

Air Station Forestry Personnel Keep Flames 'Away from de Dooch'

Cherry Point—Forest fires are not only a problem to state officials, but are a constant threat to personnel on the massive Marine Corps Air station here.

One morning not too long ago, an emergency flare, fired to warn pilots of impending landing dangers, struck a grassy section near a runway here and exploded into one of the largest forest fires ever witnessed aboard this station.

Before the alarm had died down, a small group of men in the station forestry office were coordinating the scores of men, tons of equipment and hundreds of gallons of water that were needed at the stricken area.

A few hours later, the alarm sounded again. Another forest fire had broken out in Havelock, endangering a number of homes, including one which had just been built by a local Marine.

The forestry office shifted into another gear. Weary, smoke-gilted men were pulled from the still-raging station fire, positions were juggled and equipment pulled from areas where the flames had died down. The men and firefighting gear were rushed into Havelock.

The Havelock fire was extinguished in a short time, but it took 12 long, choking hours to put out the on-station fire, which, without proper handling, might have wiped out Havelock and a goodly portion of the base.

It's not often that the forestry department is faced with two major fires in one day. Fortunately, forest fires aren't daily occurrences, if they were, forestry's 47 personnel would be ready.

Because forest fires constitute a major hazard in this area of high octane gas and concentrated housing projects, all of forestry's facilities are tuned for immediate action. All personnel, regardless of daily jobs, are rushed to fire scenes and heavy tractors and dozers are kept in top, ready-to-go condition.

Foresters receive fire-fighting training from experienced government Forest Rangers, who travel here to instruct them upon request. In addition, the station fire department gives forestry smoke-eaters lessons in how to combat fires.

As an added precaution, an agreement has been reached with the Federal Forest Service whereby Marine foresters will help combat forest fires in local areas. In return, government foresters will help with large on-station fires, as they did last February, and spot crashes. Often, forest rangers have spotted our plane crashes and dispatched rescue parties before local crashmen could reach the scene.

When they're not fighting fires, forestry personnel are divided into three groups. All the groups are under CWO F. A. Day, a busy man who flauts this multitude of titles: Officer in Charge of Forestry, Cherry Point Game Warden, Station Police Officer, Wildlife Conservation Officer, and, for off-hours, Scoutmaster for Cherry Point Troop 82, Boy Scouts of America.

Probably the best known and undoubtedly the hardest working group deals with daily landscaping and forestry problems. This group, under the guidance of T/Sgt. R. E. Garrett, is responsible for the transplanting of numerous shrubs and trees around the station and the maintenance of vast areas of lawn.

In addition, the landscaping group attends to four acres of nursery stock at forestry headquarters, conducts logging expeditions for the Public Works sawmill, furnishes firewood for various clubs, operates a carpentry shop and issues tools to the various barracks. