

PULPWOOD INDUSTRY REPLANTS 26,000 ACRES TO TREES LAST YEAR

Last year the pulp and paper industry in the South was responsible for having one-third of the total number of trees cut for pulpwood replaced in pure plantations. This is brought out as the result of a survey made of the tree planting activities of members of the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association as reported by the Forester, H. J. Malsberger.

The members of the Association purchased 20 million trees from State forestry nurseries and raised 6 million in the nurseries operated by the industry. More would have been planted but the trees were not available. These 26,000,000 trees replanted at least 26,000 acres of poorly stocked forest and abandoned farm land. Seven million of the total were distributed free of charge to small woodland owners for planting, with the only requirement being protection from fire.

The remaining 19 million were planted on lands owned by the industry. The trees cost an average of \$2.50 per thousand, to which is added labor cost of planting. Practically all of these plantings will be ready for a first pulpwood thinning at or before 15 to 20 years of age.

The pulpwood cut in the South last year approximated 8 million cords. If we assume the average tree cut was 8 inches in diameter, 4 1/2 feet above the ground, about ten trees of that size are required to make a standard cord of stacked wood. That means about 80 million trees were cut for pulpwood. Members of the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association, who represent 90 percent of the total pulpwood produced in the South, were responsible for replanting 26 million of these trees.

This is a major contribution in assisting in keeping the forest land of the South growing full crops of trees. In addition to the replanting activities of the industry, it also encourages full fire protection and improved cutting practices on the 160 million acres of privately owned and naturally stocked forests in the area.

FARM SAFETY WEEK SLATED JULY 25-31

In proclaiming the period July 25-31 as National Farm Safety Week, President Truman pointed out that "needless hazards on the farms of our nation continue to cause thousands of accidents each year which could be prevented by a positive safety program."

Goal for the 1948 observance, which is sponsored by the National Safety Council and the U. S. Department of Agriculture in cooperation with a number of other organizations, is the elimination of at least 30 million farm hazards.

Each farm family is being asked to accept responsibility for eliminating at least one hazard for every member of the family.

The long-range purposes of National Farm Safety Week are to make every American farm and every American farm resident as safe as possible, to cut the annual toll of needless deaths and injuries to a minimum, and to make farm life safer, happier, and more prosperous.

Estimates by National Safety Council show a 52 per cent increase

in motor vehicle deaths to farm residents from 1944 to 1947. In other types of accidents, about 4,300 workers were killed and approximately 300,000 workers were injured in 1947. If the 1947 non-work toll was similar to that of

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FARMERS GIVEN WARNING ON LIGHTNING HAZARDS

"Lightning — nature's artillery — causes 37 per cent of all farm fires," M. L. Snipes, county agent for the State College Extension Service, asserted today. Each year, he pointed out, lightning destroys approximately \$20,000,000 worth of farm property in the United States. It takes the lives of 500 people, and injures 1,300 others — and the lion's share of these victims are farm residents, according to records of the National Safety Council.

This is the picture — correct and unexaggerated. And a horrible picture it is because the greater part of these tragedies could be prevented.

Lightning tends to strike the highest point in the vicinity. This may be a barn, tree, or a man working in the field.

"A building adequately equipped with lightning rods affords the best protection," according to the county agent. "If you are working in a field and do not have time to seek the protection of a rodged building, lie down in a low spot in the field, away from wire fences, trees, livestock, and machinery. Avoid seeking shelter under trees, particularly lone trees or small groves. Wire fences and machinery should also be avoided during electrical storms because they may attract lightning."

Lightning rods, he continued, provide good protection when properly installed. This means that the rod must have a definite connection to an effective ground. Periodic check-ups should be made to determine that the rods are in satisfactory condition.

The National Safety Council points out that protection can be provided for livestock by grounding wire fences every 100 yards. Metal posts placed at least three feet in the ground provide good grounding for fences. It should be remembered that metal buildings or roofs afford no protection from lightning unless they are adequately grounded.

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