

Pulpwood Shortage Reaching Critical State

"The shortage of pulpwood in the United States is rapidly reaching a critical state which will hamper the national war effort," Mr. T. W. Earle of the North Carolina Pulp Company declared today.

In an effort to overcome this shortage the War Production Board, with the assistance of four other Federal departments and agencies, has undertaken an intensive campaign to increase pulpwood cutting in the three major producing areas of the South, Northeast and Lake States. The pulpwood industry is cooperating through a committee representing the mills, while independent committees have been set up by the American Newspapers Publishers Association, to publicize and advertise the program in daily, weekly and farm papers in the pulpwood regions.

"The pulpwood problem is solely one of production," said Mr. Earle. "Its solution depends entirely upon manpower and more cutting in the woods. WPB Chairman, Donald M. Nelson has asked the 3,800,000 farmers in the pulpwood states to help overcome a threatened shortage of 2,500,000 cords an to provide sufficient quantities of this raw material to meet both the military and domestic war requirements.

There is no way of determining what the demand of our fighting forces for pulpwood products will be as invasion operations are intensified in Europe and the South Pacific. But it would be a sad commentary on the American home front if our war program should be impeded because pulpwood for military uses should be 'too little' and 'too late'.

"Alarming shortages in supplies of pulpwood were recently reported by the War Production Board," Mr. Earle stated. "These reports show receipts at mills for the first five months of 1943 to be 29 per cent below those for the same period of 1942."

War Production Board indicates the shortage may become more serious before the end of the year, unless production is greatly increased.

"In the face of such declines the demand for pulpwood is steadily increasing. More is needed for smokeless powder, rayon and paper for parachutes, plastics for airplanes parts, bomb and shell containers, blood plasma, ration packets, and containers for shipping ammunition, food and supplies overseas," Mr. Earle continued.

"Pulpwood is of additional importance because, as a substitute, it is effecting important savings in iron, steel, aluminum, brass, tin, copper, wood, cotton, burlap and binder twine, freeing these materials for the manufacture of munitions and other instruments of war. Pulpwood substitutes saved tremendous quantities of metal, lumber, glass and jap-held rubber in 1942, to name only a few.

Not only have pulpwood products substituted for scarcer materials, but containers made from pulpwood have saved untold amounts of critical space.

Mr. Earle pointed out that our armed forces are trained with manuals of paper made from pulpwood and that the planning of factories, battleships, tanks and other weapons and equipment is done on paper. Thirty tons of blueprint paper is required in the construction of a single battleship.

The pulpwood also makes paper for targets, ration books, hospital wadding, medical supplies, military clothing, charts and maps and hundreds of other products for war uses. Much of the smokeless now used in Allied guns is made from pulpwood.

One tree is enough to make nitro-cellulose to provide smokeless powder for firing thirty five 105mm. shells or 7,500 rounds for a Garand rifle, while a cord of pulpwood would provide powder for two shots from a 16 inch coast defense or naval gun," Mr. Earle said.

"Because of the vital need for products made from pulpwood for war purposes, farmers, woodland owners and woodsmen would be performing an important patriotic duty by giving as much of their time to this work as an extra service to their country at war," Mr. Earle said in conclusion.

Celebrates 70th Birthday; Has 26 grandchildren

John Waters of Glisson township celebrated his 70th birthday August 18th when his wife and children gave him a birthday dinner. His birthday present from his eleven children was found on his plate as he sat down to eat. Opening it he found a comical birthday card showing one child trying to nail up another in a box. He was having some trouble when the boy in the box remarked "You can't shut me up." The card was signed by the children. The point was well everyone who knows Mr. Waters knows his sense of humor.

BROTHERS IN SERVICE



J. C. "BUD" BLANCHARD

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Blanchard of Warsaw.

"Bud is now overseas and has been for over two years. He is a private First Class.

