

# Cooperative Forest Fire Control Plan Set Up For 'Fire Season' October 1

A comprehensive forest fire control plan in which several State and Federal agencies will cooperate with the Department of Conservation and Development's forestry division, the State's large landowners and forest industries in the detection and suppression of woodland fires will go into effect with the beginning of the forest fire "season" around October 1.

Announcement of the new plan was made by Director Ben E. Douglas of the Department of Conservation and Development. Douglas termed the agreement "the most comprehensive plan ever worked out in the State to provide for better protection of our more than 18 million acres of woodlands against their deadliest enemy—fire."

Cooperating with the C&D Department's forestry division are the following agencies: U. S. Forest Service, U. S. Weather Bureau, the Army, Coast Guard, Navy, and Marine Corps, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, the State Prisons Department, the State Highway Patrol, the State Highway and Public Works Commission, the Division of State

Parks of the C&D Department, the State Bureau of Investigation, the forest industry, and large landowners.

The plan, Douglas said, is the outgrowth of a conference called by Governor Hodges last July 12 in Raleigh at the request of wood-using industries of the State to see what could be done to strengthen the present forest fire control work now being done by the C&D Department and the forest industry.

"The private and public agencies, which have agreed to aid us in the detection and suppression of forest fires in the State, are to be highly praised for the services they are volunteering in helping us prevent, combat, and control woodland fires," Douglas said.

Special attention will be given to the so-called "forest firebugs," who deliberately set forest fires, Douglas said.

Commenting on the plan, which he and others worked out, State Forester Fred H. Claridge said: "The plan in itself will not extinguish forest fires, nor will it replace the use of common sense, good judgment, and initiative; however, it will be a valuable aid to the forest fire fighting organization in discharging its responsibility under the law."

"Economic Development of North Carolina" is the central theme for discussion at a State-wide institute to be held in Chapel Hill, Sept. 29-Oct. 1, with representatives of State, county, city and civic bodies invited to attend.

Invitations to attend the institute have been received in this county by public and private officials, who have shown interest in furthering industrial development.

The institute is being sponsored by the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina, the Department of Conservation and Development, the Institute of Government, and the North Carolina Chapter of the International Association of Personnel in Employ-

### ment Security.

Government Luther H. Hodges, top leaders in industry, and numerous others interested in the development of more industries and resultant payrolls in communities throughout the State will take part in the three-day sessions of the institute.

In letters inviting and urging private, public and civic leaders to attend and take part in the institute sessions, Director Ben E. Douglas of the Department of Conservation and Development said the discussions and planning "can be of lasting benefit to those working to help build a bigger, better, and stronger North Carolina."

### CP&L Lends N.C. \$50,000 For Plants

Directors of Carolina Power & Light Company have subscribed \$50,000 of stock in the Business Development Corporation of North Carolina, which was recently chartered to promote the Governor's Small Industries Plan.

The subscription—largest thus far received—was announced this week by Governor Luther H. Hodges.

The Governor said that Louis V. Sutton, CP&L president, commented in advising him of the board's action, "We are glad to

share in this vital venture. Our business is to build the territory we serve and to increase its prosperity. Your aims are consistent with the industrial and agricultural development efforts to which a full-time department of our company has devoted its energy for years. We are proud to become a part of a project which should benefit all North Carolina."

As for himself, said the Governor, he is "very pleased to see such enlightened companies as Carolina Power & Light taking an active part in this program.

"We are all familiar with the Carolina Power & Light Fine Carolina program and its efforts in

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reational areas. New and recently improved roads make the 1955 autumn color show more accessible than ever, and scenic loop trips can include both paved main highways and well maintained highways and well maintained Forest Service roads. Hiking trails add further interest, encouraging community develop-

ment through voluntary and cooperative projects," Hodges said. "This subscription in the Business Development Corporation is another indication of the public-spirited attitude of this company."

### Haywood Pupils Invited To See UNC Planetarium

Haywood County School teachers and principals this week were advised that the Morehead Planetarium on the University of North Carolina campus at Chapel Hill has arranged a series of eight programs especially designed for presentation to school children of all ages during the ensuing scholastic year.

The programs were arranged in cooperation with the N. C. Depart-

ment of Public Instruction will be presented every day and Thursday at 10:22 p.m.

Because of the attendance of these special performance year, which was the first special school shows, order to insure accommodations for groups coming to Chapel Hill, More than 30,000 children attended the special school programs in 1954-55.

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