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Citizens Can Give Great Aid In Decreasing Forest Fires

According to County Forest Warden Bryson, of Macon county, during the first six months of 1938, the state forest service reported 455 forest fires in Western North Carolina. Of these 455 fires, three were caused by lightning. In other words, 453 of the fires were man-caused and thereby preventable.

These 453 man-caused fires cost the state and counties of Western North Carolina thousands of dollars in damage to timber and wild life to say nothing of the effect that fires have on soil erosion, and the aesthetic value of our woodland.

During the summer months in Western North Carolina, our forest floor is covered with a carpet of green vegetation. The trees are covered with green foliage. Consequently, the forest is rendered fairly safe insofar as forest fires are concerned. Already with the first signs of Fall and Winter, the grasses in the forests are dying and the foliage is losing its glassy green color and beginning to fall. Therefore, the floor of the forest will soon be covered with a layer of dead and highly inflammable material subject again to the risk of more man-caused forest fires.

It is encouraging, however, to know that the number of the man-caused fires in Western North Carolina for the past several years have been steadily decreasing. Citizens of Macon county, can render valuable assistance to the county, state and forest warden organization in bringing about a still further decrease in our losses from forest fires. Here are a few of the ways:

1. Don't toss a lighted cigarette or match out of your car. To do so, your cigarette or match may land in inflammable material causing a disastrous fire.
2. While hunting, be sure that your match and cigarette are fully extinguished before you throw them away. Also be sure that, when your pipe is emptied, the contents are completely extinguished.
3. In building warming and camping fires, be sure that you have complied with the state laws. To build such a fire, the state law requires that you clear away all inflammable and combustible material for a space of 10 feet surrounding the place where such fire is kindled and that the fire be fully extinguished before leaving.
4. Before burning debris of any kind, secure from your county forest warden, or one of his authorized representatives, a burning permit. The state law on this is as follows:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to start or cause to be started any fire or ignite any material in any of the areas of woodlands under the protection of the state forest service or within 500 feet of any such protected area, between the first day of April and the 15th day of June, inclusive, or between the 15th day of October and the 1st day of December, inclusive, in any year, without first obtaining from the state forester or one of his duly authorized agents a permit to set out fire or ignite any material in such above mentioned protected areas; that no charge shall be made for the granting of said permits.

Section 2. That this Act shall not apply to any fires started or caused to be started within 500 feet of a dwelling house.

Section 3. That any person, firm or corporation violating this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined or imprisoned in the discretion of the court.

Section 4. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Section 5. That this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification. (Chapter 207, Public Laws of N. C.—1937).

Burning permits can be secured from County Forest Warden Bryson in Franklin and the following district wardens: Robt. Ramsey, Tellico; J. D. Burnette, Scaly; U. S. Forest Rangers and Assistant Rangers; all Project Superintendents of CCC camps.

5. After securing your burning permit, notify your adjoining landowner that you intend to do such burning.

6. Maintain careful and competent watch over your fire and never leave your fire until it is completely out.

7. Never burn near the woods or where fire can reach the woods when conditions are dangerously dry.

The state forest service laws are going to be enforced. Those failing to comply with these laws are going to be prosecuted. It is hoped that through your cooperation this will not be necessary.

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. What spacing is necessary in setting out young fruit trees?

A. Apple and pear trees should be set at least 35 feet apart and the peach, plum, and cherry trees as much as 25 feet apart. All fruit and nut trees, except strawberry plants, should be planted from one to two inches deeper than they stood in the nursery row with the hole wide enough to receive the roots without bending. If the roots are extremely long, they can be trimmed to around eight inches from the stem. Where grapes are planted, the rows should be 10

feet apart with bunch grapes 10 feet apart in the row and Muscadines 20 feet apart.

Q. How can I prevent colds in my poultry flock?

A. As practically all colds in poultry are started by drafts and dampness it might be well to check the house and see that the birds are protected at all times. Poor ventilation, overcrowding, parasitic infestations, and poor feeding are contributing factors and these should also be carefully checked to prevent weakening the birds. However, after all preventive measures are taken the birds often contract colds and directions for control are given in Extension Circular No. 154, copies of which may be had free upon application to the agricultural editor at State college.

Q. How can I estimate the amount of silage I should put up for my dairy herd?

A. The quantity of silage needed will be determined by the number of cows to be fed and the size of the animals. The average size Jersey and Guernsey cow will consume from 30 to 35 pounds of silage daily, while the Ayrshire or Holstein breeds will take from 40 to 50 pounds. For a feeding period of six months it will take from three to four and one-half tons for each mature cow in the herd. If a longer feeding period is planned, additional feed must be added to the stored silage.

Rev. Geo. W. Seay Calls Mass Meeting

The Press has been requested to print the following communication:

Editor Press: In making our tri-county drive from Franklin to Cornelia, Ga., against drunkenness and immorality, we want to hold a mass meeting for ministers and workers of all denomination in each county site—Franklin, Clayton and Clarksville—to discuss:

1. The need of increasing our efforts against these evils, and
 2. Ways and means of doing it.
- We want to hold the first one in Franklin in the courthouse on October 16—the third Sunday—at 2 p. m.

We cordially invite the ministers of all denominations and all people who are interested in making the country a better place in which to live and grow up better citizens, to come and take part with us in discussing these important subjects. Be on time.

GEO. W. SEAY, And Other Ministers.

BRIGHT OUTLOOK

Developments during the past month have removed doubts existing heretofore as to the substantial improvement in industrial activity, consumer incomes, and domestic demand for farm products this fall, reports the U. S. bureau of agricultural economics.

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