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## Forest Service Gives Rules To Guard Against Fire

### Farmers Urged To Take Care In Burning Brush

Nantahala National Forest Franklin, North Carolina. Many Western North Carolina farmers find it desirable to burn weeds and trash in preparing their fields for the plow. Since many of the fields are next to farm wood lots or Forest land there is a risk of the fires getting out of control and spreading through forest property. Many an acre was swept by wild fire last spring. Some of these forest fires spread from debris burning, and practically all were caused by carelessness.

Since the burning of farm weeds brush and trash is a source of fire risk, we should take care to select the safest time and place for doing this kind of burning. The debris burning can be safeguarded to a considerable extent by the following conditions for burning.

**TIME:**  
1. Burn debris late in the afternoon on a day when the wind is quiet.

2. Watch the burning until the pile has burned to a bed of embers.

3. Go to the site of the burning next morning well before 8:00 o'clock and see that every spark is dead out.

**PLACE:**  
4. Place trash to be burned in open area well away from the edge of the wood lot.

5. See that inflammable material is cleared up in a ring several feet back from the pile to be burned.

6. Keep from burning trash near a steep slope or in the mouth of a draw leading up a steep slope.

7. Have a hoe, ax and bucket of water handy while burning the trash.

8. Watch for sparks falling in the wood lot, and promptly put out any spot fire that might start, with the water or a raked line just ahead of the spot fire.

The job ahead for all of us is most certainly production to help the war effort. Fighting Forest fires will take some of us from war production and delay the day of victory. Since matches and lighted cigarettes in the hands of careless or indifferent people account for the most of our fire losses, let each and every one think twice of the consequence that might develop before discarding a burning match or cigarette.

## Women In Service

Miss Katherine Shuford, formerly public health nurse for this county, who is now in the U. S. Army Nursing Corps, is visiting Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones. Miss Shuford is stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga.

Miss Alma Cabe has been home on a seven day leave on account of the illness of her little brother.

Elizabeth Love who entered the U. S. Army Service as truck driver last summer is visiting her parents at Franklin. She is stationed at the General Development Laboratory of Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

Lucille Reece and Louise Murray have completed their basic training in radio at New Bridge and are leaving Asheville Friday for Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, where they will take an advanced six months course to be licensed radio operators and technicians.

## Two Macon Families Leave For Scuppernon

As part of a movement of mountain farm families to farms in Eastern North Carolina, two families from Macon county left Wednesday morning for Scuppernon in Washington county. They were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cowart and seven children and Mr. and Mrs. Logan Sanders, one child and Mrs. Sanders' mother. Both families are from the Prentiss community, and are the first from this county to avail themselves of better economic opportunity offered small farmers of the mountain section by the Farm Security Administration's project at Scuppernon.

The party left by special bus at 6 a. m. yesterday, expecting to make the more than 400-mile trip across the state in one day. They were accompanied by Miss Gladys

## Receives Award



**MASTER TEACHER** — E. J. Whitmire (above), teacher of agriculture in Franklin high school, has been selected as Master Teacher of vocational agriculture in North Carolina for 1942.

## E. J. WHITMIRE IS HONORED

### Receives Master Teacher Award For Work In Agriculture

E. J. Whitmire, teacher of agriculture in the Franklin High School, has been selected as the Master Teacher of Vocational Agriculture in North Carolina for 1942, announced Roy H. Thomas, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture of the State Department of Public Instruction, yesterday. Whitmire's work has been outstanding in the encouragement of progress toward "balanced prosperity" in his section. He has made his teaching helpful toward the growing of more livestock, poultry, swine, and other food crops.

Students in the department have recently purchased cooperatively 10,000 baby chicks, 8,000 pounds of certified potatoes, and \$10,000 worth of feeds, seeds and fertilizers.