The following letter from him was recently received by his parents:

Happy Birthday July 31, 1943

Dear Dad and Family: Just received two letters from you all, dated July 9th and 13th. Was glad to hear you all were well and feeling fine.

Dad, the Censorship has been lifted now so I can tell you all where I am. I am in Iceland, and what a beautiful place. I'm going to try and give you a brief description of what this place is like.

"First I will tell you about the people. When we first landed here, the people did not have any thing to do with American soldiers because they were not used to strange people. There are a lot of good looking girls here, but the older people are very strict here and don't want them to go with soldiers. Just a few go with soldiers now but we have to get them to meet us away from the houses, so we have lots of fun at that, although they are a lot feindlier now.

They can't speak our language very well, so we have a time getting them to understand English. I have a real cute girl here. I am teaching her English and she's teaching me Icelandic. We have lots of fun.

Fishing and raising sheep are their main occupations here. They raise a few spuds also. The summer is too short for them to raise anything.

They have lots of fish hanging around their houses, drying for the winter, I guess.

Dad, these people drive on the left side of the road, it took me a long time to get used to it. Guess the patrolman will get me when I get back to the states and get on the wrong side of the road.

There are quite a lot of volcanoes here and this is a mountainous place, also a dog would go crazy looking for a tree. I haven't seen a tree since I left the states.

Snow stays on the mountains all year round. We had snow July 28th. I am looking over those snow covered mountains now. Guess you will be surprised when you read this letter. It doesn't seem very cold to us now for we are used to it.

In the winter time it stays dark except about three hours a day and in summer, it is light all the time. During the month of June, the sun never sets. At twelve o'clock at night it is shining just as bright as it does in the daytime. We have to put heavy black paper over our windows so we can sleep at night.

Dad we get paid off in Kroner. I am sending you a one Kroner paper piece. We don't get very many one Kroner bills; we have a two Kroner piece about the size of a fifty cent piece of American money. This money runs in: one Kroner, two Kroner, five Kroner, ten Kroner, fifty Kroner and one hundred Kroner bills. It is very hard for me to explain to you all on paper, so will bring some back with me, then I can tell you all about it.

These people don't have any Cakes, all you can buy in town is coffee and cakes and they are plenty high too.

Dad, this is about all I can write about this place at the present. Hope it won't be long before I'll be coming home, then I can tell you all about it.

I'm sending you all a few souvenirs and pictures before long. I am getting along fine and hope to see you all before long. Give all the family my love and keep smiling.

Lots of Love, J. C. Blanchard (Bud)

(Editors NOTE) (Krone, singular or Kroner, plural; The Scandinavian gold monetary unit equal to (at par) 90.298 U. S. money; also called crown.)



EDWIN LEE BLANCHARD

Blanchard of Warsaw.

entered service 8 or 9 months ago. He has not as yet been sent over. Now stationed at Camp Beale, California.

Brother Warsaw Man Dies in S. C.

Former Warsaw Resident

MARION, S. C., Aug. 17—Dr. E. B. Bridges, 50, prominent druggist and businessman of Marion, died today at 12:30 p. m. at a Florence hospital after suffering a heart attack at his home on West Goddard St. early this morning. Dr. Bridges was at his office yesterday and apparently was in the best of health. He had attacks before.

He was the son of George M. and Louisa Lee Bridges, and was born in Wayne county, N. C., on March 7, 1893. He was educated in schools in Warsaw, N. C., and studied pharmacy at Macon, Ga., and Chattanooga, Tenn., before coming to Marion. He was in the drug business at Latta, S. C., in 1918. He came to Marion and was a pharmacist for the J. S. Davis Drug company until 1935. A year later he opened a drugstore of his own and since that time has operated one of the largest and best equipped drug stores in the state.

At the time of his death he was chairman of the State Board of Pharmaceutical examiners. While in Marion he was prominent in many civic enterprises. For several years he was chairman of the Marion county board of education and at the time of his death was vice president of the Marion Federal Building and Loan association and was a member of the board of directors of the Marion National Bank.

