

Permits Needed For Brush Fires, Forester Warns

State-wide laws governing the burning of brush near woodland areas will be rigidly enforced, according to a statement recently released by County Forest Ranger Frank Batten.

It is unlawful to start fires within five hundred (500) feet of areas under protection of State Forest Service, Batten said.

The law reads as follows: "It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to start or cause to be started any fire or ignite any material in any of the areas of woodland under the protection of the State Forest Service or within five hundred (500) feet of any such protected area during the hours starting at midnight and ending at 4 p. m. without first obtaining from the State Forester or one of his duly authorized agents a permit to start or cause to be started any fire or ignite any material in such above mentioned places between the first day of October and the first day of June, inclusive."

There is no charge for granting such burning permits, Batten stated.

"During periods of hazardous forest fire conditions, the State Forester is authorized to cancel all permits and prohibit the starting of fires in any of the woodlands under the protection of the State Forest Service," the law states.

Violations of this law carries a fine of not more than fifty dollars or imprisonment for a period of not more than 30 days.

Burning permits may be obtained here in Columbus County, Ranger Batten said, by contacting any of the following: Leo Ward, Chadbourn; A. O. Squires, Waccamaw Fire Tower; John Paul Millican, Bolton; W. H. Long, R-1, Hallsboro; Mrs. Ruby Ward Haws, Nakina; Liston Haws, Smokehiser, Nakina; J. C. McCumbee, Smokehiser, Chadbourn; Columbus County Ranger B. Frank Batten; L. C. Batten, R-2 Whiteville, N. C.; topsoil through wind and wat-

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Elton Berry Ward

Elton Berry Ward, 45, of Tabor City, died Saturday morning in Loris, S. C. Community Hospital.

Final rites were held Monday at 3 p. m. in the chapel of Inman Funeral Home by the Rev. L. L. Todd, with burial in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Survivors include three sons, Ricky, Craig and Mickey Dean Ward, all of the home; two daughters, Betty and Kay Ward, both of the home; two brothers, Abe Ward of Tabor City and L. O. Ward of Wilmington; and three sisters, Mrs. Roy Harper of Whiteville, Mrs. Velma Ikner of Wilmington and Mrs. May Currie of Aiken, S. C.

The planing of forest trees on marginal, sloping or eroded land provides the best means available of preventing loss of topsoil through wind and wat-

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By LEWIS SIKES

As nice an outing as you're liable to plan for a lazy Sunday afternoon is the drive to Brunswick Town. Especially this time of year when maples and dogwood scattered among pines make of every woods a technicolor spectacle. From Tabor City a leisurely pace will put you on the spot in about an hour and a half. That is if you aren't sidetracked at Orton or one of the smaller plantations on the way. Save these for the Spring when azaleas and camellias warrant another trip. Brunswick Town should be your prime target now.

The town was founded in 1726, fifty years before the United States became a sovereign nation. It is situated on a bluff overlooking the Cape Fear River, about two miles from the ocean. The site is extraordinarily rich in natural beauty, and you might wonder why did not Brunswick Town instead of Wilmington develop into the first port of North Carolina. Thanks to the British, it didn't have a chance since they burned it during the Revolution and it never regained pre-eminence. Now it is a place of ruins, surely an archeological "find" for the state, but, lacking the Rockefeller millions that re-discovered and restored Williamsburg, Virginia, still only partially excavated and not at all rebuilt.

None the less, the site is very interesting. If reading and old tombstone is your will, you can satisfy it by translating the family histories inscribed there, where's look like F's and where liechen and two hundred years have defaced the monuments, almost to the point of illegibility. Walking down the main street you will see displayed in show cases all sorts of little artifacts and reconstructions on paper of the former buildings. Of housewifely interest are the large pins and needles that Colonial dames used to stitch in time and the vari-colored and multi-patterned shards of dinnerware that littered their garbage heaps. By sending such a fragment to its maker in England, Williamsburg archeologists were able not only to determine the exact date of purchase, but were also able to replace the entire set of China if they so desired.

Old fish hooks, arrowheads, and rusty pocket knives explain both the vocations and the avocations of the men. And there are even old toys. But two centuries of deterioration make it rather difficult to determine what sort of fun some of them provided.

Of major importance are the foundations—all that remains of the buildings. A modern architect who designed such pillboxes would be put away, but at that time when you cleared your own land, hewed your own walls, and thatched your own roof, these houses must have seemed grand. The average one is about the size of a modern day living room. How this space was allocated is evident from the still extant foundations made of ballast stones brought from England and Wales. From her bed the wife could conceivably cook breakfast, clean house, and chat with guests who happened to squeeze in the front door. This arrangement could be advantageous, a labor saving device in itself. But it doesn't take into consideration the many trips to the public well for water, or so the public smokehouse for a slice of meat, or to the river flats for a bath.

The tavern or public house where the men were wont to congregate on sewing bee night was slightly larger than the private homes, but at that little bigger than a roadside diner. Space in gracious amount was reserved for the church, the walls of which are still standing. The trees required for beams to span the width of the sanctuary must indeed have been virgin giants.

Interesting to the military minded are the enormous mounds of dirt erected around the site of the fort. In the days when bull dozers were non-existent and even a pack mule was hard to come by, the amount of human labor that went into the building of these miniature mountains is incredible. Now they provide delightful walking paths overlooking the flora of the area. At intervals posted notices remind you that the fauna thereabout needs looking over too as it includes alligators and rattlesnakes. These natives aren't seen often however. What the signs should warn against are the hordes of hungry mosquitoes that evidently can't get their fill of early Americans.

