

Eight Causes Listed For Costly Farm Fires

The vast majority of the fires which damage thousands of dollars worth of farm property at this season of the year are due to carelessness and the use of defective equipment, says David S. Weaver, head of the Department of Agricultural Engineering at N. C. State College. There are eight principal causes of farm fires.

Weaver lists them as follows: (1) Poorly constructed or defective flues and chimneys; (2) inflammable roofing material which ignites when sparks settle on it; (3) lightning; (4) spontaneous combustion; (5) careless use of smoking materials; (6) improper handling of kerosene and gasoline; (7) defective stoves and furnaces; and (8) lack of safe and adequate wiring for electricity, or the wrong use of electric appliances.

To make an analysis of the fire hazards in the home, the State College engineer suggests that members of the family go from room to room with paper and pencil, asking and answering the following questions:

Does the stove pipe fit into the chimney flue snugly? Is it necessary for the stove pipe to pass through a partition, and if so, is the partition protected by a metal thimble? How close does the stove pipe come to the walls and ceilings, and could this distance be increased? Is the can of kerosene or gasoline in the safest storage place, away from the stove?

Is the attic and cellar free of rubbish and combustible materials? If there are smokers in the family, are all ash trays metal and are they placed where they will not be knocked on the floor? Is all wiring properly insulated, and are the fuses of the right size to protect the electric system?

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have been surprised. They have supported new powers piece-meal, but the total over-all result is surprising even to them.

For example, the government has power to destroy savings by changing money values; power to fix wages, hours, old age pensions, relief allowances, business practice; power to control farming methods, and so on. That is only a partial picture of the whole.

A friendly and beneficent government naturally would use these powers only for the benefit of the people. But the power to give a man high wages could be used to give him low ones; in short existing "social" controls could be used to destroy virtually all the rights and privileges of the people.

It was the theory of HOLC and a lot of other new government bureaus that they would add to the "security" of the average citizens. But just look at the HOLC, for example. It has disclosed that in its Omaha area alone, it has lost \$5,178,000 on homes on which it had to foreclose!

The government also has had to foreclose on 32,000 farms! The power to help farm and home owners was established. Its use has made the government the biggest home and farm owner in the world.

The U. S. mints report they are having trouble keeping up with the demand for small coins. The Philadelphia mint alone is now producing 4,200,000 pennies every 24 hours, and is still behind.

Mint officials say the reasons are the new national defense tax and better business. Representative Tauber says the trouble is that "nobody has anything to spend of higher denomination than a nickel or a penny."

Dies committee backers are happy. Despite all the critical remarks

made about it by people high in government, including the President, the House has voted another \$35,000 for the investigation of "un-American activities."

Representative Martin Dies' supporters say the merit of his work is proved by the fact that this brings to \$235,000 the total appropriated for his investigation — the greatest sum ever granted a special House committee in the memory of the oldest Representatives.

The House evidently feels that it is getting its money's worth.

Prominent Woman Burned To Death In Mooresville

The tragic death of Mrs. Belle Brown Alexander of Mooresville cast a pall of sadness over many members of the American Legion Auxiliary in Kings Mountain and elsewhere as she had been prominently identified in the work of the organization for many years and at the time of her death was president of the Auxiliary at Mooresville. She was also chairman of Christian Service at Central Methodist church in Mooresville.

Mrs. Alexander's death followed burns received when her clothing became ignited as she walked before an open fire at her home on Oct. 3. Mrs. Alexander is survived by her husband, Philip A. Alexander, assistant cashier of the First National

Bank at Mooresville; the following children: William Alexander, student at Chapel Hill, Felix and Philip A. Jr., both at home.