In 1918 he was married to Miss Minnie Hewitt of Marion. Surviving are his widow, their adopted daughter, Mrs. W. A. Breathwit, and granddaughter, Anne Bridges Breathwit, and three brothers, L. L. Bridges of Chattanooga, Herbert Bridges of Macon, Ga., and Walter Bridges, of Warsaw. Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 Thursday morning by Rev. B. L. Knight, pastor of the Marion Methodist church, at the home.

Civil Service Announces Zone Deputy Collector Examination

The Director of the Fourth United States Civil Service Region announced the opening of an examination for the position of Zone Deputy Collector at the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Treasury Department, with offices in the states of Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

The salary for the position is \$2430 per year under the overtime pay rates. Although the primary purpose of this examination is to establish a register for filling vacancies in the position of Zone Deputy Collector, Internal Revenue Service, the register may be used for filling vacancies in other positions at \$2430 per year, requiring somewhat similar qualifications and for which the register may be deemed appropriate. In addition, appropriate vacancies at \$2186, \$1971 and \$1753 per year may be filled.

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Pulpwood Vital War Need

Out Out Cull Trees, It Will Improve Your Timber Stand Bring in Cash and Provide, PULPWOOD, Now BADLY NEEDED For The WAR EFFORT.

There are many tracts of thick pine timber in Duplin County which would be greatly improved if the cull trees were cut out for pulpwood, says F. J. Cook Farm Forester. A thinning properly made will improve the growth rate and the quality of the remaining trees, Mr. Cook goes on to say. Such cutting done by farm labor in the slack season will not only improve the woods and bring cash return, but will help supply a vital war material.

The absolute need for pulpwood in wartime is frequently not understood. It is used in making smokeless powder, rayon for parachutes, medicinal products for treating the sick and wounded,

blueprint paper for plans, and particularly for containers in which to ship food, medical supplies and other war material. Thirteen million cords are needed this year. Pulpwood producers are falling far short of this goal, because of the labor shortage. Already the use of newsprint has been curtailed.

All farmers having stands of young pine which need thinning are urged to do it this fall and winter. Arrangements can be made to have the pulpwood hauled, if farm labor will do the cutting. It is essential that thinning be properly done. Interested farmers should contact Farm Forester Cook or the County Agent.

Duplin County Labor Mobilization Board

Governor Broughton recently issued a State-wide Five Point War Emergency Powers Proclamation, power of which was granted him by the 1943 Legislature. Section four of this proclamation is designed to give effect to his recent "work or fight" proclamation. C. E. Quinn, who was appointed Chairman of the "work or fight" committee has been appointed Chairman of the Labor Mobilization Board for the county. The Chairman and members of the Board will serve for the duration of the war, without compensation. The Governor will appoint the other members of the Board within a few days.

The Chairman called a meeting of several leaders from all sections of the county last Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the Court House for a general discussion of the program. The meeting was well attended and while there was no official plans made the program was discussed by those present.

The duty of the Board will be to make plans for the mobilization, conservation, distribution and use of labor in the county necessary or useful in the prosecution of the war. The names of able bodied male persons between the ages of eighteen and fifty-five, who are not now employed as much as thirty-five hours a week, the names to be turned over to the United States Employment Service.

Under the regulation those individuals who willfully refuse to accept employment within the range of their experience, ability and prevailing wages, will constitute a misdemeanor which can be dealt with in the courts by law enforcement officers of the county.

ACL Asks Permission Transfers Train Wilmington-Fayetteville to Wilmington-R. Mount

The Utilities commission opened a hearing on the application of the Atlantic Coast Line railway to discontinue all passenger service between Wilmington and Fayetteville. At present there is one train daily between the points.

