

## Forest Fires In State Increase

Damage estimated at \$147,917 was caused by 472 fires that swept over 39,068 acres of forest and open land in North Carolina last month, State Forester Fred H. Claridge reports as he again stresses the danger of forest fires at this season of the year.

The danger of forest fires will not lessen to any appreciable extent unless people take all known precautions to prevent them, Claridge said, adding: "The quicker all of us realize this plain fact the better off the State will be as a whole because we must not forget that our forests are among our most valuable assets."

The number of forest fires in February exceeded those of January by 99 and caused almost triple the damage resulting in January when 373 fires swept over 20,674 acres of forest and open land, causing estimated losses of \$56,992.

Carelessness on the part of brush burners was blamed for 227 of last month's 472 fires. Smokers were charged with starting 95, incendiaries were accused of starting 74, campers and hunters reportedly started 17, and the remainder were charged to miscellaneous causes.

**How To Prevent Them**  
Safe rules to prevent forest fires, Claridge pointed out, are: hold your match till it's cold—then pinch it to make sure it's out; crush out all your smokers, and where there is an ash-tray, use it; down your campfire and warming fire, then stir and drown again; and if you must use fire to clear old fields or fence rows, to burn brush, ferns or trash, get a permit if required. Follow safe rules, burn on

calm days only, have help and tools on hand from start to finish, and kill every spark before you leave the burned area.

### WINFALL NEWS

Miss Edna Fadio and Al Pienos of Philadelphia were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fadio, Jr.

Charles Fadio has returned home after being over seas for ten months. Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Winalow spent the week-end at Virginia Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fadio and son, David Charles, have gone to West Hazleton, Pa., to visit Mr. Fadio's parents.

Mrs. Billy Jones of Hobbsville spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Rey Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodard of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with Mrs. Woodard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Delaney.

Mrs. D. R. Trueblood motored to Norfolk, Va., on Wednesday.

Mrs. B. N. Ward is sick with the flu.

Mrs. W. G. Hollowell spent Sunday in Elizabeth City with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Bailey.

June Temple has returned to her home at Newland after several days visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hollowell.

Mrs. J. W. Nowell, Sr., is in Raleigh this week attending the annual conference of the W. S. C. S.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Miller and son of Cherry Point spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hollowell visited their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Temple at Newland on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hurdle spent Sunday with Mrs. Hurdle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Blanchard and

family of Gatesville. Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Holmes spent the week-end with Mrs. Holmes' mother, Mrs. Nonie Nowell and sister, Mrs. Johnnie Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Munden and daughter, Frances of Suffolk, Va., visited Mrs. Munden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nowell, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Morgan and children and Mrs. Morgan's mother, Mrs. J. P. Leonard of Galax, Va., visited the Azalea Gardens in Norfolk, Va., on Sunday.

Mrs. J. B. Miller is able to be out again after having been sick with the flu.

Mrs. W. G. Hollowell is on the sick list.

Mrs. J. F. Hollowell and Mrs. Floyd Mathews spent Friday in Norfolk, Va., shopping.

Miss Geraldine Gregory of Newport News, Va., spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Gregory.

Rev. H. M. Jamieson represented High Point College at Elizabeth City High School in the observance of College Day, Tuesday, March 25th.

Mrs. M. C. Chalk is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Chalk of Moyock, N. C.

Mrs. J. A. Chappell and Mrs. J. L. Nixon returned home last Thursday by airliner, after a visit with the former's daughter, Mrs. D. W. Meade, in Galax, Va., and Mrs. W. M. Miller in Charlotte.

### BELVIDERE NEWS

Rev. and Mrs. Waldo Woody spent several days recently with Mrs. Bertha S. White.

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Ward and Mrs. Laura Ward were: Mr. and Mrs. Cale Copeland of Sunbury, Mr. and Mrs. Carson Ward and J. P. Mercer of Elizabeth City, Mr. and Mrs. John Ward and son, Billy of Hertford, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lamb and family of Newport News, Va.

W. T. Smith and Mrs. Albert Weston are patients in the Albemarle Hospital.

Recent visitors with the Edwin S. White family were Mrs. J. W. Ward of Hertford, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Byrum and children of Norfolk, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Louis Winslow and daughter, Lois Violet and Avis and Judy Winslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Dale of Portsmouth, Va., were week-end visitors with A. L. Dale and family.

Mrs. C. T. Rogerson, Sr., Miss Margaret White and Mrs. Louis Winslow visited the M. D. Lane family Monday afternoon.

### PINEY WOODS NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chappell visited Mrs. D. L. Hobbs Thursday, who is a patient in Durham Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Butt and children, Tommy and Phyllis, of Norfolk, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Raper of Shiloh were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Raper and Mrs. Marvin Simpson Sunday. Other visitors in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Perry, Sr., and Walter P. Chappell.

Mrs. Troy Chappell and Mrs. Marvin Simpson visited Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Chappell Friday.

Mrs. James Hobbs, Mrs. Mamie Hunter, Mrs. J. E. Chappell, Mrs. Marvin Simpson and Miss Theresa Creef visited Mrs. J. T. Chappell Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Bruce Creef, Miss Theresa Creef, Willis Creef of East Lake, N. C., and Mrs. Warren Creef and son, Bruce, of Hertford were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Raper Friday.

Mrs. Harvey Chappell and children spent a few days last week with her parents of Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. J. T. Chappell is improving after being ill for several weeks.

Mrs. Marvin Simpson visited Mrs. C. H. Simpson Monday afternoon.

### Hybrid Corn Seed In Short Supply

Tar Heel corn growers face a shortage of some certified corn hybrids unless they make arrangements now for their seed supply, says R. P. Moore, director of the Crop Improvement Association at State College.

Drought in other southern states, particularly Georgia and South Carolina, is producing a drain on North Carolina's supply. Such popular hybrids as Dixie 18 and N. C. 27 are moving south in large quantities.

The supply of Dixie 18 which is adapted to the Southeastern part of the State is already extremely short. The supply of N. C. 27 is dwindling rapidly. Dixie 17, which is adaptable to the Piedmont, is practically sold out at some sources.

Dixie 22, one of the most promising new hybrids which is adapted to cago. Both graded the sample "yellow" the same area as N. C. 27, is still adequate. To combat any rumors that Dixie 22 will not grade yellow because of its red tinge, Moore sent samples to the State Department of Agriculture and corn buyers in Ohio without question.

U. S. 222, popular in the mountains, is still adequate for the demand. New

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I wish to express to friends and neighbors my sincere thanks and deep appreciation for the many things that were done for me during my recent illness, for the lovely flowers, cards, trays, and many acts of kindness that was done. I shall ever be grateful for them. For surely a friend in need is a friend indeed.

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MRS. HAYWOOD (Shag) WHITE

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The family of Mrs. T. F. Bertlett wish to express its deep appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy during her recent illness and death.

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