

Now Is The Danger Period From Fires In Our Forests

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Forest fires yearly take an increasing toll of forests, wild life, and of human lives, in spite of all protection. Carelessness accounts for most of the fire menaces.

We lead the world in forest fires. The damage caused by them each year amounts to millions of dollars. We can reduce this damage if the will to do it is present.

We cannot afford to lose our forests. They are especially valuable for their scenery, and yet we cannot forget the commercial value.

If we wish to retain our vast natural resources we must do our utmost to keep fire out of our forests by being more careful with our matches and cigarette stubs and also of our burning. There are still those who do not properly extinguish a campfire.

Strict patrol cannot prevent these fires. The most that can be done officially is to take preventative measures and to rely on the good sense and care of the individual citizen. Now begins the danger period in our woods. It will continue for at least two months.

The general public is urgently warned to guard against the threat of fire by the exercise of reasonable caution, to the end that waste may be avoided and the beauties of our woods and streams preserved.

The blanket of leaves from one year's leaf fall in the forest may weigh more than a ton per acre. Forest service investigators find that a heavy litter is capable of holding vast amounts of water and slowing up the run-off which without the protecting blanket would quickly erode the soil of the woodlands and also the open fields below.

Persons who go into the forests for any purpose should be extremely careful about starting fires and every campfire should be extinguished completely. Even a cigarette or a match flung carelessly aside may start a blaze which will sweep hundreds of acres of our

mountain lands.

These acres cannot be replaced with coverage for many years and will seriously threaten the wild life of our region. It might be supposed that wild life can escape, but they become confused in the smoke and run into the flames and perish.

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. How can I control the bud worms in my tobacco fields?

A. The best known control is the poisoned corn meal bait which is made by mixing one pound of arsenate of lead with 50 pounds of corn meal for a large quality or six tablespoons full of arsenate of lead to one peck of corn meal for small amounts. This bait is applied early in the morning with a small pinch being placed directly in the bud. Applications should begin about 10 days or two weeks after the plants are set in the field and continue at like intervals until the plants are topped.

Q. Do laying birds need cod liver oil in the mash during the spring?

A. Cod liver oil is used in poultry mashes to add vitamin D and vitamin A to the ration and, while both of these vitamins are contained in green feed there is often a lack of this feed in the spring. These elements are also manufactured by the birds in their bodies when they have access to plenty of sunshine, but because of bad weather it is often necessary to confine the flock for days at a time. For these reasons it is well to include cod liver oil or some vitamin supplement in the mash at all times.

Q. What is the best time to plant tender vegetables in the open?

A. These tender crops, such as beans, cucumbers, cantaloupes, okra, squash, sweet corn, and tomatoes may be planted anytime from April 1 to May 15. Throughout the eastern section of the state these crops are planted from March 15 to April 15. In the central section the plant-

Death Kiss for a Shark



Brought back to the United States recently from the Fiji islands by Rev. A. J. LaPlante, for ten years a missionary there, this photograph shows one of the strange customs of the island. Fiji islanders trap sharks in long woven nets. Wading into the trap, the natives pick up the sharks by their tails and kiss them on the upturned bellies. After this mysterious kiss the sharks show no signs of life.

ing dates are from April 15 to 30, and in the mountain region they can be planted anytime after May 1. In all cases, the exact time of planting will be governed to some extent by local conditions, such as elevation, windbreaks, and protection afforded by large bodies of water.

Early Grazing Is Bad For Pastures

Tender young grass growing in permanent pastures early in the spring looks mighty good, but it's not quite good enough to eat.

The early growth contains only a small percentage of nutrients and cattle cannot eat enough to maintain their body weight and keep up a heavy milk flow, said John A. Arev, of State college.

In her attempt to satisfy her hunger, a cow often eats weeds and buds in sufficient quantities to give her milk an unpalatable flavor. Such milk is not marketable.

Early grazing is bad for the pasture, too, Arev went on. When the first growth is grazed, the grass is damaged in two ways.

The grass needs the early leaves to manufacture plant food, make a vigorous growth, and develop good root systems. If the first growth is grazed off, the pasture will fail to produce good grazing through the summer.

Usually the soil is soft and damp in the early spring. When cattle trample over a soft, moist clay soil they cut it up into clods that will dry out hard, and at the same time they damage the grass roots with their hooves.