Nearly all of Thursday was taken up with presentation of arguments by the railway, which has applied for permission to use the present passenger equipment on the Wilmington-Fayetteville run in addition service on the Wilmington-Rocky Mount run.

Near the close of Thursday's session, the first spokesman of a delegation of more than 100 citizens of the area affected, presented arguments for continuance of the service. They said that abandonment of passenger service on the Wilmington-Fayetteville line would take away the principal means of travel from the area served by the road.

The application of the railway to discontinue the Wilmington-Fayetteville run and to add a train between Wilmington and Rocky Mount has been approved by the Office of Defense Transportation, Chairman Stanley Winborne of the Utilities Commission said Thursday. He said that military authorities from Camp Davis, Camp Lejeune, and Seymour Johnson Field have complained of the lack of sufficient transportation for soldiers from those camps going north on week-end leaves and furloughs.

The hearing will be resumed this morning, and Chairman Winborne yesterday estimated that it may last through tomorrow. He said that scores of witnesses are scheduled to testify.

Kenansville Folks Send 30,000 Cigarettes to Boys Overseas

The following merchants, business and professional men and women contributed the funds to buy and have shipped to the men in our armed forces overseas, 1,500 packages or 30,000 Camel Cigarettes. The same will be sent through the War Department, by The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., all charges prepaid direct to our soldiers overseas: H. M. West, G. R. Dail, J. E. Jerritt, C. E. Quinn, Kenansville Drug Store, C. E. Stephens, Kenansville Cafe, Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co., Garland P. King, Duplin Times, J. L. Williams, A. T. Outlaw, F. W. McGowan, R. V. Wells, J. W. Blanchard, Employees of Duplin County Agricultural Building, Patsy's Beauty Shop, W. M. Brinson and F. E. Jones.

Order was given to Mr. Sam Jones, Sales Representative of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., on Aug. 20, 1943.

Judge Stevens to Preside Superior Court August 30

Judge Henry L. Stevens will preside over a two weeks term of Superior court for civil cases only, convening here August 30. The following jurors have been named:

W. D. Grady, David Quinn, W. F. Hinson, N. B. Smith, Vann Norris, Ira J. Ezell, E. L. Turner, Leon F. Bostic, L. L. Bland, Hugh Bradshaw, F. J. Jones, Dempsey Smith, J. C. McCarver, J. T. Hatcher, L. J. Jones, Marvin Bradshaw, E. A. Taylor, L. R. Woodcock, Isaac Jones, K. Brown, Herman Bishop Zollie Kornegay, T. C. Crow, S. P. Judge, P. E. Wood, Dallas Jones, Eddie Paul Thigpen, J. W. Peterson Tom Whaley C. A. Goldsall, A. J. Peterson, W. T. Murphy, L. J. Scott, Joe D. Miller, Alonza Dail, R. L. Pate, E. B. Bishop, Percy Maeady A. W. Whaley J. S. Miller, J. D. Campbell, Chas. Teachey, Herman E. Rouse, A. G. Grantham, H. M. Brinson, Raymond Grady, B. H. Edwards, W. S. Brice, Onnie Whaley, W. A. Dixon, Jesse Outlaw, Jno A. Williams, L. G. Farmer, L. C. Albertson, J. W. Ritter, D. F. McGowan, W. M. Peterson, Loyd Sanderson, F. M. Lambert, M. E. Jones, Lott Kornegay, H. L. Kennedy, Dunn Manning, Paul J. Fountain, N. G. Edwards, F. B. Chambers, Albert Jones, Walter Blizard, W. T. Gresham, O. F. Kennedy, R. C. Moore, M. J. Cavenaugh, J. H. Hall, F. H. Johnson, J. B. Kennedy, J. H. B. Martin, D. Walter Dail, N. F. Brown E. M. Murphy, B. W. Groves, H. G. Edwards, D. C. Mathis, J. A. Brooks L. B. Bradshaw, R. R. Dempsey, H. C. Rackley, Thos. Elwood Revell, J. T. Frederick, James Wallace, Ben Stroud.

