

Farm Fire Losses Total \$133 Million

Farmers Urged to Eliminate Possible Fire Hazards

Farm fires are a matter of grave concern to the nation. Each year, they cost 3,000 lives and destroy over \$100 million in property—in 1952, \$133 million—much of it important food supplies.

Commenting on these statistics, the National Board of Fire Underwriters is urging farmers to devote Fire Prevention Week to eliminating fire hazards on their farms.

The Board pointed out several factors which increase the threat of fire on the farm. First, the farm may be in an isolated area where the fire-department cannot reach it quickly. Second, the modern farm uses quantities of machinery, for which gasoline must be stored on the premises, creating a double hazard. Third, there are frequently frame buildings holding tons of hay and straw—two extremely combustible substances.

There are two main aspects to farm fire prevention. The first begins in the planning stages before the farm is built, or when new buildings are added. Spacing and construction of buildings are very important. In general, 150 feet between buildings is considered sufficient for safety. If possible, prevailing winds should blow across a hypothetical line connecting house and barn.

Because lack of water is a serious danger, every farm should have a pond within pumping distance of buildings, if possible. Soil Conservation Service specifications will assure the pond's usefulness to the firefighters.

In addition to building fire safety into the farm, every phase of the farm's operation must be carried out with the danger of fire in mind. Cardinal safety rule is that heat, sparks or flames (actual or potential) and combustibles like hay, straw or gasoline do not mix. Keep plenty of space between them.

Lightning is another prime cause of farm fires; therefore, a correctly installed and maintained lightning protection system is extremely important. The completed installation should carry the master label of Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.

TWO MASSES NEXT SUNDAY IN EDLINTON CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 25, Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ King will be celebrated with the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass being celebrated at 8:30 and 11 A. M., each including sermon on "The Kingship of Christ," Holy Communion, Rosary, Litany of Blessed Virgin Mary and prayer to St. Joseph for the conversion of all non-Catholics, with confessions for half hour before services in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Edenton, stated Father F. J. McCourt, rector, who invites everybody to all services and to The Information Forum that will be conducted in the church Thursday, October 29, 7:30 P. M., to 8:30.

Blissful Ignorance

His uncle was giving him a lecture. "You modern boys want too much," he said. "Do you know what I was getting when I married your aunt?" "No," replied the nephew, "and I'll bet you didn't either."

EDENTON SOLDIER IN KOREA



Two North Carolina soldiers, Sgt. George W. Bemby (left) of Edenton and Cpl. George L. Anderson, Greensboro, place a tray of bread dough into an oven at the 108th Quartermaster Bakery Company in Korea. Sergeant Bemby, whose wife, Susie, lives on Route 1, Edenton, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bemby of Edenton. He has been a baker with the 108th since his arrival in Korea last April. He entered the Army in 1943 and was last assigned at Camp McCoy, Wis. Cpl. Anderson also entered the Army in 1943.

CRACKDOWN IS BEING CONDUCTED ON UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CHISELERS

Progress Made On Prevention and Detection of Fraud Made Those Who Abuse Unemployment Insurance Program

Chairman Henry E. Kendall of the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina states that progress has been made during the past two years in the prevention and detection of fraud by those who abuse the unemployment insurance program. This abuse consists of those individuals who make a willful misrepresentation or fail to disclose a material fact in an effort to obtain unemployment insurance or to increase the amount. Some of these chiselers are detected before any money is paid, while others are detected after they have been paid.

Although the administrative funds allocated by the federal government are not sufficient for a full-scale program, all available manpower and time for which funds are available from other sources are used in this program. At present the only preventive is the publicity of cases prosecuted, which serves as a deterrent. The detection is carried on by a cross checking of payment records against wage reports and the personal investigation of suspected or reported cases of fraud by the Claims Deputies. The Fraud Prevention and Detection Unit in the central office in Raleigh, composed of from 5 to 12 employees, depending upon available personnel that can be spared from other operations, cross check records and clear by correspondence with employers those cases in which there is a possibility of claimants working while receiving unemployment insurance. The 17 Claims Deputies, located in strategic areas in the state, whose primary responsibility is the holding of hearings and determining eligibility on ques-

tionable claims, spend approximately 20 per cent of their time investigating and presenting for prosecution suspected and reported cases of fraud. Chairman Kendall reports that North Carolina as well as other states has repeatedly requested more funds for prevention and detection of fraud, but reductions in federal budgets made by the U. S. Department of Labor, the Budget Bureau, and Congress have resulted in the lack of needed funds.

Wood Privott, claims deputy for this district, reports that for the 12-month period ending June 30, 1953, he made 318 investigations. He made six adjustments where no fraud was involved. One was acquitted and six were convicted.

Chairman Kendall also stated that it should be realized that fraud in unemployment insurance cannot be eliminated altogether any more than can other criminal acts and that although he is pleased with the progress which has been made, he is not relaxing the efforts of the Commission in the policing of the program. He further stated that much of the progress, particularly future progress, still depends upon the cooperation and assistance of the citizens of the state in reporting facts to the Commission or its local offices when they know of someone who is abusing the program, or when contacted, furnish the facts requested and be ready and willing to testify in court if needed. The crackdown will continue, and future progress is expected in reducing fraud to a minimum.

Riches ennoble a man's circumstances, but not himself. —Kant.

Minutes Of Board Of Public Works

Edenton, N. C., Oct., 7, 1953. The Board of Public Works met this day in the Town Office at eight o'clock P. M., in regular monthly session. Present: J. H. Conger, chairman, and Ralph E. Parrish.

The following bills for the month of September, 1953, were examined and approved for payment:

Electrical Equipment Co., \$3,097.36; Addressograph - Multigraph, \$20.75; Dillon Supply Co., \$13.06; W. M. Bashlin Co., \$33.53; Tidewater Supply Co., \$10.94; Dewey Bros., Inc., \$163.50; Mueller Co., \$23.59; Eddy Valve Co., \$37.85; Graybar Elec. Co., \$5.29; Carolina Rim & Wheel Co., \$15.12; N. C. Board of Health, \$16.00; Charleston Rubber Co., \$3.11; Car. Machinery & Supply Co., \$20.64; Norfolk Stationery Co., \$24.50; Wilson Trucking Corp., \$2.00; Thurston Motor Lines, \$16.40; M. S. Davis, Jr., \$60.00; J. B. Rountree, \$106.95; The Office Supply Store, \$18.24; Chowan Herald, \$70.40; Edenton Office Supply, \$6.43; Edenton Ice Co., \$13.17; Batton & Pickler, \$68.93; A. S. Smith Machine Co., \$56.75; W. D. Holmes Co., \$20.50; B. B. H. Motor Co., \$29.91; Byrum Hardware Co., \$4.07; M. G. Brown Co., \$21.00; Albemarle Motor Co., \$25.00; Hughes-Holton Hardware, \$6.49; Leary Bros., Storage Co., \$25.00; Dail & Ashley, \$17.09; Va. Elec. & Power Co., \$7,545.70; Norf. & Car. Tel. & Tel. Co.,

\$53.25; Postmaster, \$34.88; Sinclair Refining Co., \$65.46; General salaries paid for month of September, \$2,518.84; Total, \$14,271.70.

Received for current, water, merchandise, \$18,117.61.

Amount of receipts in excess of disbursements, \$3,845.91.

ERNEST J. WARD, JR., Clerk.

IN MEMORIAM

A tribute of love in saddest memory of my dear Mother, Susan H. Smith, who died one year ago, October 8, 1952:

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