

Red Cross Is Pushing Safer Boating

Only about half the nation's boat users can swim well enough to save their lives if they fall into deep water, John T. Goetz, area director of safety programs for the American Red Cross, Eastern Area, said today.

Goetz reminded boat owners that this is National Safe Boating Week, and urged both them and their passengers to take advantage of the free swimming and lifesaving courses offered by most Red Cross chapters.

The Red Cross is one of 16 organizations sponsoring Safe Boating Week, the objective of which is to reduce boating accidents and make the aquatic sport safer for the estimated 50 million people who participate in it.

"Last year, 1,312 persons drowned or were fatally injured in boating accidents," Goetz said.

The Red Cross is seeking to expand its small craft training programs in colleges, schools and summer camps, he continued, and has revised its method of instruction so that theory can be taught in classrooms in cold weather, followed by practice sessions in spring and summer.

To reduce the number of boating accidents, he said, the Red Cross offers these safeguards that boat operators and passengers should observe:

1. Carry a Coast Guard-approved life jacket for everyone aboard. Insist that weak swimmers and non-swimmers wear them at all times, and that others wear them in hazardous weather conditions.

2. Don't overload the craft. Keep passengers down to a safe number.

3. Don't overpower your boat. Consult your dealer on what horsepower motor it can take.

4. Don't smoke while refueling.

5. Don't let passengers in a small boat stand up, or sit on the gunwales while you are under way.

6. Equip your boat with essential gear—anchor, oars, boat hook, extra line, fire extinguisher, tool kit and first aid kit. Running lights are a must for nighttime operation.

7. Check weather bureau forecasts before taking boat out on open water. Take a transistor radio along to keep posted on changing weather conditions.

8. Most boats, if swamped or capsized, will stay on the surface, so stay with the boat when such accidents happen until help arrives. But if you are in dangerous or extremely cold water, get to shore as fast as possible.

Goetz listed these basic

rules of the waterways:

1. When boats are meeting in, or nearly in, a head-on position, each should keep to the right.

2. When boats are in a crossing position, the one on the right has the right of way.

3. When one boat is overtaking another, the boat being overtaken has the right of way.

4. Powerboats should give way to manually propelled or sailboats unless the sailboat is overtaking a powerboat. Small sailboats, when sailing in a channel, should give way to powerboats which cannot operate outside the channel.

5. Sailboats on the starboard tack have the right of way of sailboats on the port tack.

6. Sailboats to windward must keep out of the way of sailboats to leeward.

"All safety conscious skippers make a point of knowing the swimming capabilities of those on board," Goetz said. "If a person goes overboard accidentally, rescue procedure is based on the ability or inability of the person in the water to help himself.

"If the man overboard can swim, a lifesaving device can be tossed to him. The boat is stopped, the victim swims to it, and is pulled aboard.

"When a weak or non-swimmer falls overboard, first swing the stern away from the side from which he fell. Toss him a lifesaving device and promptly maneuver the boat back to him. Keep a close watch on him at all times and make the approach as you would to a mooring—at reduced speed and slightly to windward if possible. Shut off the motor within a few feet of the victim, and bring him aboard."

Goetz said all boatmen should know first aid, including how to give artificial respiration, since boats often operate far from medical attention. He urged all boatmen in this area to contact the local Red Cross Chapter to find out what safety courses are available.



TO APPEAR ON TV— Miss Chrystal Page, formerly of Edenton, will be appearing on the Jim Fowler Country and Western Junior American Jubilee in Knoxville, Tenn., soon. This is a national TV program. She also plans to do additional recording of songs written especially for her. A sophomore at Bertie High School, she is the daughter of Mrs. Lucille F. Page of Windsor and R. J. Page of Elizabeth City.

ASCS News

By H. O. WEST

35th Anniversary of AAA
Farmers and consumers all over North Carolina were present at a ceremony in Raleigh on June 21 to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the passage of the 1933 Agricultural Adjustment Act.

