

# 668 FIRES DO DAMAGE IN N. C.

## Forest Fires Recorded in State During First Six Months of 1939

### LIGHTNING CAUSES ONE

According to County Forest Warden J. R. Norman of Surry county, during the first six months of 1939, 668 forest fires burned in western North Carolina. Of these 668 fires, one was caused by lightning. In other words, 667 of the fires were man-caused and thereby preventable.

These 667 man-caused fires cost the state and counties of western North Carolina thousands of dollars in damage to timber and wild life to say nothing of the effect that fires have on soil erosion and the aesthetic value of our woodland.

The hundred and 57 of these fires were classed as brush burning fires or fires that were caused by persons burning brush or other forms of debris. In other words, 157 fires were caused by some person who was careless or used bad judgment in burning brush, sedge and various forms of litter and debris.

Already, with the first signs of fall, the grasses in the forests are dying and the foliage is losing its glossy green color and beginning to fall. Therefore, the floor of the forest will soon be covered with a layer of dead and highly inflammable material subject again to the risk of more man-caused forest fires.

It is encouraging, however, to know that the number of man-caused fires in western North Carolina for the past several years has been steadily decreasing. Every citizen, as a citizen of Surry county, can render valuable assistance to the county, state and Forest Warden Organization in bringing about a still further decrease in our losses from forest fires. Here are a few of the ways in which you can help:

1. Don't toss a lighted cigarette or match out of your car. If you do so, your cigarette and match might land in inflammable material causing a disastrous fire.
2. While hunting, be sure that your match and cigarette are fully extinguished before you throw them away. Also be sure that, when your pipe is emptied,

the contents are completely extinguished.

3. In building warming and camping fires, be sure that you have complied with the State Laws. To build such a fire, the State Law requires that you clear away all inflammable and combustible material for a space of 10 feet surrounding the place where such fire is kindled and that the fire be fully extinguished before leaving.

4. Before burning debris of any kind, secure from your County Forest Warden, or one of his authorized representatives, a burning permit.

Burning permits can be secured from County Forest Warden J. R. Norman at Mountain Park, N. C., and the following District Wardens:

- J. S. Greenwood, Elkin, Route 1; W. W. Coe, Dobson, Route 2; W. T. Allen, Pinnacle, Route 1; R. S. Johnson, Mount Airy, Route 4; Ed J. Smith, Mount Airy, Route 6; M. S. Ramey, Low Gap.

5. After securing your burning permit, notify adjoining landowner that you intend to do such burning.

6. Maintain careful and competent watch over your fire and never leave your fire until it is completely out.

7. Never burn near the woods or where fire can reach the woods when conditions are dangerously dry.

The State Forest Service Laws are going to be enforced. Those failing to comply with these laws are going to be prosecuted. We hope that through your cooperation this will not be necessary.

## TWO SIDES To Every Question

By LYTLE HULL

### THE PEOPLE'S WEAPON

The unorganized Public is beginning to realize that it has acquired an all-powerful weapon in the shape of "letter writing." Very frequently the appeal is made to "write your Senator and Representative," and the Public is beginning to follow the advice and is finding it successful. Faster and faster this system is taking hold and today our Congressmen are able to know what their constituents want.

In the past, great organizations like the American Federation of Labor, and more recently the CIO also, have been able—and still are able—on account of their very obvious power of organized voting—to sway some of our lawmakers in their attitude on certain legislation, and there are vote-loving members of such governing bodies as City Managements, State Assemblies and even, 'tis said, our National Congress, who have upon occasion been beguiled by the siren songs of smaller groups like the Communist and Socialist parties—not to mention the Pork Barrel Gangs.

To give the lawmaker his due, it must be remembered that he frequently was unaware of the wishes of the majority of his constituents. Their voice had not been heard while that of the "groups" resounded through the halls.

Most of the organized parties maintain "lobbies" in Washington and in the State Assemblies. These Lobbies are composed of intelligent men and women whose business it is to use pressure on members of the governing bodies. If their organizations wish to promote certain laws favorable to them, these Lobbyists are usually in a position to use tremendous influence, and will at times even "band together" in an attempt to intimidate the men whom the people have elected to represent them.

The farmer, and those other millions who live in the agricultural districts, have probably been the greatest losers from these organized "raids."

The city people are more closely allied and when they feel they are being discriminated against they are apt to make their political wishes known in no uncertain manner, and by so doing give their representatives moral support against the Groups.

But our farm population of thirty-two million is spread all over the country and it is impossible for it to act with collective efficiency.

The farmers, and small town citizens, make up the great bulk of real Americans. Their interest in national politics is more wholesome and patriotic than is that of the inhabitants of our great cities, of whom so many are foreigners or foreign born. Their knowledge and grasp of politics is extensive and up until the present they have lacked only the method of expression. Today this situation is changing rapidly and it is the "letter writing" system which is doing the trick.

