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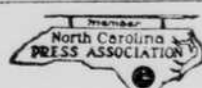
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Carelessness Is Cause of Too Many Forest Fires

Every year fire, caused in large degree by a lack of care and forethought on the part of careless individuals, destroys three billion feet of timber, or enough to make 5,700,000 tons of newsprint, says the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture. Last year, and every year without exception, these generally preventable fires burn millions of acres of feed, pastures, and open ranges needed for cattle, sheep and game animals.

An average of 220,000 forest woods and ranges fires lay waste nearly 31,000,000 acres of land, making a vast area of desolation equal to the area of New York State, the Forest Service points out. Nor is the destruction of valuable timberland the only evil result of this annual holocaust due in so many cases to individual carelessness.

Fires cripple watersheds on which

industries and cities and public utilities depend for power and light; from which farmers and ranchers in the west get water for irrigation. Fires tie up nearly one million man-days of labor; destroy wildlife and mar the natural beauty of America. Most of this prodigious and unnecessary waste inflicted on America last year and every year—by unthinking and careless Americans—could be averted if the average person who goes into wooded areas on picnics, fishing, hunting and motoring trips would observe always the following simple, commonsense rules of behavior: (1) Crush out your cigarettes or cigars; do not toss them out of a car window or toss them carelessly away into the woods; (2) Extinguish all complies with water or dirt, and make sure they are safely out before you leave; (3) Break all your burned matches then pinch them until the last spark is dead; (4) Learn the legal requirements and obtain a permit before attempting to burn grass or debris, then heed the ordinary rules of safety.

Care and foresight, says the Forest Service, will prevent nine out of ten man made forest and woods and range fires. Fire danger is greatest during different periods for different sections of the United States.

In the South—February 15 to April 30; and October 1 to December 15. If these dates and rules were observed by all Americans, says the Forest Service, nine out of every ten of the destructive man-made fires that ravage our country every year would never occur.

Banks and Their Part In War Bond Drives

Now that the 7th War Loan Drive will soon be on and mostly everyone is doing his bit to help put it over, it would be well to call attention to the part the banks of our State are performing in connection with the sale of War Bonds.

Banks sell War Bonds all the time, not just during the drives. During the drives, however, their work is much heavier and unless one is connected with a bank or their attention is called to the work the banks are doing; the public has little idea of the amount of extra work they are

ROPER

Bill Bateman, of Tarboro, spent Thursday here with his mother Mrs. Wm. Bateman.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Knowles and daughter, of Norfolk, spent last week here, visiting Mrs. Ted Knowles.

Maurice K. Blossom, of the U. S. Navy, Edenton, spent the week-end here, the guest of Miss Hattie Marie Bray.

Grady Jackson, U. S. Army, Fort Bragg, is home on furlough, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Rennis Bryant, of Portsmouth, Va., spent the week-end here with Mrs. A. R. Phelps.

Mrs. Grady Jackson, of Pungo, is spending sometime here.

Alvah R. Hooker, Coast Guard, Hawaiian Islands, is home on furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hooker, sr.

Miss Katy Wood, of Rocky Mount, spent Saturday here with the Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hardison, of Dardens, spent Sunday here visiting Mrs. J. A. Jackson.

Charles E. Mizelle spent Wednesday in Rocky Mount on business.

Henry Starr Everett spent Wednesday in Durham.

Mrs. Mary G. Speight, of Mocksville, is spending sometime here with Miss "Gussie" Carstarphen.

Elbert Tarkenton, U. S. Army, Arizona, is spending his furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tarkenton.

Mrs. Selma Swain Hassell, of Pleasant Grove spent last Saturday here with Mrs. W. N. Piercy.

E. M. Chesson, jr., of Richmond, Va., is spending sometime here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Chesson, sr.

Mesdames Mary Swain and Hildred Clark spent Tuesday in Washington, on business.

Mrs. E. U. McGrath and son, of Norfolk, is spending sometime here with Miss Alma Knowles.

Mrs. R. H. Warren and children, of Norfolk, Va., is spending sometime with Mrs. A. R. Hooker, sr.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Walker and Miss Doris Lewis spent Friday in Edenton on business.

Aubrey Dixon, U. S. Navy, Camp Lejeune, spent the week-end here with Mrs. Mary Dixon.

Lieutenant David H. Johnston, U. S. Army, Lincoln, Neb., is home on furlough, with his mother, Mrs. Isa Johnston.

Mrs. Blanche Bowen, of Plymouth, spent Monday here, with Mrs. L. L. Mizelle.

Mrs. Williford Ainsley and son, of Portsmouth, Va., are spending sometime here with Mrs. Roger Chesson.

Mrs. Ted Blount, of Plymouth, spent Monday here.

Roger Chesson spent Tuesday in Edenton.

Henry Williams is spending sometime in Rocky Mount.

Mrs. Ben Spencer has returned home after spending several months

doing in connection with the sale of War Bonds.

The banks are only too glad to do this work, but they do deserve a good, strong "pat on the back" as there are probably very few people who realize the amount of credit they merit for all their efforts in selling Bonds. The work is very exacting, because if an error is made in issuing a bond another one must be issued because the Government does not permit an alteration or erasure on a Bond.