Miss Helen Hunt To Receive Silver Star

The Chas. R. Javie Post No. 1, American Legion, Warsaw, N. C. will present the first Silver Star awarded in this county by the American Legion to Miss Helen Hunt, sister and nearest of kin to Ensign James W. Hunt who lost a leg on July 7th in the battle of Munda in the Solomon Islands.

Ensign Hunt has been awarded the Purple Heart for outstanding service under fire during this battle.

son Field have complained of the lack of sufficient transportation for soldiers from those camps going north on week-end leaves and furloughs.

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IN SOUTH PACIFIC — F. Williams, of Scott's Store, who has been in the South Pacific area for 18 months. He enlisted in the army soon after drafting was begun. His buddy, shown with him, is not known here.

County Price Panel Committee Appoints Number Assistants

Recently the Office of Price Administration required that all County Price Panels appoint assistants in all towns, and recently the Duplin County Price Panel completed the new organization as required by the O. P. A.

The purposes of these appointments is that the Price Panel assistants will help the merchants by advising them in the various towns in Duplin County.

Below is listed the names of the individuals who were appointed as Price Panel Assistants for our County: Wallace, Mrs. Jno. D. Robinson; Rose Hill, Mrs. M. F. Allen; Magnolia, Mrs. L. E. Pope; Warsaw, Mrs. J. C. Thompson; Faison, Mrs. Olive G. Newton; Calypso, Mrs. Minnie R. Dickson; Kenansville, Mrs. G. V. Gooding; Beulaville and Chingapin, Mr. S. A. Smith, Misses Lou Jackson and Kathryn Dobson.

The Duplin County Price Panel is composed of: Mr. Lacy Weeks, and Mr. T. M. Fields (of Wallace), and Mrs. Elery P. Guthrie, Price Panel Clerk, Kenansville, N. C.

It is the desire of every member of the Panel to assist the merchants and consumers as to ceiling prices.

Glisson Man Seriously Injured; Negro Being Held in Jail Here

Emmett "Teeny Man" Williams of Glisson Township, is at home seriously injured with a fractured skull, from a lick on the head inflicted by a negro named Bryant, who lived in the same neighborhood. Bryant is being held in jail with a bond pending the outcome of Williams' injury.

According to reports from the neighborhood, Williams and the Negro bought a bottle of beer at a service station at Blizard's Crossroads. They drove to Dock Herring's store and were drinking the beer when the negro suddenly grabbed up a heavy board and hit Williams on the head. It was said there had been no argument but the Negro claimed Williams had a knife in his hands. Witnesses said they saw no knife nor any attempt on the part of Williams to hit the Negro.

The Negro ran, John Waters issued a warrant for him and Leslie Waters made the arrest. At the time of the arrest, the Negro was carrying a shot gun and a pocket full of shells.

Experts Working on Granville Wilt

Tobacco seed from varieties resistant to Granville wilt will not be available for 1944 plantings because the strains now under test have not been thoroughly tried out for quality, says Howard R. Garris extension plant pathologist at N. C. State college.

According to the pathologist, the tobacco experiment station has developed some strains from a South American variety of tobacco that show a high degree of resistance to Granville wilt, but they are not yet satisfied with the quality of the cured leaf.

The N. C. Experiment station, in cooperation with the bureau of plant industry, has been working on resistance to Granville wilt for several years, but this season they are testing the strain in a number of sections throughout the belt. Just as soon as the desired quality is obtained, seed will be officially released.

Garris says that growers, who are cooperating in the test have been asked not to save any seed from the heads of plants resistant

N. C. Weed Crop Estimated at 2 per cent Under Last Year

Raleigh, N. C., August 18 — Prospects for the North Carolina flue-cured tobacco, Morgan said, of 55,570,000 pounds, approximately two percent less than last year's production, according to J. J. Morgan, statistician of the State Department of Agriculture.