Members of the Franklin Chapter of the Future Farmers of America, of which Mr. Whitmire is adviser, have sold \$5,000 worth of livestock and crops cooperatively, have repaired farm machinery, and have harvested 5,000 tons of silage corn for neighboring farmers. Four years ago, the average labor income for the Franklin boys was \$40 per boy, but this past year 50 boys had a labor income of \$200 per boy.

Mr. Whitmire's students have gathered 200,000 pounds of scrap metal and have purchased \$1200 in bonds and stamps during the last eight months.

**F. F. A. Leader**  
The Master teacher and his students salvaged three country school houses, moved them and constructed their department building.

All of the F. F. A. members in the Franklin chapter are now bred livestock enterprises in their using purebred seed and pure-farming operations.

In addition to his agricultural teaching program, Mr. Whitmire has supervised 14 defense classes which have trained men in mechanical skills and enabled them to carry on essential jobs in the war effort.

Whitmire is a graduate of State College, class of 1939—and is a member of the Franklin Rotary Club. He has had three years of experience as an agricultural teacher and is 26 years old.

Maxwell, of the Farm Security office here. Their household goods were sent by truck, leaving Tuesday night.

"This movement of families to Eastern North Carolina which is underway has been brought about through the effort to increase the production of food by a better distribution of farm families," said Albert Ramsey, head of the Farm Security in this county. "Census figures show that the Appalachian area is the most densely populated farm section in the state, resulting in small farms, some of which do not offer adequate support or sufficient opportunity for a family to produce to maximum capacity."

## MEN GO TO FORT JACKSON

### Selectees To Leave On Saturday, Jan. 16

The following men, who were sent to Camp Croft, S. C. on January 8 for examination and induction, were accepted, and will leave for Fort Jackson, S. C. on Saturday, January 16.

Oscar A. Morgan, Donald Cunningham, Dock L. Clark, Jr., William P. Pierson, who was placed in charge of the group at Camp Croft, Cecil Poindexter, Joe Mashburn, Oscar J. Ledford, Jack H. Head, Canary Franks, Frank Solesbee, Robert H. Frazier, James H. Parish, Julian B. Kiser, Hayes E. Houston, Robert L. Carpenter, Jr., Wilson Jones.

J. B. F. Anderson, Wayne R. Vanhook, Willard J. Woody, George L. Guffey, Charles E. Roper, Jesse W. Johnson, Frank Gibson, Fred G. Duvall, Arthur A. Turpin, Wallace B. Shepherd, Arnold L. Passmore, Frank D. Shuler, Henry H. Hedden, Devere T. Green, Roy L. Jones, Warren G. Owenby, Harry J. Duvall, Robert L. Crawford, Jr., Earl M. Younce, Charles R. Owens, Albert N. Pennington, John L. Angel, Maurice E. Norton, Arvel W. McCall, Charlie Wade Roper, Ralph M. Henson, Carl H. Owenby. Also accepted was Raymond F. Culver, a volunteer, who did not take the week's furlough. James Conner Hawkins, who was included in this group, and inducted from Burgaw, N. C., was accepted as a Volunteer Officer Candidate. Mr. Hawkins was a teacher and athletic director at the Franklin High School for several years.

The F. S. Johnson Class of the Methodist Sunday School will present the soldiers with gifts when they leave on Saturday. All boys leaving are also presented with Testaments.

During the month of December, 62 young men have become 18 years of age since June 30, were registered. They will receive questionnaires soon, and will probably be part of the calls in March from this Board.

## N. C. Weekly Roundup

**FOR MEN ONLY** — Beginning February 1, all North Carolina men between the ages of 18 and 45, who for six months or more have been subject to registration under the Selective Service Act for possible military service will be required to carry their classification cards—showing whether they are in A-1, 4-F, etc., to prove they have been in communication with their local draft boards and have been classified as to availability for military service. If you've lost your classification card you should get in touch with your local draft board at once. After February 1 men not carrying the classification card will be subject to a \$10,000 fine or five years imprisonment or both.

