

Pulpwood Group Is Asking Cooperation To Curb Forest Fires

Carelessness Cited as Principal Cause of Fire in Woodland

Chowan County's Victory Pulpwood Committee this week called on residents here to "cooperate with public authorities in every possible way to prevent the outbreak or spread of forest fires."

"This is the time of the year when forest fires are most apt to break out and to spread," the committee declared, "and extra precautions should be taken to put out lighted cigarettes, matches or brush fires."

The committee urged all persons "desiring to burn brush, ditchbanks, debris, or to start a fire for any other reason near an adjoining woodland," to secure a permit from local or state authorities beforehand.

"It is also important to know the name and telephone number of one's nearest forester, state or county agent, or other authority," the committee added, "and in the event of a fire getting out of control, or a blaze being spotted, this information should be communicated at once to such authority."

"Forest fires here mean a loss of some kind to everyone living in this community," said the committee. "Not only does the farmer suffer if a fire breaks out in his woodland, but his loss means less retail sales, and a loss of work which would have come to others from the pulpwood stand on the farmer's woodlot."

The Chowan Victory Pulpwood Committee explained that most forest fires are started through carelessness and are preventable providing the public is willing to cooperate and is alert to the great damage caused to forests every year by uncontrolled blazes.

"Not only are farmers and woods workers now active in forests cutting top quality pulpwood for nearby mills, but an entirely new element is in the woods. These newcomers, consisting of motorists, picnickers and hikers are bringing added danger of forest fires these days," the committee declared.

Let's resolve to drive carefully and thus reduce the number of accidents to drivers who know that nothing will happen to them.



Planting Of Peanuts Getting Under Way

Planting of peanuts continues active in both the Southeast and Southwest, with very favorable weather during the past week. Trade reports from south Texas indicate that acreage in that section is below earlier expectations and rather disappointing. Considerable peanut acreage in that section is being planted to watermelons this year. Planting is in full swing in east and central Texas and beginning in a very limited way in north Texas. The season in north and east Texas is around three weeks to a month in advance of normal. In south Georgia many growers are increasing the proportion of Runners being planted as compared to normal years. This may result in an increased production of Runners and possibly a slight reduction in the production of Spanish.

In both the Southeast and Southwest movement of shelled goods has been very light with practically all current shipments moving on previous sales. In the Southeast there have been a few resales including jobbers' markup of 1c per lb. over the basic f. o. b. ceiling. In the Virginia-Carolina area movement of farmers' stock peanuts has been extremely light, but there have been moderate shipments of cleaned and shelled goods with de-

mand absorbing practically all offerings of extra large and medium shelled stock and cleaned jumbos. Demand for cleaned fancys has been only fair, with sizable offerings.

Blue Mold Affecting Chowan Tobacco Beds

According to County Agent C. W. Overman, a large percentage of the tobacco beds in Chowan County are infected with blue mold. Plants in general are advancing in growth and a few farmers began setting last week. The extent of the damage by this disease cannot be estimated as yet, but in many instances large spots of young plants are being killed outright.

Several farmers have sprayed and, although starting rather late, fairly good results have been noticed.

Edenton Sluggers Win Two Over Week-end

Edenton Sluggers, local colored baseball team, won two games over the week-end, on Sunday swamping the Norfolk All Stars on Hicks Field 13-0 and on Monday defeating the Elizabeth City Fire Fighters 7-3 in Elizabeth City. A previous game was lost to the Winton Bees 13-6.

Players on the local team are Thomas Harris, Curtis Brown, Thomas Jernigan, Edward Holley, Sidney Holley, James Ricks, Ernest Jones, Lloyd Burke, Willie Harris, Lawrence Collins, Samuel Boston and John Thomas Brickhouse.

BIBLE CLASS MEETS

The Young Woman's Bible Class of the Baptist Church met at the church Tuesday night, with Mrs. M. M. Perry, president, opening the meeting with a hymn. Mrs. J. W. Skiles led in prayer, after which the minutes were read, roll called and reports made by officers.

Mrs. E. J. Griffin gave a reading from John III, which was followed by sentence prayers.

The class accepted an invitation to meet with Mrs. Shelton Moore in May, that being the anniversary month of the class.

The following were present: Mrs. W. C. Bunch, Mrs. M. M. Perry, Mrs. J. W. Skiles, Mrs. L. M. Johnson, Mrs. W. A. Mills, Miss Bernice Williams, Mrs. R. L. Pratt and son Bobby, Miss Inez Felton, Mrs. Louis Harrell, Mrs. Shelton Moore, Mrs. Raleigh Hollowell, Mrs. E. J. Griffin, Mrs. W. J. Yates and Mrs. Iva Mae Dail.

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County Agent Advises 4-H Club Members In Corn-Peanut Projects

Letters of recommendations for producing corn and peanuts were sent to each 4-H club worker who is conducting a corn or peanut project in Chowan County this year. Recommendations were based on the soil test report for each acre. A knowledge of the type of soil and the soil test report enabled County Agent C. W. Overman to make an individual recommendation for each acre.

4-H soil test reports for corn showed a need for Dolomitic lime ranging from one-half ton per acre in many cases to one ton per acre. The soil test reports on peanut acres showed a need for lime in about 75% of the samples sent in. Many of the 4-H club boys have already planted their corn following recommendations given verbally at the club meetings.

Cotton Prices Rise After Fluctuation

Cotton prices fluctuated over a wide range during last week but gained some ground and were very strong at the end of the week. Market attention was centered on pending legislation relating to price control and the parity formula. Spot markets were moderately active, the trend in domestic mill consumption continues upward. Exports are running far ahead of the relatively small volume for last season and for the first seven months of the season averaged about 240,000 bales monthly. Preparations for the planting of the new crop continued to make good progress over most of the belt. The weather bur-

eau, however, reported some delay in farm work because of too much rain in the lower Mississippi Valley and in the eastern Gulf states.

Prices for Middling 16/16 inch in the ten spot markets averaged 27.81 cents per pound on Thursday, April 18, against 27.76 a week earlier, and

22.25 a year ago. Premiums and discounts for grade and staple were unchanged for the week. Discounts on low grades and short staples continued comparatively wide.

He calls drunkenness an expression identical with ruin.—Laertius.

NOTICE

The Chowan County Board of Election has designated H. A. PERRY'S STORE in YEOPIM TOWNSHIP as the polling place for the Yeopim Precinct.

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