

## State Forest Fires In 1949 Decrease

### 2,591 Forest Fires Reported In North Carolina During Year

Acreage burned by forest fires on protected land in North Carolina during 1949 totaled 112,099, a substantial decrease from the 171,706-acre average for the period 1945-49.

This was revealed in a report published by American Forest Products Industries. Based on official U. S. Forest Service statistics, it shows comparative fire loss figures for all states. National sponsor of the forest fire prevention program—Keep America Green—AFPI is a non-profit organization supported by the country's leading wood-dependent industries.

North Carolina reported a total of 2,591 forest fires last year. Of this number careless debris burners started 773 fires. Careless smokers were second worst offenders with 656 fires; and incendiaries third, causing 567 fires.

Commenting on the state's forest fire record, AFPI forester J. C. McClellan called for intensified forest

fire prevention efforts. "The Keep Green program, now active in North Carolina and 27 other states, provides an effective vehicle for citizens interested in combating forest fire losses. All Americans, Mr. McClellan declared, must be made aware of the importance of fire prevention. Every woods fire that burns, destroys resources that this country needs to remain strong and prosperous."

The AFPI forester stressed the need for full public support of federal and state fire control agencies. He called for continued cooperation between industry, the public and woodland owners in preventing fire.

Of the fires in North Carolina 23 were caused by lightning, 101 by railroads, 354 by campfires, 656 by smokers, 773 by debris burning, 567 incendiary, 31 by lumbering and 186 by miscellaneous causes.

## HEALTH FOR ALL

### RECOVERING FROM TB

Tuberculosis is a serious, chronic illness, and the road to recovery from it may be long and perhaps difficult for a patient. But the disease can be arrested and the patient can return to useful community life—if he sticks with his treatment and follows the ad-

vice of his doctor. Rest in bed for as long as the doctor advises is an important part of the treatment for tuberculosis. After the patient has been in bed for some time, he may gain some weight and begin to look and feel better. As he improves, the doctor may allow him to get up for short periods of time. But some patients, especially when they begin to feel well, do not find it easy to stick to the doctor's limitations on their activity. Yet this is the time when the doctor's directions must be followed most carefully. The patient who is fooled by his own outward appearances and rejects the advice of the doctor may perhaps undo whatever good has been accomplished.

Well-meaning relatives and friends of the tuberculosis patient, eager to have him at home, sometimes urge him, against the doctor's advice, to "try his strength," once they notice that he is looking better. The patient may be strongly tempted to listen to them, but he must remember that the doctor who is treating him knows what is best for him—not for him—not his family and friends.

Gain in weight and improved physical appearance do not necessarily mean that the patient is well. By X-rays they

and other tests, and by his skilled observation, the doctor is the one who knows the true condition of the patient.

One of the questions most frequently asked the doctor by the tuberculosis patient is, "How much longer will I have to stay in the hospital?" But the doctor frequently cannot answer that question. It depends on a number of things, particularly on how well the patient cooperates with his doctor and follows his directions.

## SPORTS AFIELD

By Ted Kesting

There's been a lot of talk about released fish dying or not dying. But experiments have pretty well proved that trout caught on artificial flies, even when handled roughly, can be put back with practically no loss. But those caught on live bait present a much more serious problem. Then, usually swallow the bait and

gills or other vital organs are badly damaged. A fish so caught almost always dies.

Most game authorities recognize this, and since live-bait fishing is so prevalent, insist that anglers keep all the trout they land. Only where artificial lures are permitted could there be no objection to allowing an angler to release his small fish.

Now a bass is a much harder fish than a trout, and there's even less likelihood of one caught on artificial bait dying after having been released. But even a bass could not be expected to survive damage to vital organs. The case is much the same with walleyes, which take an artificial lure lightly, with the lips, as a bass does. True pike present a more serious problem, since a pike often takes an artificial lure so savagely and deeply as to be hooked on the gills inside, and such an injury often causes prompt bleeding to death.