In all of organized labor in this country there are only seven and a half million members, but when Labor wanted laws passed, even if those laws happen to be unfavorable to the majority of our

citizens, they were frequently able to force them through.

Today the ordinary citizen knows what he or she can do with pen and ink—or just a low-down pencil for that matter—and with this knowledge, and the determination that his country shall be run for him and for his children, the American has at last found the means to demand the laws which HE wants and to combat those of which he does not approve.

May more and more of us join the "letter writers," and join them now, until that group is so powerful that it needs no Lobby and will brook no opposition. And don't let us forget that it is just as important to tell our representatives in local, state and national governments, how we want them to vote on important legislation, as it is for us to go to the booth on election day and cast our own vote.

### Good Sign

Gertrude—But how do you know that the boss is keen on you?

Sylvia—You ought to see the way his wife glares at me when she comes into the office.

### Overhead High

Gamp—The year is little more than half over and I have already lost four umbrellas.

Slycem—That's too bad. Your 1939 overhead is going to be pretty high.

# NEW WAREHOUSE IN MOUNT AIRY

## Jones Bros. and Brown to Operate Planters and Farmers Warehouse

### MODERN CONSTRUCTION

A modern new tobacco warehouse has been constructed in Mount Airy and will be operated by the Jones Brothers and W. H. Brown in connection with Planters warehouse, which they also operate.

The new building is known as New Farmers Warehouse, and no finer can be found in the entire state. It contains a total of 30,000 square feet of floor space; is constructed of steel and brick and is equipped with non-sun glare skylights. The building fronts on Virginia street.

By operating the two warehouses, Jones Brothers and W. H. Brown are enabled to give patrons the finest service obtainable. By having their floor space doubled, they will be able to take care of double the amount of tobacco and will not have to stack the piles for lack of space. They will also have a sale every day, thus preventing tobacco from having to lie on the floor

for several days, which keeps it from looking and selling up to par. Quick sales while tobacco is at its best is what these two warehouses offer their patrons.

It was pointed out that farmers who have been carrying their tobacco to southern and border markets are losing several dollars per hundred pounds on their sales in addition to the expense of making the trip. Buyers will not pay as much for tobacco from another belt, it was said.

The Jones Brothers, who with W. H. Brown operate Planters and the New Farmers Warehouse, are R. P., T. A., and F. M. Jones. The market will open on October 10. An advertisement in this issue gives further details.

### BETHEL

Attending the Brifer Creek Association last Thursday, held with Fishing Creek church, were Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Melton, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gilliam, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Mathis and Eugene Jones, all of this place.

Mrs. Mollie Ann Osborne spent a few days recently visiting her sister, Mrs. H. Day, of the Temple Hill community.

Several from this place will attend the revival that is in progress at Swan Creek church this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jennings and

children of Cycle, were visitors at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hemric, last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ulas Vestal and little daughters, Mary Belle and Lola Mae, were guests of his sister, Mrs. Lela Harris, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Jones accompanied the Wilkesboro quartet and some other parties to Hudson, to attend a singing, last Sunday.

### Uses Her Head

Mabel—When you have a quarrel with your husband, do you threaten to go home to your mother?

Ruth—No, indeed—what good would that do? I threaten to have mother come here.

### NOTICE!

Elkin Masonic Lodge No. 454, meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday nights at 7:30. All members requested to be present. Signed: Secretary of Lodge. ttc

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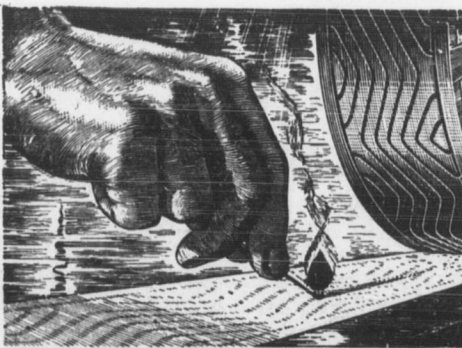
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- SUNDAY EVENING HOUR 8 p.m. Sundays
- V. KALZENBORN 6:30 p.m. Mon., Wed., Fri.
- AMERICAN SCHOOL OF THE AIR 9:15 p.m. Mondays thru Fridays
- WOMAN OF COURAGE 9:45 a.m. Mondays thru Fridays
- LOMBE RANGER 6:00 p.m. Mon., Wed., Fri.
- THE PLAINSMAN 6:15 p.m. Mon., Wed., Fri.
- THE CIVIC CLUB 10:00 a.m. Mon., Wed., Fri.
- JOHNNY PRESENTS 8:00 p.m. Fridays
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