

### Completes Course At Lackland Base

Pvt. George M. Bailey, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bailey Rt. 3, Box 242, Williamston, N. C. has completed his AF basic airman indoctrination course at Lackland Air Force Base, the "Gateway to the Air Force."

Lackland, situated near San Antonio, is the world's largest air force base, site of Air Force basic training, for men and women, headquarters of the Human Research Center, and home of AF's Officer Candidate School.

His basic training is preparing him for entrance into Air Force technical training and for assignment in specialized work. The course includes a scientific evaluation of his aptitude and inclination for following a particular vocation and career.

### Unpampered Mother Gives Birth to Triplets, Father 76

Murfreesboro, Tenn. — Three days after giving birth to triplets, Mrs. John Coker, 36, returned to her Oliver Springs (Tenn.) mountain cabin to care for her other six children. Her husband, 76, is in a local hospital.



Arthur Smith and the Crackerjacks, radio and recording artists, who will appear at Williamston High school on Monday, Nov. 5, are nationally known in popular music circles.

The group has been featured on many occasions at outstanding banquets and conventions in the Southeast. At their banquet appearance they present a program of dreamy dinner music followed by a lively variety show.

The quartet has appeared at such popular night clubs as the Blue Mirror in Washington, the Chatterbox, the Pall Mall Room of the Hotel Raleigh in Washington and were the featured attraction at Loew's Capitol Theater in Washington while they were playing there. When Ted Malone, ABC's famous roving reporter and story-teller, was forced to cancel his scheduled appearance at the famed Wilmington Azalea Festival down on the North Carolina coast, Arthur Smith and the Crackerjacks took over with a concert program of popular music that delighted the huge crowd.

Arthur and the group have appeared on the same program with Norman Cordon of the Metropolitan Opera on three different occasions. These appearances were at the Wilmington Azalea Festival, the annual Banquet of the Carolinas Press Photographers Association at the Carolina Inn and at the famous 'Singing on the Mountain' festivities at Linville, N. C.

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### Conservation Of Forests In South Is Major Problem

#### Timber Resource Has Not Always Been Used To Best Advantage

Columbia, S. C.—Paper-making in the South is growing rapidly with well over \$200,000,000 now being poured into expansion and new projects. The increase in the last few years has been enormous. Danger of deforestation in some quarters has aroused new interest in forest conservation and better forestry practices.

Not much over a year ago newsprint made from abundant southern pine began rolling from the \$32,000,000 Coosa River Newsprint Company plant near Childersburg, Ala., with a capacity of 300 tons a day. While this was the second enterprise of this kind in the South, the other being at Lufkin, Texas, it was the first new commercial source of newsprint developed in this country in a decade.

Now the Bowater Paper Company of Newfoundland is reported ready to proceed with a \$50,000,000 newsprint project in the Charleston-Calhoun area of Tennessee which will have an annual capacity of 125,000 tons of newsprint and 50,000 tons of unbleached sulphate pulp. Other Bowater mills are in England and in Canada. The Bowater organization has formally requested a certificate of necessity from the National Production Authority.

Another big paper-making project scheduled for the South is a \$50,000,000 expansion program by the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company within the next few years. This company has spent about \$55,000,000 already on its six plants since the end of World War II, including about \$17,000,000 on its big installation at North Charleston, S. C., and the new expansion program is to be superimposed upon this.

The National Container Corporation is building a \$25,000,000 plant at Valdosta, Ga. Mengel Company is planning a \$20,000,000 paper board mill on the Coosa River at Rome, Ga. St. Regis Paper Company is building a mill at Vulee, Fla.

Many large projects have been completed since World War II. The rapidly expanding pulp industry now employs some 125,000 workers in the South and under existing expansion programs is expected to absorb 10,000 more. This year it is expected the South will produce about 25,000,000 tons or double its 1940 tonnage.

The industry has been growing in the South since the 1930's. Northern mills were rapidly using up their stands of spruce when it was discovered that tough wrapping paper could be made from the fast-growing Southern pine. A pine tree grows to proper size in 15 years. While a spruce requires about 60 to replace itself.

Most Southern mills convert pulp into paper. Southern production of woodpulp, negligible a few decades ago, now accounts for about half the nation's total. The advent of the industry has meant more capital investment, more employment and more tax

### SCHOOL FOR STARLETS!



Little movie starlets have to go back to classes in the schoolhouse on their studio lot at the same time other children are picking up their books again. Two young Warner Bros. actresses and schoolgirls Sherry Jackson and Donna J. Boyce, wear matching dark cotton plaid frocks trimmed with white pique cuffs and collars.

revenues for the South.

The pulp producers say that, with proper forest management, the present acreage will produce enough trees to make possible a considerable expansion in both the pulpwood and lumber industries. The lumbermen are the ones who express the most concern of forest depletion.

The pulpwood people say that

ing a balance with consumption. Currently the pulp and paper companies are cooperating in an educational program on forest conservation. The Seaboard Air-line Railway, Atlantic Coast Line and International Paper Company are only a few of the companies carrying on extensive work in this direction.

The region has become greatly conscious of the need of conserving its forests, which makes up over 50 per cent of the land area of the Southeast. This important resource has been handled not always wisely in the past and the conservationists say, present forest management in many areas leaves much to be desired.

Extensive war needs depleted many stands of trees; fires and insects have taken their toll; unwise cutting practices have been a factor of great consequence. But much educational work is improving the picture.

Not long ago it was pointed out by the Southern Association of

Science and Industry that the South has a climate favorable to the rapid growth of trees, a large and sufficient area of woodland and many kinds of trees native to the region but that mismanagement of more than half of the forest lands keep them from producing more than a third of capacity.

The SASI has recommended expansion of a tree-planting program to restore at least 5,000,000 acres of nonstocking and poorly stocked forest land to productivity within a decade, and also research aimed at developing further methods of growing timber as a crop of low cost.

Other points of the program include higher standards of training in Southern schools of forestry; equitable forest taxation, and a sound policy of public ownership of forests where conditions make private ownership unattractive.

Increased imports to balance exports held main U. S. need.

### Farm Surplus Holdings Are Drastically Reduced

The Government's investment in surplus farm products under farm price-support programs has been cut almost 60 percent since it reached a record level last year. The investment was \$1,790,000,000 on August 31, compared with a total of \$4,200,000,000 early last year. A large volume of the surplus products has been sold in open market at home or exported to meet increased demands growing out of the defense program.

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