

Airplanes Warn About Wood Fires

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If you should hear a voice from the sky warning you of allowing a woods fire to spread while you are on a camping, hunting or fishing trip, don't be surprised or startled.

For such warnings are being issued from time to time in this section of the State by forestry officials of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development. It is believed by forestry officials that many potential forest fires have been prevented as a result of the airborne warnings.

From time to time the State forest service has employed private pilots on a contract basis to fly over wooded areas in this section of northeastern North Carolina and by means of a loud-speaker warn campers, hunters and fishermen against the danger of allowing woods fires to spread.

The State forest service owns no airplanes, but contracts with private pilots for such flights on days when

the forest fire danger is brought into sharp focus as a result of winds and weather.

Use of airplanes on a limited basis here in District 7, which includes the counties of Pasquotank, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Gates, Hertford, Martin, Perquimans, Tyrrell, Washington and Dare, has been made for some time. Forestry officials wish they could utilize planes considerably more than they do.

According to John F. Davis, acting district forester for District 7, March is an especially bad month for forest fires in this heavily wooded section. And some woods fires prove most troublesome and damaging before they can be extinguished, Davis said.

Pilots are usually accompanied by forestry officials when they go aloft to look for woods fires or to warn people against them. Observers can talk by radio to persons in four of the 17 lookout towers maintained by the forest service in the district and when fires are spotted from above word can be sent quickly to those below as to where such fire is located.

His Firts

"Ever had a motorcar accident?" queried the insurance man as he completed the proposal form.

"Well," hesitated Mr. Brownson, "I first met my wife in a garage."

Without labor nothing prospers. —Sophocles.

Easter Seal Child



George Wood Lyon, Jr., of High Point is North Carolina's Easter Seal child for 1952, it was announced by D. Hiden Ramsey, Asheville, president of the North Carolina League for Crippled Children.

George will symbolize all crippled children during the sale of Easter Seals from March 13 to April 13 during the annual campaign of the League.

For two years George has been under observation and treatment in the out-patient clinic of the North Carolina Cerebral Palsy Hospital in Durham.

"Going on four" is exciting anticipation for any child, and it was particularly so for George, who was four years old last Sunday. Neighborhood children and friends helped him celebrate his birthday.

The first thing one notices about George is his winning smile and his plump blondness. Without his braces, he crawls and plays with his toys, reaches up to turn the television or radio on or off, and sits when propped up.

With his braces he stands in his standing table and can sit alone for short periods. These two accomplishments have taken long and patient training—at least four hours a day for exercises given by his mother under the supervision of a doctor and a physical therapist. Now he is ready for speech therapy, which will again take months of training.

"The steady optimism and the hopeful outlook, based on realism which one senses when talking to George's parents, makes one wish that all parents of handicapped children could come together and learn from each other," President Ramsey said. "The League knows it must reach out to many more handicapped children and their parents."

Windsor Man Drowns When Boat Capsized

Funeral services were held in the Windsor Methodist Church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock for John Merle Perry, 34, who lost his life Wednesday afternoon when a boat capsized while fishing in Cashie River. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Key Taylor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Johnson, pastor of the Windsor Baptist Church, and the Rev. W. W. Williford of Norfolk. Burial took place in the Edgewood Cemetery in Windsor.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lida Mae Perry; his mother, Mrs. Mollie W. Perry; a son, James Maslar Perry; a daughter, Miss Caroline Perry; one brother, Herman Lestie Perry of Portsmouth, and two sisters, Mrs. Cecil Daniels of Colerain and Mrs. Herman Reavis of Norfolk. He was a veteran of World War II, a member of the Methodist Church and Charity Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M., which conducted a Masonic funeral.

ASSES SUNDAY IN MARINE CHAPEL AND EDENTON CHURCH

March 30, at 7 and 9 A. M., holy masses in Marine Air Station, near Edenton, each including sermon on "Direct Human Sterilization Worse Than Murder," Holy Communion, followed by Rosary for Peace, Sunday School, the same program repeated at 11 A. M., in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Edenton, with confessions for half hour before services, stated Father F. J. McCourt, Auxiliary Chaplain to station and pastor of parish. Week-days mass at 7 A. M., in church. Thursdays 7:30 to 8:30 P. M., Study Club in church rectory library. Choir-rehearsals Fridays and Saturdays 7:30 P. M., Lenten devotions Fridays 8 P. M., in church.

DRAMATIC STORY BEHIND "MIRACLE" TB DRUG

Drama and suspense marked the dynamic revelation of the new "miracle" TB drug, hailed as the greatest medical discovery in years. How two New York doctors worked tirelessly to effect the new treatment and how 92 TB sufferers volunteered as human guinea pigs is dramatically told in April 6th issue of

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Vets Question Box

Q—I'm a married veteran, training under the GI Bill, and I've just been rated as 60 per cent disabled by VA. Will VA pay me both the extra amount of disability compensation that goes to those with dependents, plus the higher rate of GI subsistence for veterans with families?

A—No. Instead, VA will pay you either one of the extra amounts for veterans with dependents—but not both. You have the right to choose whichever extra payment you wish to receive.

Q—I plan to obtain a GI home loan, but I lost my original discharge papers which I'm supposed to present to the lender. What should I do?

A—You must apply for a certificate in lieu of the discharge papers from the branch of service from which you were discharged.

Q—Are there any charges made for

obtaining a GI Home Loan?

A—The lender may charge reasonable closing costs, usually paid by any borrower. He also may make a reasonable flat charge as provided in schedules issued by VA, to cover the cost of originating the loan. But no commission or brokerage fees may be charged to a veteran for securing a GI loan.

Q—Would a World War II veteran with a "bad conduct" discharge be eligible for GI Bill benefits?

A—That depends on the circumstances in any individual case. The law requires a discharge under conditions other than dishonorable. VA would have to determine whether the "bad conduct" discharge was given under conditions other than dishonorable. If this were so, the veteran might be eligible for GI Bill benefits, subject to all the other conditions that apply.

Q—I expect to be discharged from service soon. Can you tell me what I have to do in order to get the new

kind of term insurance for Korean veterans? I have never held National Service Life Insurance, and I am not disabled.

A—You must apply in writing to VA, Washington 25, D. C., within 120 days after your release from active duty and pay the premium first.

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