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### Cancer Drive

Before you shrug off the current drive for funds for the American Cancer Society we urge you to stop for a moment and recall events of the past year involving the death of close personal friends and loved ones.

The chances are that before you get very far you will remember the name of someone who died of cancer.

Well, the purpose of the American Cancer Society is to finance research which will lead to control of one of the most ruthless killers which still stalks mankind.

So when someone asks you for a contribution for the cancer drive, think before you say no.

### Cemetery Clean-Up

Recently when there was a group of distinguished visitors in town one of the ladies in the party expressed an interest in the Southport cemetery. The ancient live oaks over-shadowing the grave stones and monuments formed a setting which she found well nigh irresistible.

It was a source of pride for us to discover that workmen were in the process of cleaning up the cemetery, re-arranging displaced grave-markers and otherwise restoring order in a place and among things which never should have been permitted to get into a run down state.

Later we checked up and discovered that this was a part of the work being carried on under the direction of Mrs. Helen Bragaw and under the sponsorship of the Southport Lions Club. The interest shown by this visiting lady convinced us that this is a worthwhile project, and one which will make a good impression upon our ever-increasing number of visitors.

They say that funds for this work are getting scarce, and if that is true there are many local citizens and former residents who will want to make a contribution to make it possible to carry forward to a successful completion.

### Home Marketing

County Agent J. E. Dodson greatly deprecates the lack of marketing facilities for farmers in this county. He points out that so long as it is impossible for them to sell their products at home it is likewise impossible to expect them to do their trading at home.

The County Agent declares that four and a half million dollars worth of timber products are sold outside the county each year. To this can be added three and a half million dollars worth of tobacco; one and one-half million dollars worth of livestock and two million dollars worth of seafood of various kinds, including menhaden.

All this and a lot of other things produced in Brunswick have to be moved outside the county before the producers can get a decent price.

Mr. Dodson thinks the county is badly in need of a sweet potato storage house and market. The same house could be used as a tobacco warehouse and market. It could be located anywhere on a hard surface road, he thinks, and suggests that between Supply and Shallotte would be an ideal location from the standpoint of accessibility and transportation. "It would pay somebody with land in an easily accessible location to donate five acres for the location of a warehouse or warehouses where farm products could be handled and sold," he declared.

A business community would spring up around such a market and the value of adjoining property would increase manifold.

### The Destroyer

Needless waste of the natural resources of our country is one of the great crimes. We have always had greater respect for the thief who stole an automobile tire than for the offensive culprit who would slash a tire with a knife or an axe. That faint admiration is due the thief because either through use or sale, we know he is going to get some benefit out of the tire. But not so with the slasher. His is a destructive act that benefits no one.

Likewise, there is far greater reason to respect a man who would slip into our forests and cart away our finest trees than there is for the thoughtless destroyer of our timber resources.

W. L. Shaddix, secretary of the Southern States Forestfire Association, suggests that the public join in a move to obtain a law to bring the FBI into the picture for prosecution of firebrands.

His letter, with a request for publication, is self-explanatory:

The anti-communist publicity in America, is most necessary for reasons we all know, but we need a similar campaign to enlist the public in trying to catch a few firebrands in our southern forest areas. On Sunday, April 4, at about 10 a. m., I saw a man in a pale blue shirt across a creek from me about a quarter of a mile setting fire to a forest heavily timbered acreage which completely destroyed essential defense timber some three miles long and two miles wide. Some of this, fine pine and hardwoods represented the savings of at least one World War II veteran whose chief diversion in his many long years of service in the Army was ways and means to grow timber for his retirement income. One of these owners is yet in the service, and I can realize how flat his pride will fall when he treks over his only holdings, and sees the black long snags that once was healthy tall trees.

Now if this one instance were an exception it would not justify so much interest, perhaps, but it is one of thousands of fires which eat into the heart of our wealth early this April in southern sections.

The main purpose of requesting this space in your paper is to suggest that the public join in a move to interest Congress in making it legal for the FBI to aid in fire guilt detection for privately owned timber and game reserves.

Unlike City crime detection the woods rat is far away from any other human when he applies his torch—he is smart enough to start these fires on Saturday afternoons and Sundays when farmers and others are away at Church or visiting. Also, it is a time when so many fires get out that paid wardens cannot get to them all.