Many of those present could remember very vividly the conditions that existed in North Carolina in 1933. The farmers could remember that farm commodities were so cheap they could not pay their fertilizer bills — and the ever pressing mortgages that made foreclosures a daily occurrence all over the state. Consumers could remember that jobs were few and far between and wages were low. Businesses were going bankrupt daily and banks were closing.

On May 12, 1933, the Agricultural Adjustment Act was passed. This legislation, along with many other bills passed in 1933, set the stage so that the economy was put back on a sound basis. The Agricultural Adjustment Act was one of the most important bills passed by the 73rd Congress.

The commemoration service in Raleigh on June 21 was a real fine event. The persons who were so instrumental in the passage and early administration of the program were given special recognition. Each of the speakers did a fine job of relating the importance of farm legislation and also of looking to our future needs.

Arrangements for the program were made by a committee representing a cross-section of agencies, organizations and business interests. They did a very fine job of arranging and carrying out a most interesting and informative program.

Any old excuse will suffice for not working but the best is the possession of plenty of cash.

Noonday

By Murrell Smith

You cannot escape by going to Nags Head, you cannot escape by going to Sandy Point Beach; you must face the heat and weariness—

You cannot escape the pounding dust that rises and falls from speeding cars or the huge mosquitoes that leave great white ridges—

The awful torment of the sun and the motionless action of a do-nothing summer—the hushed stillness of a gluey still night—

The faces that are sweaty and grimey, the infernal heat that caused us to lose our friends by yelling or whispering—men with bald heads and sweat running down their wet-red cheeks pass one another on Broad Street—

Women with their wet dresses matted against their bodies and their sleeves rolled up, red-faced and sweaty demanding nothing but wanting comfort—

College girls plastered with sand up to their bellies and dizzy from the noonday blaze, but walking around amid the cheers of men and boys watching their movements—

Little girls with their skirts wet up to their waist run through the surf gaily while the white caps tumble over one another like quicksilver and little boys leaping from foot to foot—

All the men, women and children meet on the outskirts of town at the Country Club happy and gay about the apple yellow tinge of late summer and the all-to-quick vacations—

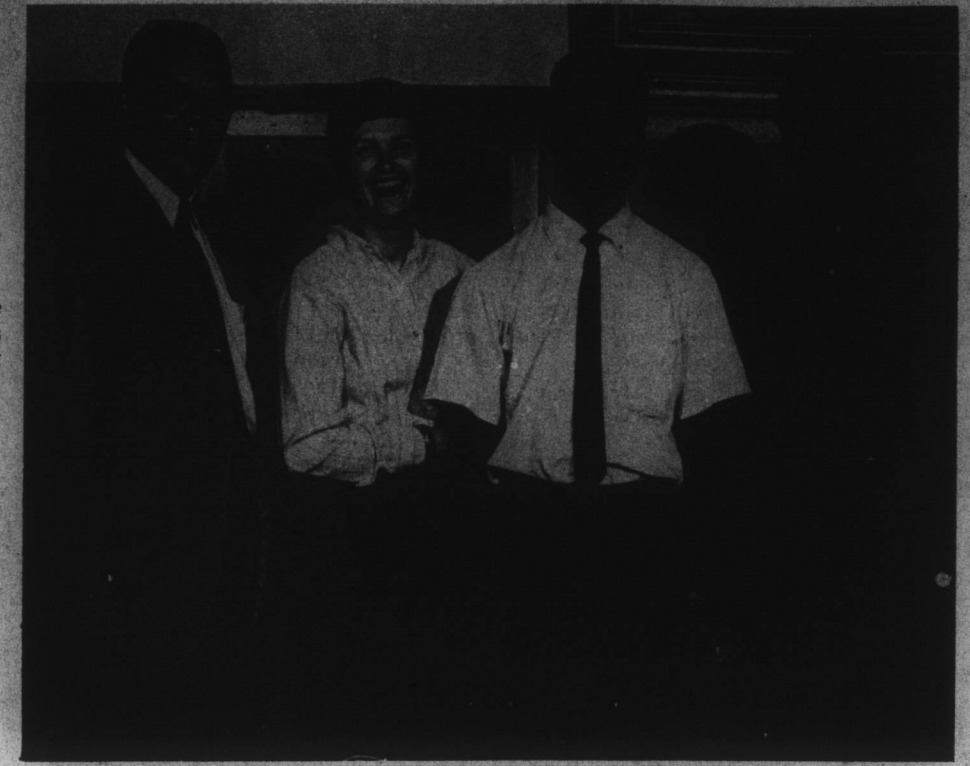
One morning through the blazing fire of summer and the blurred faces you look out upon the Sound, upon the town, upon the white lace of the waves upon the frosty breath of autumn and upon the radiant leaves whispering among themselves in the wind—

