

# Forest Fire Prevention Important To Conservation

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Soil Conservation Service

Forest fire prevention on the 60,000 acres of farm woodlands in Haywood County is of great importance in our conservation program. At a forest fire conference in Raleigh last Wednesday Governor Hodges pointed out that forest fires cost North Carolina \$35,000,000 last year. Yet fires are only a part of the problem. In our mountain hardwood farm forests, fire prevention, control of grazing, and proper management would, in a few short years, double farm income from woodlands.

Well over half of the farm woodlands in Haywood County are grazed by cattle. Cows and sheep browse through the woods, biting off tender hardwood shoots. They seem to prefer small seedlings, thereby preventing oaks, poplars, maples and other valuable species from reproducing by seed. So the farmer winds up with a stand of less valuable sprout trees.

B. F. Nesbitt of Crabtree is making planting of multiflora rose this year between his pasture and woodlands. In four or five years

these roses will grow into a live-stock tight fence that will keep his cattle out of the woods. This will be an inexpensive way to fence woodlands. The rose planting stock is furnished to district cooperators by the N. C. State Wildlife Commission.

Two other district cooperators, T. J. Mauney of West Pigeon, and Jess Price of Panther Creek, got multiflora rose seedlings last week for contour fencing between Herschell Rogers of Upper Crabtree installed field drain tile in an open ditch that divided his bottom land into two fields. Several old log ditches were crossed where a 140 foot lateral was installed into a wet area off to the side of the main ditch. Mr. Rogers, who served three years as chairman of the Board of Soil Supervisors, reports satisfactory drainage by the tile.

Sometimes when we find a farm product that grows well, we tend to put all our eggs into one basket. This seems to be the case with planted forest trees in Haywood County. Every one wants white pine because they grow so well. With the ever-present danger

## She Who Gets Trapped

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—When several women asked him to send a police radar speed trap crew to their street, Capt. Charles Rhodes was glad to oblige.

Among the first to draw tickets for speeding were two of the women who asked for the trap.

of white pine blister rust and other diseases and insects, it would seem wise to be planting more than one kind of pine tree.

Farmers, cooperating with their Soil Conservation Districts, are making trial plantings of other pines to see if their range includes areas of Western North Carolina. Farmers in seven counties have just completed planting one acre plots of Red Pine in seven different counties. Carlyle Davis made the Haywood planting on his farm at Riverside. Another pine we know that does well on south slopes below 3,000 feet elevation is shortleaf pine. Seedlings of shortleaf pine can be purchased from the State Forest Service.

A farm is as big as its power to produce.

## Canton School Officials Attend Chapel Hill Meet

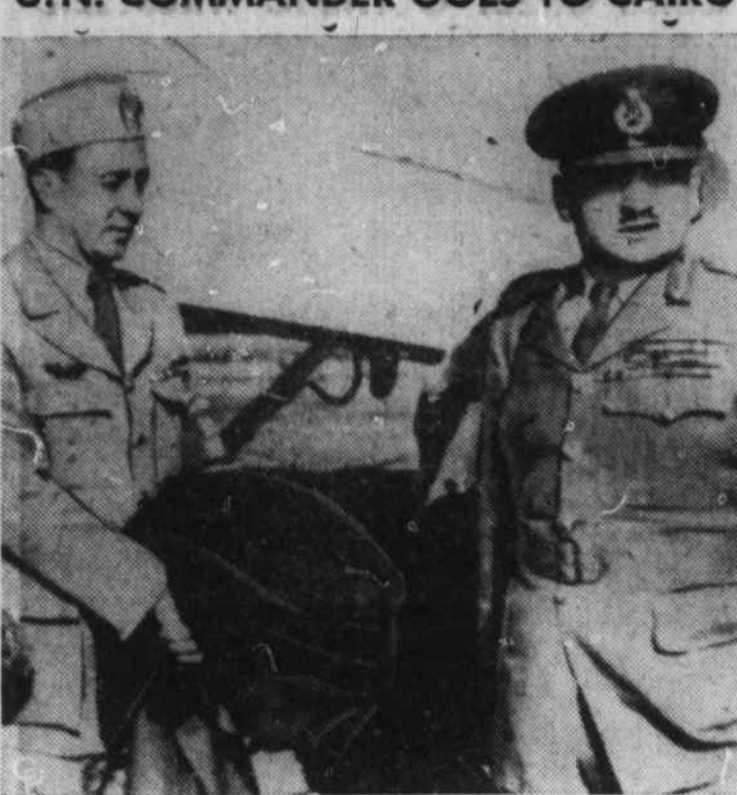
Canton school board members, Willis Kirkpatrick, J. R. Sechrest, and Arthur Cody, and Superintendent Rowe Henry attended a meeting in Chapel Hill last week where city government, education, and industry were represented among the speakers. More than 200 city and county school board members were present for the all-day session.

The purpose of the conference was to promote better cooperation between education and industry in an effort to accomplish a higher standard of education in North Carolina.

## A Ticket Landing

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (AP)—Patrolman Paul Ramsey couldn't believe his eyes when he saw the helicopter land on the street at Fountain Square. He asked the pilot what was going on. The pilot said he stopped to let off a couple of passengers while en route to Tennessee. Patrolman Ramsey pondered a moment, then wrote a traffic ticket for the pilot. He was double parked.

## U.N. COMMANDER GOES TO CAIRO



MAJ. GEN. E. L. M. BURNS (right), of Canada, United Nations Commander in the Middle East, is shown at the Tel Aviv airport in Israel with one of his aides. They will take up observer positions in the Canal Zone of Egypt. Later, on arriving in Cairo, Gen. Burns met with Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser to discuss arrangements for U.N. policing of trouble zones. (International Radiophoto)

## 'Farm - City Week' Calls For 'Partners In Progress'

Calling attention to the national observance of Farm - City Week, November 16-22, C. B. Ratchford, assistant director of the North Carolina Extension Service, says: "There is a great need for better understanding between farm and city people."

The slogan for this second national observance is "Farm and City—Partners in Progress."

Last year, practically every county in the United States and many communities in Canada observed this special week which serves to remind people of their dependence on one another. "After all," says Ratchford, "the city dweller depends upon the farmer for the first necessity of life—food. And the farmer depends upon business and industry for necessary supplies such as fertilizer and for a market for his product."

Farm-City Week, 1955, received the prized Distinguished Service Award of the Freedom Foundation, the top award in the field of community service offered in the nation. Again, as last year, the observance is being coordinated by Kiwanis International. Ratchford believes that the farm-

## No Joy Here

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. (AP)—Joy, two-year-old parakeet belonging to the Ben Malones, has been banished from the office of the family-owned millworks for a long list of misdemeanors.

He greeted ladies with wolf whistles, perched on men customers' eyeglasses and hitched rides on typewriter carriages. Most disturbing of all, he insisted on chattering over the telephone every time someone tried to use it.

er has many unique problems because of his dependence upon nature and weather. This in turn, he adds, points to a need for better understanding and communication between the producer on the farm and the consumer in the city.

"Farm-City Week can be a valuable means of bringing about a better understanding and appreciation of the role of both producer and consumer in our national life," states Ratchford.

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