

### Get Permit For Brush Burning

Permits for burning brush, weeds and other debris must be secured from now until June 1. State Forester Fred H. Claridge said in a statement in which he warned of the approaching forest fire season and the necessity to guard against woods fires.

The State forester said persons who burn brush within 300 feet of wooded areas protected by the State Forest Service without having obtained permits will be prosecuted. Conviction on a charge of burning brush or other matter without securing a permit is punishable by a fine of \$50, or imprisonment for 30 days. The brush burning law is in effect from February 1 to June 1, and from October 1 through November 30.

In pointing out the danger that fire holds for the forests of the State, Claridge cited the forest fire damage in this county during 1952. During 1952 Martin County had

a total of 32 forest fires, with 12,340 acres burned over and damages estimated at \$70,564.00.

"The county forest fire ranger and other members of the forestry division of the State Department of Conservation and Development working this section are doing a good job in keeping down forest fires, but they need the help of all citizens if we are to give our valuable wooded areas the protection they need," Claridge said.

Safe hints for burning brush are: (1) Burn brush late in afternoon—4 p. m. and on—so that there is less danger of the fire burning out of control. It is dangerous to burn brush between 11 a. m. and 4 p. m. as winds are usually high and the danger greater.

(2) Before burning a field, ditch bank or piled brush be sure that there is no way for the fire to work its way to a wooded area. A plowed line is one of the best safeguards against woods fires.

(3) Have enough help available to confine the fire to the area selected to be burned.

(4) Burning permits may be secured from any forest ranger, dis-

### GOOD HEALTH



**Answer to Question No. 1:** Though eye accidents in children have been reduced 25 per cent there are still approximately 85,000 a year in the United States. These tragedies are largely avoidable. It is the responsibility of parents to protect their children when they are infants and to teach them precautions which they must take themselves in later years.

**Answer to Question No. 2:** Post-nasal drip is a reasonably common condition, and consists of coughing up a certain amount of material from the throat that has dripped there from the back of the nose. It is worse, as a rule, in the early morning, and it can

produce varying grades of discomfort, depending on the amount of the drip. It can even lead to bad breath, or nausea and vomiting. The only way to cure this condition is to find the cause. Consult your physician, who will study your case, and advise treatment.

**Answer to Question No. 3:** Freckles are caused by a collection of pigment in local areas of the skin, and made more pronounced by sunlight. Though some people consider them disfiguring, freckles are definitely harmless. This condition is often a family trait. It occurs most frequently in blondes and red-headed people. (Copyright 1952 by Health Information Foundation)

### Unpopularity Of Soldiers Abroad

An important conference was recently held in Paris, with officers of the Army, Navy and Air Force participating. The purpose was to study ways to reduce the growing amount of dislike of American soldiers and other armed forces personnel in Europe.

The conference was one of a series, which has been held at the instigation of General Thomas T. Handy, deputy U. S. Commander in Europe, who seeks solutions for the unpopularity problem.

One of the reasons for this growing unpopularity is the high living standard of U. S. armed services personnel abroad. Even the lower ranks in U. S. service receive enough dollars to easily outdo their native competition in the pursuit of female company, and this is naturally resented, in many instances.

There has also been the problem, at some times in the past, of the boisterous nature of Americans when they find themselves three thousand miles from home. Their conduct in such a faraway theater is often not what it would be were they in their own home town or home state.

Then, there are the irritations which cannot be helped, such as noise created by warplanes and military trucks, sharp price increases in towns where U. S. troops are stationed and the destruction of roads by heavy U. S. equipment, weighing more than the small European roads were designed to carry.

The studies going on, in an effort to ease this growing tension, are vitally important. Although liberation and wartime occupation is one thing, large numbers of U. S. troops occupying foreign countries in peacetime present different problems. These problems have become so serious that every effort must be made to find a solution and prevent a serious breakdown in relations.

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### Chiang Kaishek Gets New Chance

The recent announcement by President Eisenhower that the Seventh Fleet would no longer prevent attacks on the Chinese mainland caused considerable excitement in Asian capitals. The Nationalist Chinese representative at the United Nations, Dr. T. F. Tsiang, immediately warned that the lifting of the ban would not mean an immediate invasion by National troops.

U. S. political leaders generally expressed approval of the move, but foresters, or persons who have been designated to issue permits. There is no charge for permits.

although the report of it caused some anxiety in Great Britain and several other countries. The most encouraging reaction came from Formosa, itself, the only considerable land area left under Nationalist control.

A Nationalist spokesman there, who preferred not to be named, listed several important results, which could result from such an order: (1) The reimposition of the Nationalist air-sea blockade on the Chinese coast. (2) A stepped-up tempo of commando raids and air attacks on that same coast. (3) A resumption of supply service to guerrillas and agents in China. (4) A possible relaxation of Chinese pressure in Korea as a result of heavier security measures which would be required along many hundreds of miles of Chinese coast.

It is assumed that the Seventh Fleet might maintain its protective role concerning Formosa, even if giving up the responsibility of preventing Nationalist attacks against the Chinese mainland. Such a policy has many advantages which outweigh possible disadvantages.

About the only thing the Communists respect, either in China or Russia, is force. A blockade, the threat of commando raids, and encouragement to guerrillas on the Chinese mainland, are all arguments the Communist mind understands.

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### Keep Production Records of Dairy

Fredy Bynum of Route 1, Maysville, is the first 4-H Club member in Onslow County to start a dairy production record, but John H. Wynne, assistant county agent for the State College Extension Service, hopes he won't be the last.

Bynum has one purebred Jersey heifer now milking, but his goal is to have at least ten cows in production by the time he has finished high school. His heifer freshened in November but he was not about to start production records until recently.

During the period that records were kept, the cow produced 5 percent butterfat. Total milk production for the month was 650 pounds valued at \$60.32. Feed cost was \$10.40, and pasture was valued at \$1.50, giving

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