From Brunswick Town, come back to Tabor City by way of Southport. Of a Sunday afternoon, it's a quiet enough place, but remember to make a stop and pause long enough to pay homage to the town that gives you the main ingredient for a shrimp cocktail. Traveling south on U. S. 17, it's fun to drop by several of the beaches. Perhaps you'll be in time to get your supper, a mess of spots just netted from the ocean and still kicking. Or if the afternoon has been too strenuous and your lady declines to cook, an oyster roast at any of the several caterers along the highway will provide a delicious ending to your afternoon in history.

State Fair Free To All Comers On Opening Day

The State Fair, magic words to any who love the excitement of a make-believe world, will throw its gates open to the Admission will be free on Monday.

Displays in the Steel Building, which will include 4-H Club and FFA-JHA exhibits, women's handicraft and cookery along with exhibits from South Carolina business groups and clubs, will be free to the public as will cattle and swine

displays in the Agricultural Building. Judging will be completed in all categories by 4 p. m., Monday, October 22, and the Midway will be beckoning for all to "come see, come ride, come play" by 8 p. m.

FFA and JHA students from all over the state will be guests of the fair Tuesday. Cattle and swine judging and special FFA-JHA programs will be held throughout the day.

Wednesday will be farmers' Day, 4-H Day and Family Day. The Kiddie Land, a new attraction featuring miniature rides for the whole family, and the special grandstand shows with clean, wholesome entertainment for the whole family, will be spotlight attractions for the day.

Senior Citizens will have their day on Thursday. Special prizes amounting to over \$300 in cash will be presented to the oldest man and woman and the couple that has been married longest.

The Little Red Schoolhouse, a rejuvenated authentic schoolhouse refurnished as it was in the days when Grandmother went to school will be headquarters for Senior Citizens. They're invited to rub their fingers over the Schoolmaster's old hickory sticks.

School children will be admitted free on Friday, October 26.

Saturday will be the Grand Finale of this year's State Fair.

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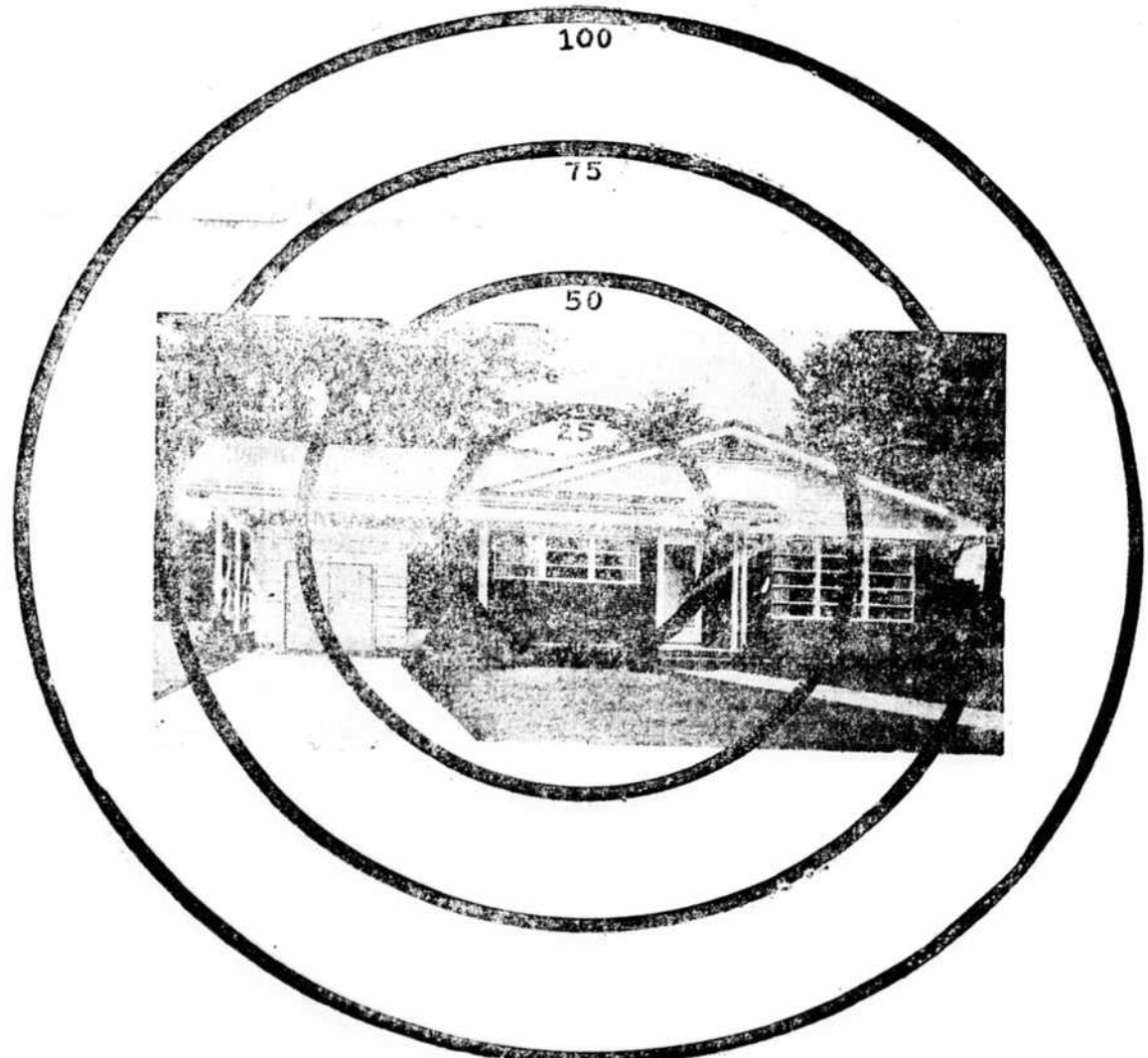
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