**PRICE CEILINGS** — B. U. Ratchford, state OPA price officer, warned this week that milk, bottled drinks, beer and other beverages sold in the same form they come to the restaurants are under price ceilings and advances in price are illegal. The enforcement staff of OPA is investigating reported raises in price in the state.

## Mobilization

All AAA Committeemen met in the Agricultural Building, Saturday, January 9, to receive instructions regarding the mobilization of all farm effort in order to reach Macon county's war goals in the production of necessary food, said Sam Mendenhall, this week.

Community meetings are now being held throughout the county to further explain the necessity of increasing certain foods for home use, for our fighting forces and our Allies. Both men and women are urged to attend these meetings as it will require all men and women power available to produce the food that will be necessary to win this war, Mr. Mendenhall said.

People living in town are urged to plant gardens this year. From 50 to 100 percent of certain foods will be taken off the market to feed our fighting forces and our allies.

## Men In Service

### JAMES E. RICKMAN WAS ON THE HORNET

Mrs. Roy Gibson, sister of James E. Rickman, has heard from him recently that he is safe after the sinking of his ship, "The Hornet," which was announced by the Navy Department last week as having been torpedoed by the Japanese last October. Rickman is at present stationed on an island in the Pacific. All but 129 of the crew were rescued.

### LIEUT. FINLEY TRAINING IN FLA.

First Lieut. W. H. Finley, formerly principal of Franklin high school, is being trained at the new air forces office training school, Miami Beach, to direct administrative and supply operations of the ground forces. Mrs. Finley is now residing at Pompano, Fla.

Cadet Horace Carter of Rt. 1 has reported to the Army Air Forces Pre-Flight school for pilots at Maxwell Field, Ala., from Nashville, Tenn. Air Center to begin the second phase of his air training. Cadet Hurst was a student at State College when accepted as a cadet.

News has been received here that 1st Lieutenant Leslie Brooks of Bryson City, nephew of Allan Brooks of Franklin, who was wounded at Casablanca, has been awarded the Purple Heart decoration of the U. S. Army by his commanding officer.

In a recent letter to his family Lieut. Brooks reports that he is recovering from his wound and hopes soon to be returned to active service.

Maxwell Field, Ala., Jan. 11—Henry Washington Cabe, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Cabe of Franklin, N. C., is now enrolled as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Forces Pre-Flight school located on the outskirts of Montgomery.

Here the new class of cadets is receiving nine weeks of intensive military, physical and academic training preparatory to beginning their actual flight instruction at one of the many primary flying schools in the Army Air Forces Southeast Training Center.

Cadet Cabe is a graduate of Franklin High School and a former student of North Carolina State College, Raleigh, N. C. He had received civilian pilot training before he was accepted as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Forces. He was an employee of Tennessee Valley Authority before he entered the service of his country.

Cpl. Clyde A. Dendy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dendy of Gold Mine had arrived safe in North West Africa, according to a letter received by his parents recently.

Sgt. J. C. Dendy, also a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dendy of Gold Mine, has received his diploma from the advanced engine school in Detroit, Mich., and has returned to Camp Hood, Texas.

Fred L. Grant, who is stationed at Camp Claiborne, La., as a member of the Headquarters and Service Company, 338th Engineer General Service Regiment, has been promoted to the rank of Corporal, according to word received by his wife.

Pfc. Emory Mtshburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Mashburn of Gneiss, is on furlough from Albuquerque, N. M.

Edwrt Mashburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Mashburn, who has been working in a radio shop in Atlanta, has enlisted in the Maritime Service, and Navy Class M-1 in the reserve.

Pfc. Bill Adams, of Fort Jackson, S. C., is spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Adams.

Pvt. Vester Ledford of Fort Jackson, S. C., is home on furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Leatherman, of Leatherman, have two sons now in service: Pvt. John E. Leatherman is in the parachute infantry stationed at Toccoa, Ga., and Pvt. Ernest C. Leatherman of the U. S. Marine corps is stationed somewhere overseas. He volunteered last April.