If possible, cattle should be grazed on a temporary pasture until the permanent pasture grasses have become well established in a firm soil. Rye and crimson clover, or wheat, barley, and crimson clover make good temporary pastures.

Where no temporary pasturage is available, hay and silage should be fed until the permanent pastures are ready for grazing.

Marine Corps Soliciting Recruits

A limited number of vacancies for the United States Marine corps will be filled at the Marine recruiting station, Postoffice Building, Savannah, Ga., during the month of April, it was announced by Captain A. C. Small, officer in charge.

Young men between 18 and 25 years of age, ranging in height from five feet four inches to six feet two inches with corresponding weights, sound physiques, and a fair education come within the category of those eligible to receive the opportunities offered by the United States Marines.

The Savannah office considers applicants from Florida, North and South Carolina and Southeastern Georgia.

Full information and application blanks may be obtained by writing or visiting the Marine recruiting station, Savannah, Ga.

Singers To Meet At Burningtown April 17

The third Sunday afternoon singing of the northern division Macon county annual convention will meet with the Burningtown Baptist church on the 17th of April, beginning at 1 p. m., it was announced by Walter H. Dalton, president.

All choirs, quartets, duets and soloists and all persons interested in singing are invited to attend.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their many deeds of kindness and sympathy shown us through the sickness and death of our dear husband and father. Also for the beautiful floral offerings.

MRS. E. D. TALLENT
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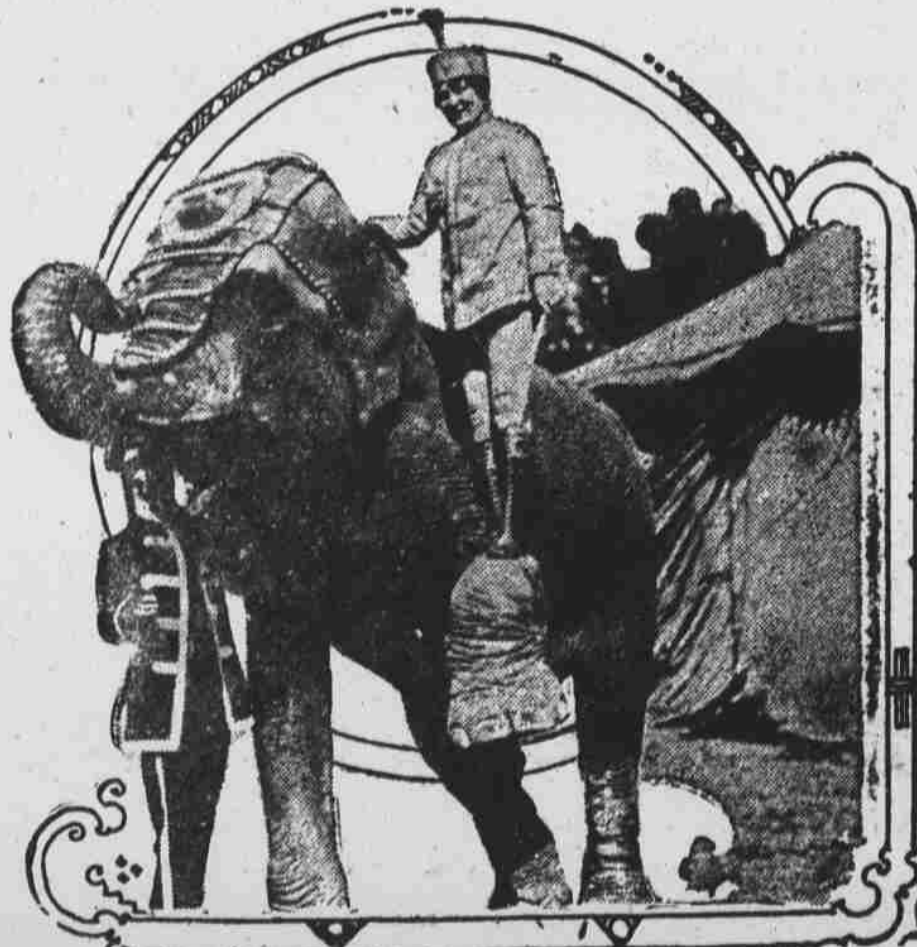
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