

### Campaign For Prevention Of Forest Fires

Third Annual Wartime Campaign Being Held In Eleven States

WILL CONTINUE UNTIL EARLY SPRING MONTHS

Prevention Assumes Expanded Importance In Wartime

The third annual Wartime Forest Fire Prevention campaign is being held in the eleven states of the Southern Region under the sponsorship of the U. S. Forest Service, in cooperation with the State Forest Services, Extension Services, and a number of other public and private agencies.

The campaign will continue throughout the fall, winter and early spring months, which usually are the periods of greatest danger in the great wooded areas lying south of the borders of Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri and Kansas.

"Fire prevention has always been of prime importance in the forestry program," said Regional Forester Joseph C. Kircher of Southport. "But in wartime, prevention assumes an expanded importance because of the scarcity of manpower for detection and suppression of fires, and because of the No. 1 position occupied by timber and forest products as war materials. The campaign was set up at the request of the War Relocation Authority."

As campaign director in Brunswick County, Kircher is assisted by W. K. Beichler, chief of fire control for the Division of Forestry, and Paul Tillman, also of the division. Also assisting the field staff of the division are Extension Forester R. Greaber and his staff, and personnel of the U. S. Forest Service.

Government records show that Brunswick County had 4,292 official forest and woods fires in 1943, which burned over 457,000 acres at an estimated damage of \$1,077,455. Besides monetary damage, these fires damaged or destroyed seedlings that would have grown in the forests of tomorrow, and destroyed valuable wildlife and impoverished the soil.

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### Brief News Flashes

**ON LEAVE**  
Lt. Teddy Lewis, army pilot returned from the combat zone several weeks ago and who is on the overseas ferry command, has been spending a few days at home with his mother, Mrs. Brad Lewis.

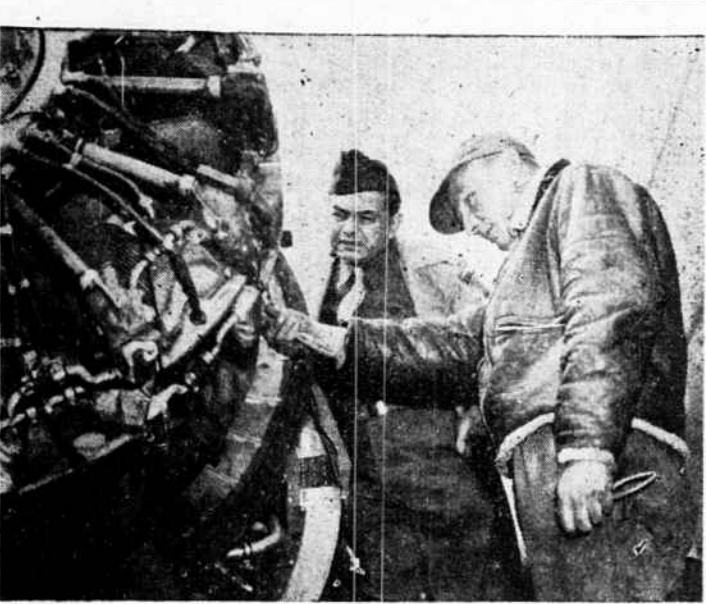
**LIST IN NAVY**  
Three seventeen year old Southport men enlisted in the Naval Reserve last week and are now spending ten days at home prior to assignment to duty. They are Thomas Marion Doshier, William Thorsen and Hoyle Doshier.

**HOME WITH PARENTS**  
Sgt. Avan Hickman, with the 4th Marine and stationed in California, returned to duty after spending ten days at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hickman.

**WITNESS MRS. WELLS**  
Mrs. James Mitchell and her little daughter, of Paris Island, S. C., are spending a 15 day leave here with Mrs. W. M. Mitchell, mother of Mrs. Mitchell.