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## Governor Presents State Budget Of 105 Million

### Representative



Dr. W. A. Rogers, Representative from Macon county in the General Assembly at Raleigh, has been appointed chairman of the committee on printing and is a member of the important appropriations committee.

## Sales Tax

### Repeal Asked In Letters To Rep. Rogers

The following letter has been sent to Dr. W. A. Rogers, Macon County's representative in the State Legislature, now in session, signed by more than 75 citizens. Hon. Wiley A. Rogers, Representative of Macon County, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

We, the undersigned, merchants and business men of Macon county, do hereby respectfully request and petition that you use your best efforts toward the introduction and passage of a proper measure designed to eliminate, repeal and abolish the present existing sales tax on merchandise and goods sold in the State of North Carolina. We firmly believe that such a measure is for the best interests of the people; not only of this county, but the entire State of North Carolina; and further that we are advised, according to the report of the State Department of Revenue, that North Carolina now has a surplus in its treasury, or to its credit, of many millions of dollars.

Our request is made also in view of the fact of the tremendous increase in taxation imposed and to be imposed by the United States Government in order to foster and promote the waging of warfare against the Axis Powers, and we verily believe that such a measure as proposed would be to the best interest of everyone concerned.

By this petition you may be fully assured of our entire support and cooperation with you in any and all respects to the end that the existing sales tax may be abolished.

January 12, 1943.

Respectfully submitted.

## Lake V. Shope Heads Paralysis Drive In Macon

### Enforcement

### Of Pleasure Driving Ban Under Way

Enforcement of the new ban on pleasure driving for the duration got under way in Macon county this week.

Several residents of Macon County have been given notice by the District representative of the OPA from Asheville who visited Franklin this week. Violations will be reported to the district and then to the local board. It is the practice of the Office of Defense Transportation to bring all offenders to trial before the local board. The board, after deliberation, will decide whether any of the violators will have their A-cards revoked, suspended, or tailored.

No gasoline coupon books have been taken away so far in Macon County, it is stated, but law enforcement officers are guarding against infraction of the new law.

## Message Suggests Bonus For State Employees; 9-Months School

Gov. Broughton and the advisory budget commission have submitted a budget of over \$105,000,000 for the assembly's approval.

Included in the estimations is a \$9,000,000 war-bonus plan for state employes and school teachers.

The recommended budget provides for a \$20,000,000 post-war reserve fund to absorb the shock of economic upset when peace comes.

This \$105,000,000 general fund recommendation is \$10,000,000 greater than that of the current biennium and is more than double the amount spent by the state for general purposes ten years ago.

Gov. Broughton asked the legislature in his biennial message last week to provide adequately for state agencies and institutions, to safeguard the credit of the state, to care for the needy and to create a nine-months statewide optional school term, also to extend the compulsory school attendance law from 14 to 16 years.

Dr. Wiley A. Rogers, Macon's veteran representative, has been appointed chairman of the committee on printing, and a member of the appropriation and other important committees.

## Excerpts From President's Message

The state of the nation is good—the heart of the nation is sound—the spirit of the nation is strong—the faith of this nation is eternal.

I do not prophesy when this war will end.

I do believe that this year of 1943 will give to the United Nations a very substantial advance along the roads that lead to Berlin and Rome and Tokyo.

They (the Axis nations) must be disarmed and kept disarmed.

Freedom from want . . . will loom very large as a task of America during the coming two years. I trust it will not be regarded as an issue—but rather a task for us all.

1943 will not be an easy year for us on the home front. There are only a few Americans who place appetite above patriotism.

We, and all the United Nations, want a decent peace and a durable peace.

## GOSPEL SINGING AT NEWMAN'S CHAPEL

A group of singers from Georgia are expected at the Gospel Singing at Newman's Chapel at Mulberry next Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

Coffee and tea production in this country, or satisfactory substitutes, is not in the offing despite persistent rosy rumors born of war shortages, according to scientists.