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Labor Shortage Still Harnesses Pulpwood Production

Power is still the most important factor to be considered in the pulpwood industry and which the question of adequate pulp products for war requirements depends," the Department of Commerce this week in an analysis of national pulpwood situation. The new Selective Service department policies regarding woodworkers are of great importance and should provide considerable relief to the nation's critical pulpwood, lumber and other products needs. Woodworkers, both full time and part time, are still recognized as essential activities in the revised Selective Service. Full time woodworkers are engaged in one of the vital activities in which registration is entitled to consideration for occupational deferment. Part time logging workers are engaged on their own lands or on other logging operations are likewise eligible for consideration for continued deferment.

ment if they are otherwise normally engaged in an essential activity warranting their deferment.

"Under current Selective Service policies, farmers or other agricultural workers devoting their off season time to activities vital to war production or in support of the national health or safety of their country may seek, through local boards, continuation of their agricultural deferment status."

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North and 57 in the South. Because of the critical woods labor situation in the pulpwood industry, the Commerce Department urged all mills to mechanize their woods operations wherever possible so that woods labor will be utilized to maximum productive capacity. One mill in the South, it reported, increased its pulpwood production from one and a half cords per man day to almost four cords by complete mechanization of its woods operations.

Citing increased war needs for pulpwood products, the Commerce Department stated that present estimates call for 285,000,000 V-boxes in 1945. This requirement, however, may be raised to 440,000,000 if added.

Electricity Safe If Well Harnessed

Eternal vigilance is the price of safety on the farm, regardless of whether the worker is operating heavy machinery, handling an ill-tempered bull, cutting trees in the forest or using electrical appliances and equipment on the modern farm. Under certain conditions, the 110 volt electric current that flows through the house circuit carries more kick than an Army mule.

Electricity, properly harnessed is a safe and dependable servant. Agricultural engineers of the State College Extension Service remind farmers to use only those appliances that are safely approved.

The house and barns should be properly wired and the installation should have regular inspections. Grounding and insulation of all equipment should receive special attention and switches should be located beyond the reach of children and animals.

"Make sure that your hands and feet are dry and that you aren't standing on a damp spot, when using electrical equipment," say the engineering specialists. Also keep the equipment free of moisture.

Have adequate lighting around the equipment in use; remove dust and dirt from installations, lamps and wires; provide guards around gears, rotating parts and belts; these are important safety measures that should receive attention.

A fuse is the safety valve for the electrical system. If it blows out, something is wrong. There may be too much lead on the circuit, a wiring fault, or a short circuit.

Locate the trouble before inserting a new fuse, and be sure that the fuse is the right size. "Keep all electrical connections tight. Check cables, conduits, outlet boxes and other equipment to see that they are rigidly fastened in place," the engineers warned. Electricity is only safe and dependable when properly harnessed.

Motorists Asked To Take Care Of Passenger Tires

Facing a backlog of more than 20,000 approved applications for new grade I synthetic tires for which there are no stocks available, the Raleigh district Office of Price Administration today cautioned motorists to take care of their tires during the summer months in order to make them last until replacements can be had.

Theodore S. Johnson, Raleigh district director, pointed out that one of the objections to synthetic rubber, the only kind now available for civilian passenger use is its inability to withstand heat as well as fires made from crude rubber.

Even in winter driving, he said, tremendous temperatures are built up within the tire by the constant flexing of the sidewalls and friction against the highway, and in summer this heat is increased immensely.

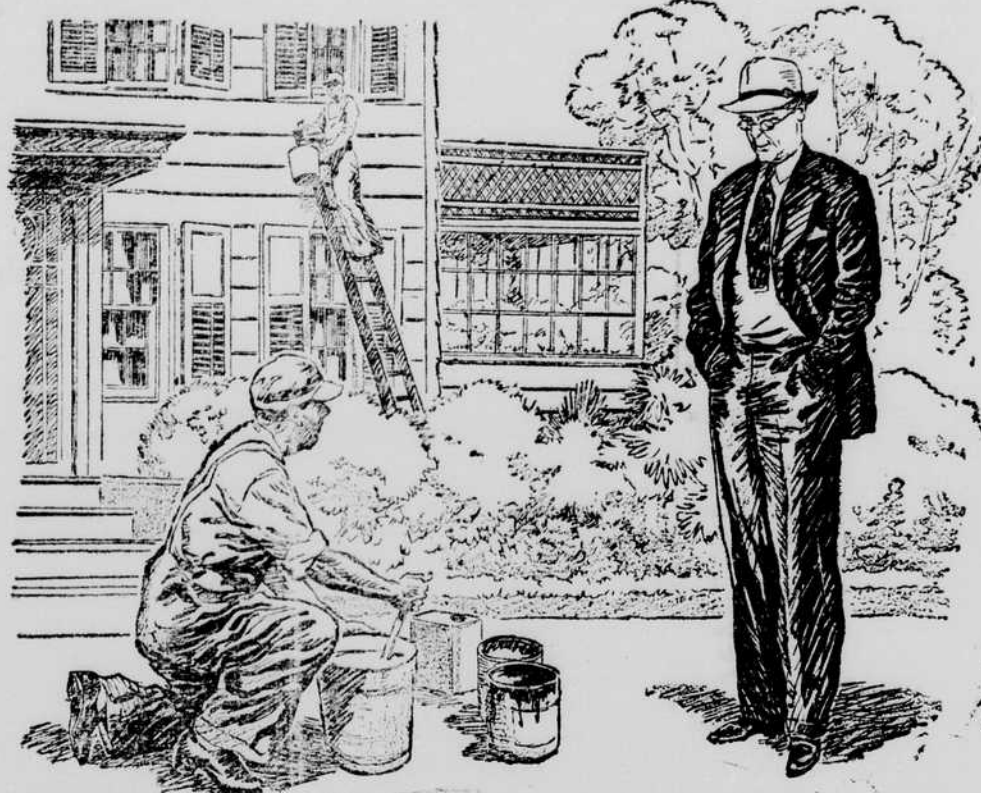
He cautioned motorists to drive slower—35 miles per hour, at the most—and to have their tires re-

checked before the carcass becomes damaged. He also warned that streetcar tracks, curbs, potholes, obstacles and holes contribute more than their share to the ruin-

ing of tires. "With reasonable care," Johnson said, "a tire can be recapped from three to five times, adding many thousands of miles to its

life. There is no outlook for new tires for any but the most essential drivers soon, so motorists must take care of the tires they have now."

THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"I don't blame the fellows overseas for gettin' all het up over it, Judge. For the likes of me I can't see what's all the hurry about holdin' these local prohibition elections while they're away."

"I agree with you, Steve. Time after time...in their letters, in articles, in polls taken to get the views of our fighting men... they have indicated in unmistakable terms that they don't want any action taken on

prohibition, either local or national, until they get back."

"Too bad there isn't a law or somethin' to be sure their wishes are carried out, Judge."

"There is in one state I know of, Steve. Just recently it passed a law prohibiting the calling of any prohibition election until a year after the peace is declared."

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1. Careful analysis of the man's abilities as they can best fit our business on the basis of a real career for him.
2. Special training with pay to prepare the man for prompt assignment to a definite job on a regular basis.
3. This also means full participation in old-age pension, disability, savings plan, and other individual job-security benefits which our employees share.
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