Great care should be used in releasing a pike hooked deeply. Use a strong gag to hold its mouth open, and a long disgorger to remove the hook. The same applies to musky, although he doesn't seem to take a lure as deeply as a pike. But since a musky is rather a rare fish, no time

or pains should be spared in releasing one uninjured.

Here's a tip from angling authority Jason Lucas: A pike is more likely to be hooked and landed on a single tail hook than on a number of trebles, and this means much less danger of injury. Also, a pike often shows much more preference for casting spoons, generally fitted with tail hooks only. A treble at the tail can easily be exchanged for a single—use one somewhat larger than one of the trebles. If this upsets the balance and action of the spoon, wrap a little strip of lead on the hook, or clamp a split shot on the shank.

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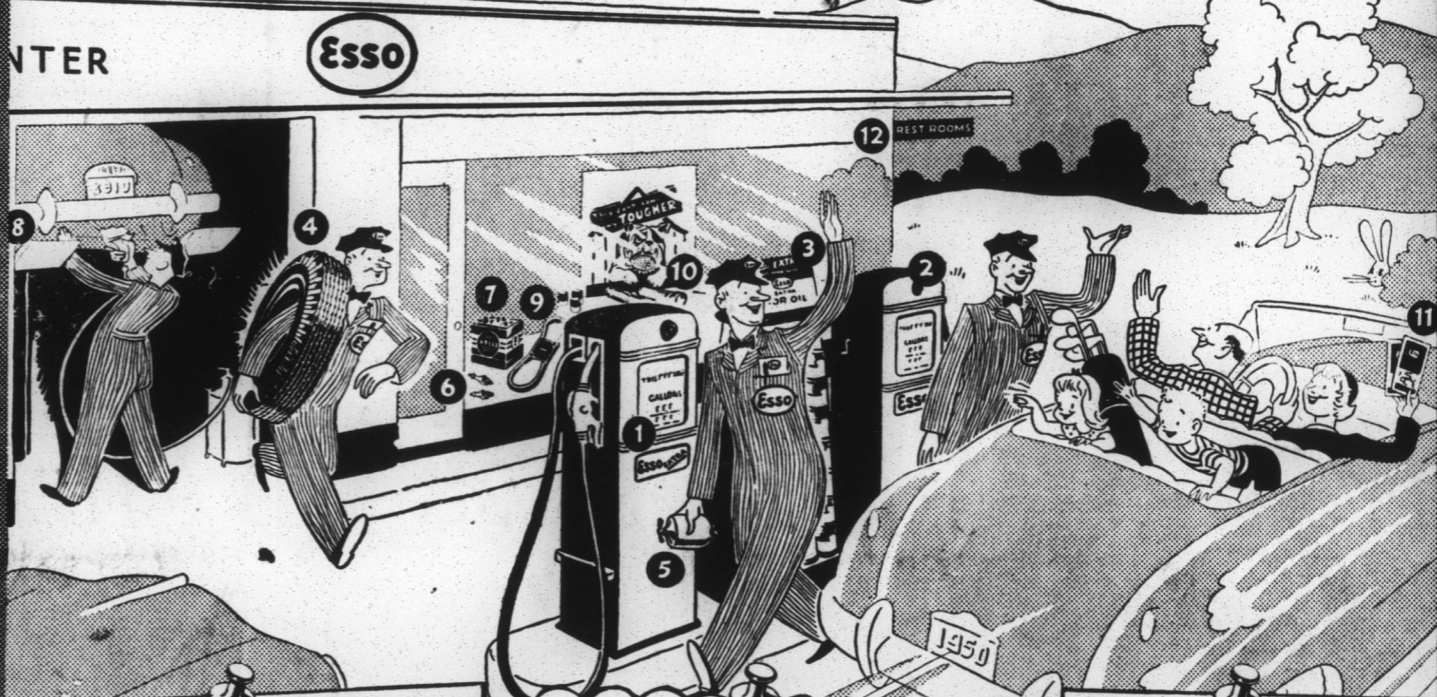


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