According to our information the percentage of bonds sold and processed through banks of State of North Carolina during the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th War Loans constituted approximately 75 per cent of the sales, even though the Government has a post office in every city and town and they also sell War Bonds. This is a record of which the banks can be justly proud and full recognition of this support has been given to banks by the Treasury Department of Washington, D. C. The banks are doing this fine job not only to serve the nation in time of war, but also help keep the dollar sound by contributing to the prevention of inflation.

Pleasant Grove

Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton, Mrs. Virginia Monroe, Mrs. L. D. Collins, and Miss Ida Ruth Knowles, spent the week-end in Norfolk.

Mrs. James Longano, of Rocky Mount spent several days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Spruill.

Mrs. Thomas Davis, sr., and Mrs. Thomas Davis, jr., and little daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Deward Chesson of Roper, were the guests of Mrs. Lina Chesson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Chesson and children Marian and Merlin and Miss Jamie Riddick attended services at the Episcopal church in Roper Sunday night.

Mrs. Effie W. Gurkin and Mrs. Dennis Chesson visited Mrs. H. G. Spruill Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Spruill recently had to have several stitches taken in her hand from an accident.

Mrs. T. W. Tarkenton and children Robin and Mary Helen, left Saturday for Mt. Olive to spend some time with relatives.

Mrs. Albert Gard, jr., and children, of Elizabeth City, were the guests of Mrs. T. L. Wynn Monday.

Henderson Davenport made a business trip to Elizabeth City Thursday.

Mrs. Blanche Ainsworth, of Portsmouth, was here last week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ainsworth.

Pfc. Arthur Spruill, son of Mrs. Pearl Spruill is now stationed in Northern Burma, and writes that he is getting along fine.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. White were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Chesson Sunday.

Mrs. Howard Davenport who has recently undergone an operation in a Washington hospital is reported to be getting along nicely.

Mrs. Agnes Longano was supper guest of Mrs. Frances Hutchins Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Chesson and children Larry and Billie and Mr. and Mrs. William Phelps and daughter Jean visited Lake Phelps Sunday.

Mrs. Dennis Chesson and children Marian and Merlin visited Mrs. Frances Hutchins and little Rebecca Hutchins Monday.

The Rally Day program held at Pleasant Grove Church Sunday was quite a success.

in Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va.

Mrs. Harold Fries is spending sometime in Washington visiting friends.

Mesdames Tom Norman and Deldee Norman spent Friday afternoon in Creswell.

Miss Ruth Bray, of Nashville, Tenn., Mrs. Marjorie Lasley and son, of Staunton, Va., are spending sometime with Mrs. Leon Bray.

J. E. Phelps spent Monday in Washington on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Duvall, of South Norfolk, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Luther Peacock and daughter, of Norfolk, Va.; Louis Godwin, of Farmville; Messers Charlie and Vernon Godwin, of Williamston, attended the funeral of Lonnie Wentz on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wentz and family of Portlock, Va., attended the funeral of Lonnie Wentz Friday.

WCSA Meets At Home of Mrs. Pearl Spruill Thursday

Pleasant Grove.—The Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the home of Mrs. Pearl Spruill Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Lula Craft joint hostess.

Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton presided opening the meeting with prayer. Mrs. W. B. Chesson, Mrs. Effie W. Gurkin and Mrs. William Phelps rendered reports.

The program was sponsored by Mrs.

Anna McNair Entertains Group Friday Night

Anna McNair entertained at a party Friday night at her home on West Third Street.

Punch, Sandwiches, and Ritz crackers with peanut butter and cheese were served along with peanuts and candy.

Those present were: Lucille Allen, Felton Allen, Marie Ayers, Ralph Basnight, Mary Louise Bateman, David Dixon, Virginia Chapin, Phillip Ray Gurganus, Phyllis Davidson, Herman Hooker, Jane Gay, Ralph Howell, Joyce Harris, Raymond Leggett, Doris James, John Outteem, Jean Modlin, Jerry Polk, Ramona Oliver, David Sawyer, Shirley Sexton, Henry Sawyer, Faye Snell, Bill Stewart, Margaret Styons, Jimmy Wine-sette and Harvey Wright.

Roper PTA Meeting

The Roper Parent-Teacher Association meets Tuesday evening April 17 at 8 p.m. A speaker will be present, and election of officers will take place at that time. All members are urged to be present.

Returns To Alaska

Warrant Officer (jg) Walton O. Allen left for Seattle, Wash., where he will then return to duty in Seward, Alaska, after spending 14 days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Allen.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this opportunity to thank our many friends for the kind words and sympathy, and beautiful floral offering, to us during the death of our loving wife and mother. It will always be remembered by us.—J. H. Browning and children.

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W. W. White, with Mrs. Francis Hutchins, Mrs. Pearl Spruill, Mrs. William Phelps and Mrs. Effie W. Gurkin taking part. Improvement for the church was discussed. Cadet Lucy Twiddy Bass, of Norfolk, was a visitor. Mrs. White closed the meeting with prayer. The hostess served a refreshing course of iced grape juice and cake. The next meeting will be with Mrs. W. W. White.

Return To Los Angeles, Calif. Mrs. Walton O. Allen, Mrs. J. G. Chaffin and Miss Nola Chaffin have returned to Los Angeles, Calif.

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