakersville
2-11-66	Newland	Cane River
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