

Plan To Check Forest Fire Loss This Year

Warden Adds Deputies To Assist in Control of Fires

Burning Permits To Be Obtained Prior To Starting Fires

Large Damages to Timberlands Last Year Spurs Warden to Action

As 99 per cent of the forest fires are caused by man they can be prevented if the people of the county will cooperate in preventing negligence and comply with the laws relating to setting fires in and around woodland areas, according to Stuart F. Darden, forest fire warden, who urges the people to get their burning permits before they start fires.

It was pointed out by Mr. Darden that those persons who wish to start fires should first apply to the warden or deputy forest warden and then to notify those landowners next to them, so that every precaution can be made to prevent the spread of the fire to the lands of neighbors. The permits are free.

Mr. Darden pointed out that the following laws are in force regarding setting of fires in this county: it is unlawful to willfully or negligently set fire to woods and fields, or cause fires to be set; excepting that this does not apply in case of a landowner firing, or causing to be fired, his own open, non-wooded lands or fields, in connection with

farming or building operations, providing he shall have confined the fire at his own expense to said open lands or fields; to let fire escape from owner's own lands; to start a woods fire on lands without having first notified adjoining land owners of such intention to burn; to build a camp fire without first having cleared all inflammable material around such fire for a distance of 10 feet; to burn a slab pile, or other material without keeping a competent watchman with it; to refuse to assist a warden in firefighting when called upon; to interfere with a warden or fire fighters working under him while engaged in fire fighting on anyone's land.

It was further pointed out that it was also necessary to secure a permit from a State Forest Warden to burn brush or other material in areas under State Forest Service protection at any time between February 1 and June 1, inclusive, and between October 1 and November 30, inclusive.

The following deputy fire wardens have been named by Mr. Darden in this county to issue permits and to assist in watching and helping to prevent and extinguish fires on woodlands: L. E. Davenport, C. A. Ledford and C. D. Hooks, Scuppernon Farm project; Leon L. Davenport, J. J. Ambrose, H. P. Barnes and H. E. Clifton, towerman, for Scuppernon township; J. A. Chesson, J. W. Swain Norman G. Chesson, T. W. Tarkenton, J. J. Sawyer and J. C. Knowles, Lees Mill; Clyde Waters, W. S. Bow-

en and J. T. Bateman, towerman, Plymouth Township; J. L. Rea and W. J. Vaughan, Wenona; Claud Dunbar, Pike Road.

Mr. Darden said that it was a well known fact that fire is the greatest single enemy of the forests because it lowers the value or completely kills standing timber; destroys reproduction; affects the fertility and moisture contents of the soil; contributes to flood and erosion; drives away and destroys wild life, its food and cover.

It was estimated in 1938 that there was an average stand of 2,410 board feet of sawtimber per acre and about 4.3 cords of cordwood per acre of forest land in Washington County.

Interest in forest perpetuation is being aroused through the demand for second-growth pine for pulp wood, and pulp mills are encouraging selective cutting and the leaving of seed trees looking to a policy of sustained yield, said Mr. Darden.

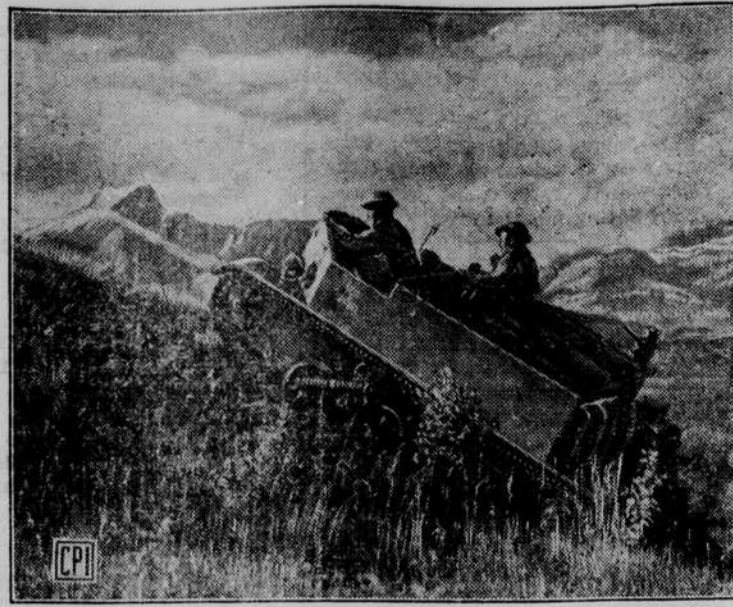
Dry weather last year and carelessness permitted thousands of acres of timberland in Washington County to burn for weeks at the time as the forest fire warden and his crew worked night and day striving to prevent the spread of the blaze that could not be extinguished with the crew and equipment at hand. Fires broke out in many sections of the county. Thousands of dollars in lumber revenue for the timber owners were lost as the flaming monster devoured everything in its path.

Mr. Darden urged that this year, with national defense needing every resource in timber contents that can be acquired, that the people of the county should recognize it as a patriotic duty to assist in every way in keeping the loss and damages of forest fires at a minimum.

Meantime, the forest warden has enlarged his organization of deputies and is mapping out a wide program of fire prevention by working through the schools, by posters in public places depicting the huge loss caused by forest fires and appealing to the people in every way to cooperate in 1942 to help preserve the forests of this county.

Towermen will be at their posts in the county again this year, beginning in February, to keep watch for fires and an extra personnel will be inducted into service if necessary to maintain the freedom of the forests from fires. Landowners should cooperate by manifesting every precaution that they can to prevent a repetition of the large loss by fires caused last year.