If this step can be taken the FBI will catch some of our worst destroyers of our forests and game, and the psychological effect on others will cause them to reduce their undermining activities. I am against government control, but due to emergency of impending war, and the fact that our saw mills must be sent to Africa, Mexico, and Canada to supply lumber and crating material if and when another world war starts, I for one will do anything I can to provide FBI help to help save our essential resources. I think now that this item brought about by a very few of our own people, not usually called Communists should be put on the future program for action in order to protect the Nation. I do not believe that any agency on earth other than FBI can catch forest firebrands such as burnt up this veteran's only property above referred to.

### Why Go Away?

The Reader's Digest recently quoted Henry Thoreau as replying to the query, "Have you traveled much?" with: "I have traveled widely in Concord."

That was his home town. Thoreau traveled widely there.

The thought might be developed here in Eastern North Carolina to the advantage of the citizenry.

Before taking off for the Magnolia or Cypress gardens in Charleston, have you seen the azaleas in Wilmington, Orton in Brunswick or McQueen's near Whiteville?

Have you explored near home? Have you traveled widely in your own backyard?

There are many who would like to see the magnificent machines that turn out cigarettes who haven't prepared themselves for that event. Right here at home, there are hundreds who have never visited an auction market and witnessed the sale of tobacco.

Drawn window shades are a form of insulation against cold and heat.

### Among Friends Of The Soil

(Editor's note: This is No. 2 in a series to show how your Soil Conservation District technician works, what he does and how he can likely help you as a farmer.)  
The Soil Conservation Service technician has just come into his office from the field and is preparing a field map of the farm just visited, drawing in location of proposed changes from notes on a clip board lying beside the map on the desk. A man enters the office. He is a stranger to the technician and from his expression we would judge he is not quite sure this is the office he is looking for.

Technician. "Come in. My name is Glover. What can I do for you?"  
Visitor: "I am looking for the man who does drainage. I have some land that needs a line of tile."

Technician. "I do not do drainage but can often help farmers decide what type of drainage to use, how to put it in and how it can best fit in with a plan for conservation of soil and moisture."

Visitor, whom we will call "Farmer A." "I need to get rid of some moisture—not conserve moisture, and my land is not washing. I just want to put in this tile line."

Technician. "Where is your farm located?"  
Farmer A. "It is just southwest of town, about three miles out on the main highway."

Technician, pulling a sheet from a file. "This is an aerial photograph of that vicinity. Suppose you show me just which is your land so I can outline the boundary lines on this map. It might help if I know just where the place is that needs drainage."

Farmer A. "It borders on the highway on the front side."

Technician. "Is your house next to the road with two large trees out front?"

Farmer A. "Yes. That's my house. The lines run this way." He shows where his land lines

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**	7:00 A. M.
7:00 A. M.	*9:30 A. M.
9:30 A. M.	1:35 P. M.
*1:30 P. M.	4:00 P. M.
4:00 P. M.	6:10 P. M.
6:00 P. M.	10:20 P. M.

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7:30 A. M.	9:00 A. M.
10:50 A. M.	1:35 P. M.
4:00 P. M.	6:10 P. M.
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you want to dig?"  
Technician. "About 3 feet. We want to see how sticky the subsoil is at the depth where the tile should be."  
The farmer completes the hole to 3 feet and they are looking at the subsoil.  
Farmer A. "It sure is sticky subsoil, 'bout like wax."  
Technician. "Yes, it's sticky to put tile in. You might be wasting your money on tile. The water just won't drain well through that sticky subsoil."  
Farmer A. "I never realized it was that sticky."  
Technician. "I believe I can suggest something that will help through. See where all this water is coming from? It's coming off of the roof of your house, barn, crib and pack house, running down the rows on your high land and emptying down here to make this land too wet."  
Farmer A. "I guess you are right, but this land still needs draining regardless of where the water comes from. Some way must be fixed to get it off."  
Technician. "If that up-slope water was cut off—diverted so to speak—I feel sure that the small ditch you already have would take care of the situation. All you would have to do would be to keep several small channels

opened into it."  
Farmer A. "But how would you go about cutting off that water?"  
(Editor's note: Next week we will listen in further on this preliminary discussion between Farmer A and the Soil Conservation Service technician.)

AT HOLDEN BEACH  
Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bardin, Louisville, Ky., Mrs. Margaret Hood Harris and Miss Eloise

Pearson, Lumberton, were end visitors at Holden Beach.  
**MULTIPLICATION**  
A story of a dog went to home of Mr. and Mrs. V. J. dere Friday night. The morning when Mr. Fred out to feed the animal he that there was sixteen of Three of the puppies had died. The owner can get dogs by calling at the home.

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