**COMBAT FLYING**  
Flying as a turret gunner on a B-24 bomber, Sgt. Leamon Lehue, of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Lehue of Shallotte, has started combat flying with the Fifteenth AAF in England. He enlisted in the Air Corps in October, 1942.

### SHALLOTTE BOY



Sgt. Edwin Ray Milligan, of Shallotte, is pictured above with Edward G. Robinson, prominent movie actor. The picture was made while Robinson was touring camps in England. Sgt. Milligan is with the Ninth Army Air Force in England and received his training at Keesler Field, Miss., Lincoln, Neb., and Seattle, Wash. He is the son of Isaac Milligan, of Shallotte, and his wife is the former Miss Idell Simmons of Bolton.

### TownAndCountySwarming With Deer Hunting Parties

Many Sportsmen Bussed In From All Sections Of The State Monday Morning And Are Out For Deer

**HAVE FISHING TACKLE AS WELL AS SHOTGUNS**  
Are Alternating Fishing With Their Deer Hunting And Having A Great Time This Week

Southport and all sections of Brunswick county swarmed with hunters on Monday, the first day of the deer hunting season. Some reports of excellent results are already filtering in but as most of the hunters are still here and still in pursuit of game, a full report of the weeks exploits is being kept for next week's paper.

Andy Jack Somerset, veteran deer hunting guide of Seaside, is reported to be having all of his time this week taken up with parties from various parts of the State. The same is being reported true of other guides.

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### Removing Tools From Rationing

**Much Farm Machinery Removed From Rationing Ind Distributing Control, According To AAA Announcement**

According to an announcement received Thursday by J. J. Hawes, secretary to the county AAA Committee at Supply, the following pieces of farm machinery have been removed from WFA rationing and distributing control. The only farm machinery remaining under rationing control are Corn Pickers.

The following tools and implements may now be purchased wherever they are found for sale: Combines, corn binders, manure spreaders, mowers, side delivery rakes, hay leaders, pick-up hay balers, wheel tractors, garden tractors, well water systems, power pumps, farm milk coolers, sheet metal, water well casings, power scales, grain drills, potato planters, potato diggers, silo fillers, irrigation pumps, and power sprayers.

The above action is in accord with the program of the War Food Administration's policy to lift war-time restrictions as quickly as possible.

### Welfare Officer Makes A Report On County Home

Very Satisfactory Program Of Tax Paying By Property Owners Is Indicated

MONDAY A FINE DAY FOR TAX COLLECTOR

Numerous Small Tax Payers Are Now Squaring Both Current And Past Due Obligations

The meeting of the board of commissioners Monday resulted in many tax adjustments and a gratifying report from the tax collector which showed continued tax paying on a scale seldom before equalled for the month of September. There appears to be a definite trend on the part of property owners who have neglected tax paying to clear up their obligations now.

While his receipts Monday and Tuesday are not included in the September report, Tax Collector William P. Jorgensen stated yesterday that Monday was one of the best days of the year for receipts. This claim had the reservation that the sum collected was not the largest. The gratifying point was in the large number of small tax payers who cleared up their obligations and created a nice total.

The report on the General Fund, cash and disbursements, was read and approved.

A report of Mrs. Maude Phelps, County Welfare Officer, on the conditions found at the county home, was read and ordered entered on the minutes. This report apparently indicates a very unsatisfactory condition at the home and it is said that the commissioners will probably take some action upon it in the near future.

### Burning Permits Must Be Obtained

**Forest Fire Warden, Mercer, Call Attention To The Fact That Burning Permit Law Became Effective Monday**

County Forest Fire Warden Dorman Mercer calls attention to the fact that the burning permits law became effective on October 1st. Parties setting fire to and burning off a wooded or field area without first obtaining a permit, are liable for prosecution under the law.

Mr. Mercer also makes an appeal to all hunters to cooperate in the conservation of game by (Continued on Page Four)

### Living At Beach For The Winter

Mrs. Mann Truitt, her son, John and her sister, Miss Greta Mann, have bought the Swain cottage at Long Beach and plan to remain through the winter. They have been here since July.

