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Ranger's Ramblings

By: Helton Carmichael

As far back as 1910, when the end of our virgin forests was already in sight east of the Mississippi, the Forest Products Laboratory was set up by the Forest Service as a research institution on the University of Wisconsin campus under cooperative agreement.

Now, half a century later, only the far West yields large amounts of timber from virgin forests. On most second growth forest land, both public and private, the harvesting of a forest crop each year must be less than the current annual growth. This is the situation on the Pisgah National Forest. To cut too much on these second-growth forests would deplete the forest capital and prevent the build-up of a surplus to meet increased needs of the future.

For a long period the old growth forests of the continent were cut over, burned, or simply "culled over"—a process that left only the poorer quality trees and those of inferior species. The resulting second growth contained much material for which there was no market.

If timber is to play its vital role in the multiple-use management of the National Forests, research will have to find a way to utilize all of the annual yield from these second growth stands. Despite the inroads being made by substitutes, an expanding population will continue to create heavy demands for forest products and these can be expected to increase.

A problem that long plagued the National Forests of the East was to find a market for low-grade hardwoods. The development of semi-chemical pulping by the Forest Products Laboratory opened the way to utilization of second-growth hardwoods

for pulp. The semi-chemical process yields about 50 percent more pulp, with less costly manufacturing plants than some of the older processes.

This outlet for hardwood pulpwood, in the form of thinnings, has made possible the opening up of thousands of acres of dense second-growth which in turn has benefitted the wildlife habitat, provided local employment in the woods, and stimulated the growth of better quality trees left for future sawlogs.

In the long look ahead there are still four basic problems in forest research that must be solved if our expanding population is to fill its timber needs.

We must find ways to grow more softwood lumber for construction purposes. Hardwoods are harder to cut and nail, harder to season, and harder to keep from splitting and warping.

We must find uses for the low-quality trees, the little-used species, the thinnings of young forests, both to meet our wood requirements and to help timber growers finance the great task of restoring the quality of their forests.

We must do a more efficient job of putting to use what we harvest—the limbs and tops and damaged trees now left behind in logging, the sawdust and shavings and other mill residue.

Finally, through research, we must find ways of making wood products of all kinds more serviceable, more resistant to decay and insects, and more durable in use.

Unless these four problems are solved, we will not be able to pass along to our children and our grandchildren forests and forest products on a scale equal to that we ourselves now enjoy.



Shame! Shame; Lady Bird Johnson campaigns to remove billboards and other advertisements from our highways while we allow this. We do not advocate the retention of billboards, but most road signs are at least

neat and colorful. These cars just off the pavement on the state highway just beyond Bowditch have their rusty bottoms exposed to the public. Their bodies are drab, too, and lack appeal.



Second grade students in a Virginia Reel at the Burnsville School Harvest Festival here Friday night.

This Is The Law

BY ROBERT E. LEE
WILLFUL CONVERTERS

Austin, without authority, knowingly went upon the land of Blake and cut down a large oak tree worth \$40. From the oak tree Austin carved miniature statues of Marilyn Monroe, a famous actress. Austin is a noted sculptor and anything he produces brings a fabulous price. It took him two years to carve, sand, and lacquer the numerous statues of Marilyn Monroe he now has on hand. They have a market value of \$50,000. Blake has just learned the name and whereabouts of the man that cut down his \$40 oak tree. What are his legal rights?

Blake may recover from Austin either the miniature statues of Marilyn Monroe or a judgment for \$50,000.

The true owner of property may recover it wherever found, even though greatly increased in value. The only exception is where an innocent or unintentional converter changes the property into a different species or kind of property; in which case, the original owner cannot recover the property in its altered condition, but must content himself with a

recovery of the value of the property in its original shape. Austin knew he had no authority to cut down the particular tree.

A willful trespasser or conscious converter cannot acquire title under the doctrine of accession, no matter how greatly he may change the species or increase the value of the materials. The owner of the original materials may recover the new product, even though there has resulted a new form or species of property.

