

WHAT IS YOUR 'CLEAN-UP SCORE'?

Fall Is Time of Increased Fire Hazards

Those autumn leaves, in their splendor of color, were pretty a few days ago. But now that November is here, the leaves around the house that may not have been raked up, are Number 1 fire hazards. And with the fall season, the National Fire Protection Association has some timely advice about cleaning house before winter sets in.

The NFPA, international, non-profit technical and educational clearing house on fire safety, in a bulletin prepared to help homeowners at clean-up time, points out that the most fires start in trash piles, rubbish, or stored odds and ends that accumulate in and around the house.

**CLOSETS,** attics, and cellars are the main starting places of home fires, and plain ordinary good housekeeping is one of the best ways to prevent both the start of fire and its spread.

"Real clean-up for fire safety boils down to a choice only you can make," cautions the NFPA. "Either get rid of that extra stuff around the house that burns so easily—or keep on taking the long chance of living amid such ideal fuel for fire."

Other suggestions include: With the elimination of combustibles in mind, look over the things you've got in your attics, closets and basements. These items will burn fast: old linen and clothing, mattresses and wooden furniture, curtains, draperies, lampshades, magazines, papers, linoleum and rags—particularly dirty rags that have been used for painting or polishing. This is the rubbish—the fuel—that too often means the difference between a small, controllable fire and a fire-gutted home.

**DON'T STOP** when you've cleared out the inside of your house. Go after rubbish in your back yard, in alleys and in vacant lots near your home. And dispose of trash regularly and often—don't let it pile up.

If you must burn your own trash outdoors, the NFPA offers these pointers:

First, get a fire permit from your fire department or fire warden. Then pick a spot well away from house and garage and clear a strip of earth around the pile to be burned. The same advice applies to wire and sheet metal trash burners. Don't try to burn too much at one time. Have a few pails of water ready and a rake or wet broom at hand. When you're done, soak embers with water; stir to be sure all embers are wet. A gust of wind can fan up embers that are seemingly dead. Make sure that all fires are thoroughly out before you leave.

**NOW THAT** this is the season when homes begin to use heat, householders need to be reminded that all heating equipment should have a thorough check and cleaning before being put into use. Many home fires are caused each year by defective heating equipment and accumulation of trash and waste in the heating apparatus.

**YOUR "CLEAN-UP SCORE."** The NFPA has prepared this quiz. If you truthfully answer "Yes" to all of these questions, yours is one of those clean houses that "seldom burns!"

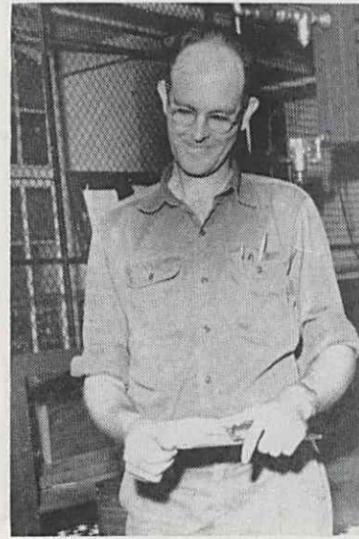
1. Do you regularly dispose of trash and rubbish?
2. Do you keep the grounds around your house free of dead grass, weeds, trash, and dried brush?
3. Are your dust mops safely cared for and oily rags kept in safe metal containers?
4. Do you cooperate with charity drives for paper and trash: salvage your cast-off clothing, furniture, etc., or contribute it to rummage sales?
5. Do you have your chimney and heating system cleaned at least once a year?
6. Do you invite your fire department to inspect your home and instruct you on fire-safe housekeeping?

INQUIRING REPORTER

Visionary Wealth Suggests Luxury, Security, Ideals, and Far-off Places

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What does wealth mean to you? Luxuries, travel, financial security, an opportunity to contribute to worth-while causes? That, in short, is what it meant to these six employees who were asked the question: "If you were to win the \$64,000 giveaway on television, how would you use the money?"



**Ernest C. Keenum, Supply** — First of all, I'd build a new house, set aside a goodly portion for sending my children to college, providing they would want to go. Then if there is any remaining, I would save it to help me through the years of old age.



**Eva Henson, Cloth Room** — I've always wanted to help in worthwhile causes. A great portion of the money would be given Gaston County School for Handicapped Children. Then I'd take some to pay for a trip to Alaska.