Miss Mann is a nurse and was injured in line of duty while serving in the Canal Zone. She has been granted a year's leave of absence and is spending the time at Long Beach for her health. John is a student at the Southport High School.



### Our ROVING Reporter

Editor H. W. Kendall of the Greensboro Daily News had to leave off his Brunswick county fishing this summer for the first time in several years. It seems that with the war on he had too much of this and that to do at his usual fishing time. But, last week, there came an inquiry from "Slim." He wanted to know what prospects there were for him in October. He wanted to know if the fish would be biting in Orton pond and elsewhere and was there a good chance of his being forgiven for not coming in the summer if he came now.

Speaking of newspaper men, Jake Wade, the superlative sports editor of the Charlotte Observer, also missed out on his summer trip to Brunswick. Jake is tops at handling sports matter but he is a regular Jonah on fishing trips. He neither catches anything nor does anyone else who may be with him. Not much use looking for Jake this late in the year as the football season is on to keep him busy. Neither is there much use of his trying to catch anything. However, we still have an idea that he may drive in some time and get himself a mess of Brunswick county shrimp. We are still willing to go fishing with him any time in spite of the certainty of "fisherman's luck."

### Sponsors Ship Named For Her Heroic Brother



Mrs. Sherman Register, of Lake Forest, sister of Seaman First Class John L. Williamson, USN, of Brunswick county, looks on as the Destroyer Escort named in his honor slides down the ways after christening the new fighting craft at the Consolidated Steel Corporation's yard at Orange, Texas. Behind her, left to right, are Lt. Cmdr. Keith Hotchkiss, Capt. H. B. Hird, USN, retired, and Mrs. Odell Williamson, sister-in-law of Seaman Williamson and an employee of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company. Mrs. Williamson's husband is a Lieutenant in the First Army in France.

Seaman Williamson "gallantly gave up his life in the defense of his country" when he refused to abandon his gun in the face of an onrushing Japanese torpedo plane during a battle in the Solomon Islands area. He was awarded the Navy Cross posthumously. In addition, he also received the Purple Heart medal, the Presidential Unit Citation to the U. S. S. San Francisco, the American Defense Service medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign medal.

### Fine Shooting By Moore Men

Mark L. Frutebey of Mt. Gilead and A. R. Boatwright of Troy were here Monday and Tuesday for a bit of marsh hen hunting. The law allows only 15 birds per day per hunter. Those fellows and their guide did some wonderful shooting. They got 45 birds each each trip. The full day limit for all three, each day.

While the tide was too low for hunting Monday they caught a bushel of trout and flounder, with some drum and sheepshead thrown in. In addition to the fish and birds, Mr. Boatwright shot an unusually large coon.

### Calabash Man In Trouble In Fla.

Joseph High, 23 year old sailor whose home is near Calabash, is under indictment at West Palm Beach, Fla., on a charge of manslaughter. Driving a car which he had rented, he had a collision with another car, the driver of which was killed.

The mother of the young man engaged a neighbor, Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett, to go to Florida last week and arrange bail, which was set at \$2,000.00, the sum being put up by a bonding company. Young High was returned to the Navy authorities and it is understood they will try him on the manslaughter charge. (Continued on Page 6)

### Bolivia Boy Back From Normandy

Hattie Bryant, colored, of Bolivia, is credited with being a happy woman. One of her sons is back in the United States although still unable to visit home owing to being a patient in the hospital in Charleston. From the press relations office the following information has been given out regarding her son and others who have been overseas with him:

"The largest contingent of Naval casualties to arrive at the Port of Charleston from the Normandy beachhead via Army and Navy hospitals in England recently reached the States aboard the U. S. Army Hospital Ship, "Dogwood," for transfer to the U. S. Naval Hospital in the Charleston Navy Yard.