The consideration extended to an innocent converter has no application where the trespasser knowingly, intentionally and willfully deprives another of the possession of his property. If the willful trespasser were liable only for the value of property at the time it was taken, there would be nothing other than the provisions of our criminal law to deter a person from forcefully taking property from an owner unwilling to sell.

Rise in Auto Thefts

NEW YORK—Auto thefts in the United States have nearly tripled since 1948, according to the Insurance Information Institute. There were 163,400 cars stolen in 1948 and 466,805 in 1964. Authorities stress that the best way to safeguard your car against thieves is to lock it and take the key with you.

My Home State

By: Dana Proffitt

North Carolina, a land of beauty and love,
From her tall looming mountains

To her white sandy shore
Colorful mountains ablaze
with bright flowers

To see all this beauty it
would take one hours.

Hours to see the rich forest
supported lands

Hours to walk along the
white jeweled sands.

Sand hills rise from the
plains to the sky

While lofty Mt. Mitchell
rises 6,684 feet high.

There is much animal life
to be found,

From the Blue Ridge Mountains
to Albemarle Sound.

Raccoons, opossums, rabbits
and deer.

Shrimp and bluefish caught
from the pier.

Farmers raise cows, poultry
and crops,

While along the sandhills a
white crane hops.

North Carolina is a state of
pride;

A state of beauty which is
hard to hide.

I'm proud to call the "Old
North State" my home.

I'd rather live here than
anywhere I could roam

I've been to the east and I've
been to the west.

But North Carolina is the
state I love best.

Pride and devotion is what
I feel

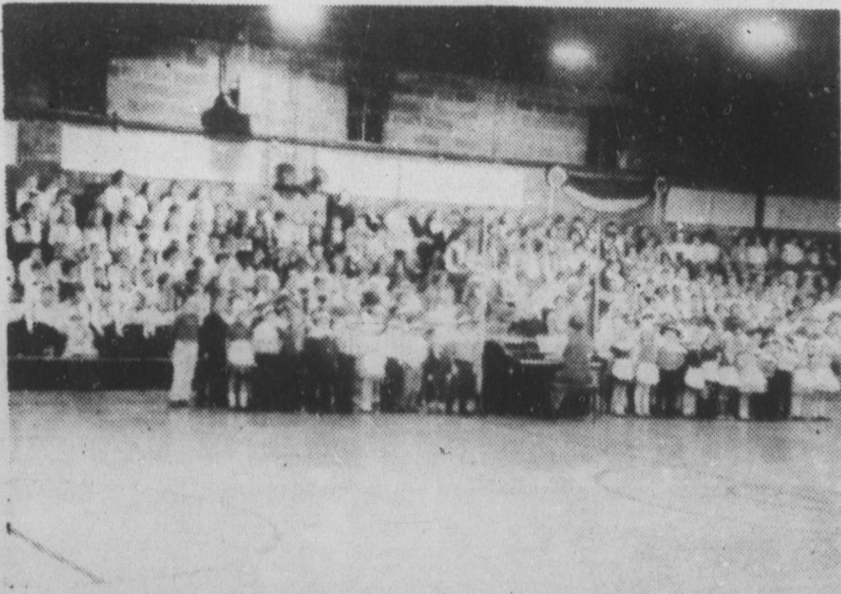
You see, I'm glad to be a
"Tar Heel".

Boone To Get Youth

Corps Project

Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz has announced the approval of a Neighborhood Youth Corps Project for Boone, N. C. This project is sponsored by the W.A.M.Y. Community Action, Inc., and will provide work experience opportunities for 324 in-school enrollees. It will cost a total of \$186,780, of which the federal portion is \$199,920. Mr. Ernest D. Eppley, Telephone 264-8410, will serve as local coordinator for the project.

The Neighborhood Youth Corps is a major part of the war against poverty, and provides young men and women from 16 through 21 years of age with part-time or nearly full-time employment opportunities which will enable them to return to or remain in school, or obtain the work experience necessary in today's world of work.



Scenes from the Harvest Festival at the Burnsville

Elementary School here Friday night.

