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Gaskins Purchases Topsail Sound Pier

Charles G. Gaskins, Plumbing and Roofing Contractor of Surf City, North Carolina, recently purchased the Topsail Sound Pier on Topsail Island. The Topsail Sound Pier now is many as the "Little Pier" was the first fishing pier built on Topsail Island in the early days. It extends into the deep waters of Topsail Sound near the northern end of the island where the N. C. Highway No. 50 ends. The remaining acres of the island which extend south of the pier are also property of the pier and have been used for camping sites during the past season. Charlie, as he is called by his fellow fishermen, plans to modernize this area with good roads, modern camping and trailer sites with water and electricity reaching to the farthest point thus giving the camper the privilege of Ocean Surf fishing on the east, fabulous fishing in the famed Topsail Inlet on the south, and excellent fishing and bathing in the quiet waters of Topsail Sound on the west. The pier is to be kept open the year around with its lighted decks, bait and tackle shop, grill, modern restrooms and showers. Fishing here is excellent the year around and even excel in the cold fall, winter and early spring months when the trout move in to the deep waters of the Sound.

In Fire-swept L. A.

Homes Rise on Rubble; Fire Hazards Faced



BEFORE: Photo above, taken just after last year's conflagration in Los Angeles, shows one house, protected by fire-resistant roofing, which remained standing, while nearby homes were destroyed.



AFTER: Same scene one year later. Scars still show, but new homes—with fire-resistant roofs—have replaced some rubble.

One year ago this month a conflagration swept the exclusive Bel Air-Brentwood sections of Los Angeles, destroying 484 homes—some valued as high as \$500,000—and 21 other buildings. Total insured losses exceeded \$24 million; the cost of fighting the fire was an estimated \$3 million. Miraculously, no lives were lost.

What has happened during the intervening months? The scorched canyon walls and charred rubble punctuated by houseless chimneys and gaping fireplaces have been softened by the quick comeback of green ground cover.

Here and there new homes going up on old foundations stand beside deserted ruins tagged with "For Sale" signs. Others, untouched by the fire, gaze out on the blackened chimneys of former neighbors.

Because of the natural conditions in the area—a vast, dense growth of the most flammable ground cover in the western hemisphere, and seasons of extreme drought often coupled with hot, dry winds that approach gale force—fire will always be a hazard. Added to these are man-made fire hazards, including houses cantilevered or built on stilts over steep, brush-covered slopes, and highly flammable roofs.

These conditions have long been recognized by fire authorities as extremely hazardous. For years the Los Angeles Fire Department has fought for measures to reduce the danger of conflagrations.

Despite earnest warnings and the terrible lesson of last year's sweeping fire, a few home owners have rebuilt their homes exactly as they were before.

But a recent inspection of the Bel Air-Brentwood area showed that most of the residents who were rebuilding had switched to fire-retardant roofing materials. These may be rock roofs, asbestos cement, tile, slate, metal, or asphalt shingles.

Property owners have planted fire-resistant ground covers and have installed many new sprinkler systems to irrigate the new growth. To ally major floods that threaten the denuded canyons, city, state, and county agencies have sown copious amounts of rye grass.

What Questions Vets Are Asking

Here are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to questions from former servicemen and their families:

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Second Annual Health Careers Congress To Be Held In Durham, February 8-9

DURHAM, N. C., Dec. 13 - North Carolina's second annual Health Careers Congress for high school students throughout the State will be held here February 8-9, 1963.

During a program of workshops and visits to medical institutions in the Durham-Chapel Hill area, the young people will be introduced to a variety of health professions.

Purpose of the Congress is to stimulate interest in health careers and to provide guidance in career selection and planning. Sponsoring agencies are the Health Careers Clubs of North Carolina, the N. C. League for Nursing and the N. C. Hospital League for Nursing and the N. C. Hospital Education and Research Foundation, Inc.

Students attending the Congress, to be headquartered in the Jack Tar Hotel here, will get a first-hand look at health professions by visit-

ing the Duke University and University of North Carolina Medical Centers; and Watts and Lincoln Hospitals here.

At these institutions, the participants will see facilities and talk with personnel in fields that include medicine, nursing, physical therapy, pharmacy, dentistry, occupational therapy, X-ray technology, speech and hearing therapy, medical technology, dietetics and medical record librarianship.

Another feature of the Congress will be workshops to provide specific information about careers in which students are interested. Consultants for these sessions will come from the cooperating medical centers and hospitals.

Detailed information and registration forms for the Congress will be mailed early in January to Health Careers Clubs, high schools,

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