The rainy period of early July caused unusually rapid growth of flue-cured tobacco, Morgan said, and the dry, hot weather the last of the month ripened the crop too fast, "producing a comparatively thin-leaf, light-weight crop."

"The August 1 outlook for the State indicated a flue-cured yield per acre of 965 pounds, compared with 1052 pounds for 1942," Morgan said. "In the western half of the Old Belt, weather conditions have been fairly favorable, and crop prospects are promising. In the eastern portion of the belt, however, dry weather has reduced yields sharply. Excessive rains in the Eastern and Border Belts bleached fertilizer, packed soils, and caused some tobacco to wilt. Tobacco on light soils was badly stunted by the rains, and yields are very poor."

"Throughout the center of the Eastern belt, where rains were not unduly heavy, most farmers have a good crop of tobacco. Growers generally are pleased with the color of tobacco coming out of the barn."

Morgan made the following estimates of yields per acre and production by belts compared with 1942:

Old and Middle Belts — Yields per acre, 880 pounds; down seven percent. Production, 201,520,000 pounds; practically no change from last year.

Eastern North Carolina — Yields per acre, 1025; down eight percent. Production, 289,050,000; down two per cent.

N. C. Border Belt — Yield per acre, 1000 pounds; down 13 percent. Production, 65,000,000; down seven per cent.

Bu.ley tobacco — Yield per acre, 1050 pounds; down nine per cent. Production, 8,087,000; up eight per cent.

"With an acute shortage of primers or coppers, and with the crop ripening so rapidly, farmers have been hard pressed in barning the crop," Morgan said. "Field losses curing space have been heavy on from drowning, lack of labor and some farms and above average for the State."

Ration Board Requests Your Cooperation

Ceiling prices have been set on tobacco and other products you farmers sell. You cannot get more than ceiling prices for your products.

Ceiling prices have been set on practically everything you buy. There are some stores in Duplin County, as well as other counties, that will charge you above ceiling price for merchandise if you are mind to pay their prices. As long as those merchants get away with overcharging, they will continue to do so. Who suffers? You and your neighbor.

The local rationing board is set up to help you in every way possible. Members of the board and clerks in the office are glad to cooperate and work for your interest but unless you cooperate with them, there is nothing they can do.

Don't write the board about complaints you hear or about some one over-charging you unless you are willing to sign the letter and help the board investigate. If merchants who are overcharging are properly reported a few times you will see them adhering to the ceilings in the future and it will not be necessary to report them.

You, the consumer, whom the Ration Board wants to protect must do your part in reporting violations.

to Granville wilt.

He reports that if whole communities or areas should plant the seed it would be a bad proposition because they might wake up and find that they were growing tobacco of undesirable quality — a type of leaf not wanted by the buyers.

The experimenters say "We would hate to kill the goose that laid the golden egg." In other words, seed cannot be officially released until desirable quality has been combined with resistance to wilt.

Garris calls attention to the fact that breeding for resistance to one disease does not mean that the strain will be resistant to all diseases. The only disease resistant varieties of flue cured tobacco now available for commercial use are the 400 variety, bred for resistance to black root rot, and strains 1, 2, 3 and 4, bred for resistance to black shank.

LOST LOST LOST

LOST FRIDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 18th Somewhere around Ardell Lander's Store, or near Test Show in Beulaville, BILL FOLDER containing around \$115.00 ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS, BILL OF SALE PAPERS for Car, TITLE to Car, SOCIAL SECURITY CARD, SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION CARD, CLASSIFICATION CARD, DRIVERS LICENSE, \$6.00 STAMP FOR CAR, and GAS BOOK, All These Cards and Papers Carried the Name of LESLIE TURNER, BEULAVILLE, N. C.

Who Finder PLEASE RETURN BILL FOLDER and PAPERS to Leslie Turner, and COLLECT REWARD.