Included in the group of 226 officers and enlisted men, most of whom were injured under combat conditions, was one man from North Carolina: Steward's Mate, First Class Cherry Bland Bryant, USNR, 21, of Rt. No. 1, Bolivia.

Steward's Mate Bryant is a survivor of the sinking of the minesweeper, "USS Tide," off the coast of France during the invasion of Normandy. He sustained a fractured left leg when under (Continued on Page 3)

Mr. Cotton, Southport native who left here a good many years ago for service with the Postal Department, is back home for two or three weeks of fishing. He (Continued on Page 2)

### United War Fund Begins In Brunswick

Chairman Henry Stone Is Pleased With Prospects For Drive In County

LISO OF WORKERS IS INCOMPLETE

Principals In School Of County To Help With Drive For Funds

The United War Fund got under way on Monday and is progressing with almost all parts of the county organized and at work. Chairman Henry Stone is optimistic over the prospects of a successful drive and hopes that the county can go over its quota of \$2,362.00.

Mrs. S. B. Frink, who is solicitation chairman, reports that she has secured workers in almost every section of the county but that her list is still incomplete in some sections. The following have been secured as workers and others will be added shortly:

Mrs. Joe Verzaal, Leland; LeRoy Mintz, Waccamaw; Mrs. Carl Ward, Coy Hewett and James Garner, Bolivia; Rev. Lowe, Shallotte; Mrs. Frank Niernsee, Mrs. A. K. Vitou, Mrs. D. I. Watson, Miss Josephine Smith, Mrs. R. C. Daniel, Mrs. George Whately, Mrs. John Swan, Mrs. Ormond Leggett, Mrs. Harry Aldridge, Mrs. Kathleen Webb and Miss Edna Dozier, Southport; Rev. Howell, Rose King, Henry Mitchell, Eva Lee, and Prof. Caviness, will solicit among the colored population of Southport.

Throughout the county, Chairman Stone will be assisted by the principals of each of the schools. They are expected to render valuable service in their respective communities.

### Prof. W.R. Lingle Returns To Work

Reassumed His Duties As Head Of The Southport School Monday; Rev. A. L. Brown Was Substitute

Prof. W. R. Lingle entered upon his duties as principal of the Southport school Monday, the work having been looked after by Rev. A. L. Brown since school opened on the 18th.

Mr. Lingle has been head of the local school for the past eight years. He was re-elected at the close of last session but resigned shortly before school was due to open on the first of September. This resignation was followed by a reconsideration and the decision that he would teach again. However, just before school was due to open he resigned again, giving as his reason the fact that he felt his health would not permit him to teach.

Miss Annie Mae Woodside, Supt. of Schools, stated Monday that it was understood that with the reconsideration of Mr. Lingle the school board now had everything in hand. They are one or two teachers short but in each case capable substitutes are available. (Continued on page 2)

### Ration Pointers

**CANNING SUGAR**  
Sugar stamp No. 40 good for five pounds of canning sugar until February 28, 1945. Apply to local boards for supplemental rations.

**FUEL OIL**  
Period 4 and 5 coupons now valid and will remain valid throughout the heating year. Period 1 coupons for next season are now valid.

**GASOLINE**  
A-11 coupons now valid for three gallons each through November 8.

**MEATS AND FATS**  
Red A8 through G5 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each for use with tokens. Good indefinitely.

**PROCESSED FOODS**  
Blue A8 through L5 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each for use with tokens. Good indefinitely. (NOTE: Blue Ration Tokens will expire October 1. Use them IMMEDIATELY.)

**SHOES**  
Airplane stamp No. 1 and No. 2 (Book 3) valid indefinitely.

**SUGAR**  
Sugar stamps No. 30, 31, 32, and 33 (Book 4) good for five pounds of sugar each indefinitely.

Rationing rules now require that every car owner write his license number and state in advance all gasoline coupons in his possession.