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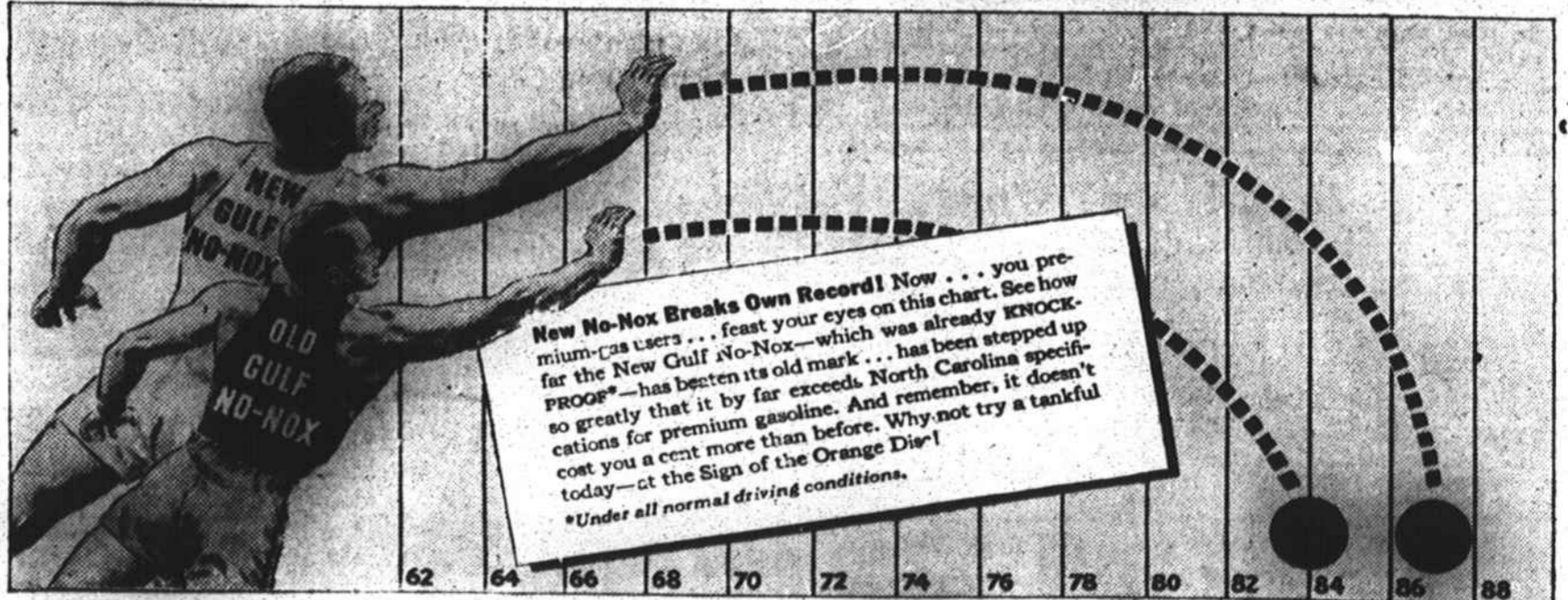
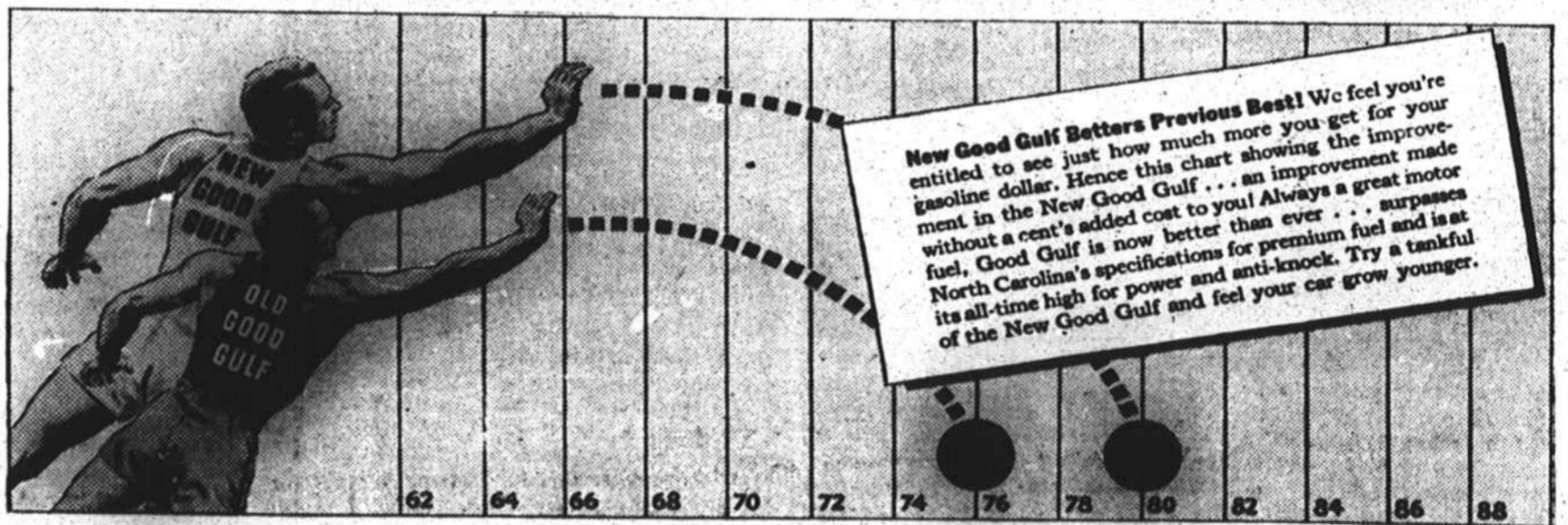
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