

### Census Work Will Start Here Soon

Mrs. Charles Echols, census enumerator for Curry County told the chamber that she wanted helpers to aid her in the work as rapidly as possible. I have a few in the north end of the county, but none here, except promise. All these must be trained for this work.

"Please admit these people into your homes. Please answer all questions honestly, and remember these people are just doing a job. Census work is in confidence. None of this information will be revealed to the world.

"In order to get the job done in the required time, help me in this work by being as cooperative as possible," she asked the people.

### Hwy Dept. Ruling Hurts Local 'Port'

Ruling of the state highway commission relative to proximity of airports to highways may be cause of this community seek-

ing a new site for an air strip. Charles Echols, of the airport committee, reported to the meeting of the chamber of commerce last Thursday evening.

The proposed site, a portion of Harris State Park, would be sufficient, Mr. Echols told the chamber, but the highway department would not permit take-offs and landings that close to state highways. By moving the runway back some 500 feet, we can get away from this hazard, but this move would mean lots of excavation of rock, which is an expensive process.

However, the committee said it was still working on another spot, but could offer no immediate hope for an air port.

### Benefit Dance Set For Saturday Eve

That their friends may be better able to help them in their time of distress, friends of Amber, Bill and Dickie Campbell, have arranged for a benefit dance to be held this Saturday at the V. F. W. hall, with advance sale of tickets to be made this week.

While their home was not destroyed completely, all the furnishings were practically ruined by water and smoke.

### Campbell Home Damaged By Fire

Fire, believed to have started from an overheated chimney, severely damaged the Bill Campbell home, immediately back of the Nook Cafe, Saturday evening shortly after 9 o'clock. It was discovered when people at the cafe noticed smoke pouring out of the cracks along the eaves of the building.

Fire did the most damage in the room occupied by Dickie, as the ceiling, walls and much of the furnishings were burned. The heat and smoke blistered paint in the remainder of the building, and the water damage to the furniture has not been determined, but estimated to be almost complete.

Rebuilding will commence as soon as damage has been assessed and insurance adjustment is made.

### Along Azalea Row

BY B. MILLER

I am forever being surprised at what children can accomplish under able leadership! It makes one feel there is hope for this old world after all! Do you recall the children's exhibit at the Azalea Garden Club flower show and art exhibit last year Bird houses and nature books made under direction of Mrs. E. B. Mathews and Mrs. Roy Becker pleased all who saw them.

Recently, at a conservation committee meeting, Mrs. Mathews presented an outline of junior garden club and junior audubon bird club activities. She, as everyone knows, is our fourth grade teacher. Here conservation is taught the child, that as adult, he may take his place in enlightened leadership, as a taxpayer in the voting booth, in civic enterprises, as well as in the daily round of living, so that he will preserve our natural resources.

Quoting from Lilian Mathews' report: "the purpose of the activities of the junior garden club and junior audubon bird societies is to foster a love of nature through understanding. Through all has run the thread of conservation; why it is necessary for everyone to practice it, and an explanation of its meaning. How the wildlife depends on the soil; how water is the lifeblood of the land. Why swamps, grasslands, marshes and forest play

such an important role in the life of birds, and wild animals.

It is suggested that children get acquainted with birds by observation, and feeding them; by making bird houses and learning about bird migration.

Water color paintings are made of birds, animals, and wild-flowers; seashells are collected and classified; the wild flowers collected, identified and pressed for exhibits.

The forests are studied; the native redwood and myrtlewood, identification of conifers, the uses of wood and the life of the tree. Fireprevention in our forests is stressed.

Mrs. Mathews mentioned the aid and co-operation which she had received from our president, Mrs. Bradley Page, and from Mrs. Harry Lockland who have assisted her in obtaining pamphlets and audio-visual aids. Many of these, as well as posters, and dramatic scripts can be obtained from the United States Forest

Service education and conservation departments.

### Card of Thanks

We sincerely wish to extend our thanks to those who helped in putting out the fire at our home Saturday night and also the kind thoughts and consideration by the people of this community. Bill, Amber and Dickie Campbell.

The Rod and Gun Club dance, scheduled for Saturday night, has been postponed not to interfere with friends' attempt to hold a benefit dance for the Campbell family, driven from their home last Saturday by fire. The junior dance, also scheduled for Saturday night, has been cancelled.

However, the Rod and Gun Club has set plans for a teen-age party, Friday, April 7, at the club house. More about the plans will be revealed next week.

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