War Comes To The Rockies



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IN PERFECT unity and collaboration with the United States, the Canadian armed forces have embarked upon a plan of campaign for the joint defense of North American soil. From East to West and North to South, on both sides of the border, preparations are quietly but steadily proceeding and any potential invader can expect a hot reception. Even among the peaks of the Canadian Rockies, battle practice is taking place. The photograph shows a Universal Carrier, one of Canada's sturdy, swift pieces of mechanized transport working its way through a high pass in the Rockies. These machines which were used with great effect in Britain's North African drive against Italy, can move at 50 miles an hour over the roughest kind of ground.

Ellery Queen Is Here Wednesday

When Wall Street's richest widow is strangely slain . . . Ellery plays ill . . . Nikki plays nurse . . . and Sergeant Velle plays dumb (it's easy)! Radio and fiction's ace sleuth runs rings around a murder ring . . . to ring the bell for thrills . . . suspense . . . comedy!

Ralph Bellamy returns to the Plymouth Theatre screen on Wednesday in "Ellery Queen and the Murder Ring," newest in the popular series of crime films based upon the sleuthing exploits of the famous crime-fighter. Margaret Lindsay again is seen as Nikki Porter, Ellery's pet secretary, and Charley Grapewin plays Inspector Queen. Others in the cast are James Burke, Mona Barrie, George Zucco, Blanche Yurka and Paul Hurst.

200 Beer Outlets In State Wiped Out by Industry Committee

Creswell Church Is Threatened by Fire

Raleigh—Two hundred retail beer licenses have been revoked or denied in 68 North Carolina counties on petition of the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee.

This means that 200 proprietors of anti-social beer outlets have been forced by local authorities to get out of the beer business as a part of the beer industry's "clean up or close up" campaign in North Carolina.

Of this number, 148 were revoked, 50 were denied renewal of their retail licenses and two surrendered their licenses after revocation petitions had been filed against them. State Director Edgar H. Bain announced. The charges ranged from illegal sale of whiskey to disorder and public nuisance which prompted neighborhood complaint.

Director Bain warned 273 dealers to cease obnoxious practices or face more drastic action. In some instances, the retail dealers ignored the warnings and were later forced out of the beer business on revocation petitions.

Field Representatives of the committee, Bain said, investigated 2506 retail outlets and re-checked 209 outlets which had been previously warned.

Creswell Church Is Threatened by Fire

Creswell—Immediate assistance by residents prevented a possible loss of the Methodist Church by fire Sunday morning when they helped to prevent the spread of a blaze that ignited the floor at the bottom of a heater. The fire occurred at about 9:30 when a janitor started a hot fire in a heater from which all of the ashes had been removed. The janitor had gone to make a fire in a colored church nearby when the fire was discovered.

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Infantile Paralysis Fund Drive Gaining Impetus at Creswell

Woman's Club Collecting Dimes and Planning for Birthday Ball

Creswell—The drive for donations to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis is underway in an intense manner here this week with the finance committee of the Creswell Woman's Club and club members cooperating.

The organization and membership of the club has been very active in collecting dimes and in sponsoring a President's Birthday Dance, the proceeds of which also, will go to the paralysis fund.

Heading the finance committee is Mrs. J. M. Phelps who has associated with her on the committee Mrs. Clyde Smithson, Mrs. A. T. Brooks, Miss Hazel Johnston and Mrs. Hassell Tarkenton.

Tickets for the dance may be secured from Misses Hilda Clontz, Elizabeth Rivers, Janie McInnes, Grace Stillman and Mesdames Mary Armstrong, Hassell Tarkenton, C. N. Davenport, Jr., B. W. Gaither and E. S. Woodley.

Specialists Advise Farmers to Change Tobacco Fertilizer

Recommendations for 1942 Urge Use of 6-9-3 Mixture for Plant Beds

L. T. Weeks, extension tobacco specialist of N. C. State College, calls attention to a change made in the tobacco plant bed fertilizer recommendations for 1942. Growers are now advised to use a 6-9-3 mixture, instead of a 4-8-3 plant bed fertilizer which has been withdrawn from the market.

"The change was made," Weeks said, "in an effort to effect a savings for farmers and to produce better results during the critical plant bed life of a tobacco plant. Only one pound of the 6-9-3 fertilizer will be needed for each square yard of plant bed space, whereas two pounds of 4-8-3 per square yard are required."

The extension worker said that fertilizer materials are likely to be

scarce in 1942 and 1943, and the use of the higher analysis mixture in smaller quantities will be a step in the direction of meeting the emergencies of war.

He said, however, that farmers who are unable to obtain the 6-9-3 mixture may buy the 4-9-3 fertilizer. The 4-9-3 material should be applied at the rate of two pounds per square yard.

"Growers should be careful not to use too much of the 6-9-3 fertilizer," Weeks warned. "If more than one pound per square yard is applied there is a possibility that the germination of the seed will be very low."

The recommendations were changed by the Tobacco Workers Conference, comprising agronomists, tobacco specialists, and research workers of the flue-cured tobacco-producing states. The conference continued its recommendation that tobacco plant bed fertilizers be free from chlorines. It also urged that one-fourth of the nitrogen to be derived from nitrates, one-fourth from natural organics, and one-half from standard inorganics.

The Navy's women nurses are not allowed in combat zones but are replaced by male nurses trained by them.

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