

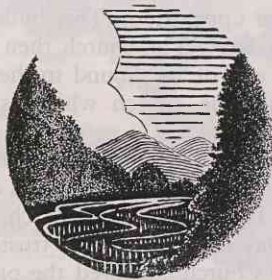
Hammocks and then crowded together under the other to wait out the rain.

After a half-hour the rain finally stopped. We checked the equipment. Again the Jungle Hammock had proved its worth. The sleeping bags, food, and extra clothes were still dry. However, the fire was out so there was nothing to do but retire for the night. We knew we would need plenty of sleep for we would have to begin the second leg of our trip by six o'clock the next morning in order to make it to Asheville by one-thirty—the time our transportation back to Brevard was to meet us there.

As might be expected, we overslept. It was almost nine o'clock before we got under way again. It would be impossible to make Asheville by one-thirty, so we stopped in Horseshoe to call home and tell them to meet us at a spot near the Bent Creek Experimental Station. With that done, we cranked up the motor and set out again.

At noon we encountered our first rough water approximately two miles above Long Shoals. It wasn't as bad as it looked though, and we made it through with only a couple of rough scrapes with some boulders. We knew we would have trouble when we reached Long Shoals—and we did. Then to further obscure the rocky bottom it began to rain. Once before it had rained as we were going through Long Shoals, and the raindrops had churned up the water making it difficult to see the ripples which warned of rocks immediately below the surface. That time we had run aground on a submerged boulder and the swift current had tipped us over. This time though, we were careful to exercise a little more precaution. Precaution or not, however, we ran aground—several times—but fortunately we acted quickly enough to prevent a tip-over.

Thanks to the rain we were soaking wet when we reached our stopping point. Needless to say, we were glad to get out, load the canoes on the trailer, stow the duffle in the trunk of the car, and head for home and dry clothes. In spite of the few unpleasant circumstances, we all had a whale of a time and will go back for more next summer—if we're still around these parts.



## NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK TO BE OBSERVED IN NATION OCTOBER 8-14

By E. Burch

The Annual Fire Prevention Week will be observed throughout the nation, October 8 to 14.

This is the time for all good citizens to make that extra effort to remove the causes of fire.

Fires in these United States cost an average of \$2,000,000 daily; take a toll of 11,000 American lives yearly, and more than twice that number are severely burned.

This appalling loss of lives and property can be decreased materially if we all do our part in eliminating the causes of fire; not only during fire prevention week, but every week of the year. Start now; tomorrow may be too late.

Is there an accumulation of old papers or junk in your attic or cellar? If so, dispose of it.

Are your ceilings, walls and floors protected from overheated stoves, pipes, furnaces? It is an easy matter to have this done.

Do you keep hot ashes in covered metal containers? It's wise not to use paper cartons.

Don't use kerosene for starting fires, be old fashioned, use paper and kindling, it's safer. The only place for gasoline around the home is in your automobile, it's never safe when used in home cleaning of garments.

Watch for frayed electric cords in your home; replace any you find. Many serious fires have been caused by neglect to do so. Make sure that you have an electrical control on your iron to prevent over-heating. Chimneys should be kept in good repair and cleaned at least once a year. See that curtains or hanging clothes are not near any source of heat. Provide plenty of ash trays in the home, and use them.

Keep matches out of the reach of children. Use safety matches at all times. Carelessness with matches and cigarettes alone cause about 91,000 fires yearly with a loss of \$60,000,000.

Above all, *don't* smoke in bed.

The National Fire Protection Association has a good question when they ask: do you 'wanna play the harp'. They say, "St. Peter's best harp players are recruited from the ranks of thoughtless smokers—especially "bed smokers". Most of them never played a note before they took "that last smoke in bed". Take your choice; if you want to play the harp, just keep on smoking thoughtlessly, but if you like it here and want to stick around with us a little longer, heed the wisdom of all this.