

# North Carolina's Forest Fire Record Is South's Worst, Over Quarter Million Acres Burned

### Report Is For Protected Woodland; Forester Makes Statement

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special)—North Carolina's forest fire record for area burned on protected woodlands is the worst in the South, according to a survey just published by the American Forest Products Industries, Inc.

Over a quarter million acres of the state's protected lands were burned in the twelve months ending last September. Only one state in the South showed a greater area burned, and that percentage of that state's area was in brush and grazing lands.

In addition to the extensive fire damage on protected forest lands, the report shows that more than 4 million of the state's woodland acres are without any form of organized fire protection. The high fire incidence on protected lands and the large area without protection, combine to create a major threat to the future of this state's forests, according to the survey.

Commenting on the North Carolina showing, Forester Charles A. Gillett of the American Forest Products Industries, Inc., stressed the need for increased public support for forest protection agencies. "There is hope for substantial improvement in the state's record

## BORN IN APRIL?

### READ THIS TO SEE WHAT THE PERSON YOU ARE

People born in April under the sign of Aries are said to be... (text continues)

They are... (text continues)

On the negative side, if you desire to help others, you may overreach and try to impose your ideas on people. This can be corrected by making suggestions rather than giving orders.

Your traits and personality make you suited for certain jobs and professions. You are an artist, actor, or...

in the opinion of the North Carolina Forestry Association, Gillett said. "That organization has voted to assume the responsibility for the sponsorship of a Keep North Carolina Green program. In 18 important forest states, the Keep Green movement has been made the spearhead of a drive for public education in forest protection. Through the work of these organizations, the average American is learning of the value of his forests and his responsibility for their protection."

"The first step toward effective forest fire control will have been taken," Gillett said, "when all of North Carolina's tree-growing acres have been placed under some form of organized protection. The work of educating the public in the importance of protecting the forests can then be effectively carried forward by a state Keep Green organization."

## Symbol of Passover



SYMBOLIZING Passover, the Jewish festival of freedom, which begins at sundown, April 4, D. Manischewitz breaks a matzah at the base of the ancient Egyptian obelisk, in New York City's Central Park. The occasion commemorates the release of the Israelite slaves, some 3,000 years ago, from bondage of the Egyptian Pharaoh. (International News Service photo.)

## Hunter, Killian And McDevitt Will Attend Conference On Vets

Dr. H. T. Hunter, President of Western Carolina Teachers College, Dr. Karl D. Killian, professor of Education and Psychology, and Mr. J. W. McDevitt, Bursar, will attend the Veterans Education and Training conference in Winston-Salem April 11. The meeting is an annual one.

The Chamber of Commerce of the City of Winston-Salem has invited representatives of the Veterans Administration and of colleges and universities in the state to participate in a program dealing with veterans' education.

The program will be held at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. The subject for the discussion will be "Statistical Education for Veterans."

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Jack Kirkland of Bryson City, accident case, showing improvement.

Mrs. Harry Parker, of Sylva, is receiving treatment. Thomas Norton Surratt, of Bryson City, receiving treatment. Robert Chastain, of Tuckaseegee, for treatment.

Bethel Gunneils, of East Laporte, is getting along very well following brain received recently.

O. D. McDonald, Cherokee, operative case, doing nicely. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Walker Deltz, of Cullowhee, a daughter on April 6.

A daughter was born on April 4 to Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Powell, of Tuckaseegee.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Roy Bryson, of Glenville, announce the birth of a daughter on April 4.

The twin babies, a boy and a girl, born on March 18 to Mr. and Mrs. William G. Estine are doing nicely.

## WHAT AM I?

I am a little thing with a big meaning. I help everybody. I unlock doors, open hearts, do away with prejudice—I create friendship and good will. I inspire respect

## QUALLA NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Buren Terrell of Kenley and Orville Terrell of Boiling Springs spent the Easter holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Terrell and Mrs. Annie T. Hoyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kinsland and daughter, Linda, of Asheville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gorman Kinsland and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Cordell of Sevierville, Tenn. were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cordell Sunday.

Miss Charles Snyder visited her mother, Mr. Nelson Woods, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mashburn and family were the guests of Mr. John H. Sunday.

The farm area embracing Olin, Waverly, Wayne, S. M., and other counties produces more than 20,000 turkeys annually.

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation has discontinued payment of 1946 crop cotton loss claims under the crop insurance program.

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## Miss Sossamon Gives Dates For April EDC Community Meetings

Miss Sossamon, manager of the EDC, has announced the following dates for the April community meetings:

- April 4—Sylva Home Demonstration club.
- April 5—Cape Creek Home Demonstration club.
- April 6—Cape Creek Home Demonstration club.
- April 7—Cape Creek Home Demonstration club.
- April 8—Cape Creek Home Demonstration club.
- April 9—Savannah 4-H club, and Beta Home Demonstration club.
- April 10—Beta 4-H Club.
- April 11—2 p. m. Balsam Home Demonstration club.
- April 12—Tuckaseegee 4-H club; John's Creek 4-H club; 2 p. m. Gay Home Demonstration club.
- April 13—2 p. m.—John's Creek Home Demonstration club.
- April 14—2 p. m.—Lovesfield Home Demonstration club; Webster 4-H Club; Cullowhee 4-H club.
- April 15—9:30 a. m. Dillsboro 4-H club; 10:45 a. m. Qualla 4-H club.
- April 16—2 p. m. Sylva Home Demonstration club.
- April 17—2 p. m. Qualla Home Demonstration club.
- April 18—2 p. m. Victory Home Demonstration club; 3:30 p. m. Cape Creek 4-H club.
- April 19—2:30 p. m. Cullowhee Home Demonstration club.
- April 20—2 p. m.—Cape Creek Home Demonstration club; Glenville 4-H club; Cashiers 4-H club.
- April 21—2 p. m. Glenville Home Demonstration club.
- April 22—2:30 p. m. Cashiers Home Demonstration club.

## ARGURA NEWS

Friends of Anna Sally Melon will be sorry to learn that she is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Henderson of Lenoir visited with Mrs. B. K. McMillan Sunday and also Mrs. Henderson's grandmother, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramie Mathis are visiting Mrs. Mathis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Melton.

Friends of Mrs. Tolvin Alexander will regret to know that she is sick.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bryson of Speedwell visited Mrs. Bryson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Broom, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Mathis spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Mathis.

Farmers of this section are taking advantage of the nice sunny weather, planting their gardens and preparing the ground for other crops.

## AN UNUSUAL WINDOW

Boyd Sossamon, manager of Sossamon Furniture Company's store here, is receiving congratulations on the unusual window he has dressed for the store. Hundreds of bamboo poles were used for the background, sand placed on the floor with a large mirror in the center gives the appearance of a nice lake. Surrounding this is a display of lawn and beach furniture and a boat ready for launching for a nice run around the lake in the cool of the evening. The window display will have a very inviting appearance these hot summer evenings.

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