Shamefacedly and quietly summer has gone like a little girl licking honey from her lips she has stolen slyly, but we all think how beautiful she was at one time—

The sunlight that does not shine upon the grass, sunlight that does not bring joy and laughter to women and children now winter pierces my heart like an arrow and honey bees are caught to freezing flowers, my love lost summer still clings to my heart and it mingles with peace and relief.

Sized Up

"Little girl, what will you do when you're as big as your mother"
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ATTEND ELECTRIC CONGRESS—Chowan County 4-H Electric Project winner, Ervin Lassiter, center, is shown at the State 4-H Electric Congress held in Asheville, July 1 through 3. With the contestant is Richard Bryant and Carol Aldridge, VEPCO, left, and Willie Satterfield, 4-H leader. The project winners were selected on the basis of achievement in their 4-H farm and home electric projects. Virginia Electric & Power Company sponsored their trip to the Electric Congress.

Who Knows?

1. When was the first message sent by telephone?
2. How many feet are there in a mile?
3. When does spring begin?
4. How do you find the area of a triangle?
5. What does Pennsylvania mean?
6. Who painted "The Torn Hat"?
7. How old is the game of marbles?
8. Who was the author of "Paradise Lost"?
9. Who discovered the science of psychiatry?
10. When was the first trans-Atlantic radio broadcast?

Answers To Who Knows

1. March 10, 1876.
2. 5,280 feet.
3. March 21 at 2:37 A. M.
4. Multiply the base by half the altitude.
5. Penn's Woods.
6. Thomas Sulley, American artist.
7. Records show Egyptian and Roman children played with marbles before Christ was born.
8. John Milton.
9. Johannes Weyer.
10. March 14, 1925.

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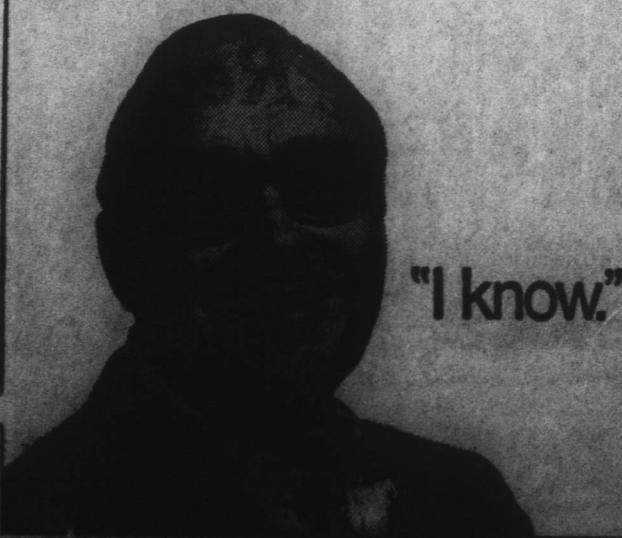
Edmund Earl Hughes of New Bern was re-elected president of the Eastern Forest Products Association at the organization's monthly meeting in Washington last week.

Re-elected with Hughes were Vice President Raymond Banks of Maysville and Theodore A. Dick of Raleigh as corresponding secretary. Secretary-treasurer of the organization is John Gaskins of New Bern.

Elected to directorships of the organization, an association of pulpwood producers, dealers and allied industries, were: Southern District, Raymond Goodson of Maysville; New Bern District, Durwood Dunn of New Bern; Middle District, Joseph Hebor Rose of Pantego; Northern District, C. T. Dixon of Edenton.

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