FOR THOSE ON-THE-GO

Special Events Listed on November Calendar

Standing high in interest for people of this section of the country is the Carolinas Carrousel, scheduled for November 23-25 in Charlotte. The Carrousel has become widely known in the two Carolinas as an annual event marked with festive atmosphere. The parade through downtown Charlotte on Thanksgiving Day is a highlight of the three-day gala event.

Taking place now in Morganton is the Burke County Festival, which opened October 31 and will continue through November 5.

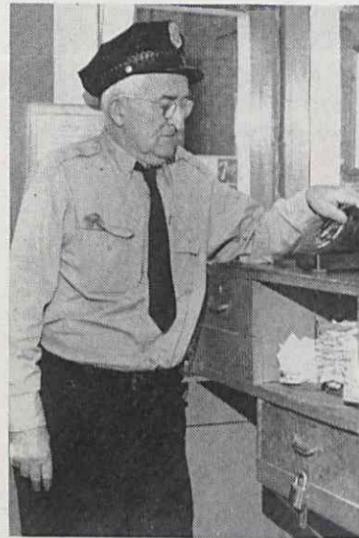
**ALSO** in North Carolina some other events calendared for the month of November are:

"Star Patterns," Chapel Hill, November 1 through 28; Golf Carrousel, Southern Pines, 4-7; Nite-Time Amateur Golf Championship of the World, third annual, Pinehurst, 5-6; Carolina Virginia Fashion Show, Charlotte, 5-9; N. C.

State Baptist Convention, Raleigh, 5; Southern Seniors Gold Association Championship, eighth annual, Pinehurst, 18-20.

**FORMAL** Hunt Meet, Sedgfield, 24; Formal Hunt Meet, Moore County Hounds, Southern Pines, 24; Harvest Square Dance, Pinehurst, 25; Pet Show and Gymkhana, Pinehurst, 27; "The Star of Bethlehem," Chapel Hill, November 29-January 8, 1956; Opening of the N.C. Museum of Art, Raleigh, 29-30.

In North Carolina the woodcock hunting season opens on November 24 and continues through January 2, 1956. Open season on quail, wild turkey and rabbits is from November 24 through January 31, 1956. This schedule applies to all sections of the state with possibly some local exceptions.



**Ralph Carson, Plant Guard** — I've always wanted to go to Arizona, for I hear the climate is nice out there. There, with the money, I'd spend the rest of my days in leisurely living, staying close to ranches and a lot of horses.



**J. L. Patterson, Shop** — From the actual amount after taking out taxes, I'd give a tenth of it to the Lord and His work. With part of the remainder I would pay up my bills, and what would be left, I'd put in the bank.

Words Fitly Spoken . . .

Grandma said, "You'd as well eat the Devil as to drink his broth."

The measure of life is not its span but the use made of it.

We can never take up where we left off—it isn't there any more.

Nobody knows or cares what you believe unless you live it.

Keep your face always turned toward the sun and the shadows will fall behind you.

Warehouse, Not Shop

Albert Meeks, news reporter, is employed in the Warehouse and not the Shop, as was reported in the October issue of Firestone News.

Food, Not Guns, Win Friends — R. C. Firestone

We can do more to win international friendship by putting food in people's mouths than we can by putting guns in their hands, Executive Vice-President Raymond C. Firestone told more than 1200 county agents and guests attending the 40th annual NACA convention in East Lansing, Mich., recently.

**IN HIS TALK,** Mr. Firestone pointed out that a businessman's approach may go a long way in helping to solve the difficult problem of farm surpluses in the United States.

"When our production overbalances consumption," Mr. Firestone said, "the best way that we have found to get back on an even keel is to stimulate greater consumption through better advertising, better public relations and selling . . ."

**REFERRING** to the figures released by the Food and Agriculture Administration offices following an exhaustive study of

the world food situation a few years ago where it was mentioned that seven out of every ten people in the world were not properly nourished, he said:

"Something is seriously wrong where there are people, especially helpless children, who have to exist on the borderline of starvation while we struggle with our surplus problem.

"Why is it," he asked, "that so many people in this world have to suffer undernourishment while we juggle with a great national problem in the disposal of mountainous stores of food, that we ourselves, cannot consume?"



**Mildred Burgin, Cord Weaving**—I would spend it all on my son, Randy, who is now 14 months old. I would send him through school and college and give him the best of everything while he is growing up, because he means everything to me.



**Thomas Grant, Time Study** — A tithe for the support of the Christian ministry would be first, also a tenth to my church to help in its current building program. For the remainder, these would be my preference: A home, a car, Savings Bonds.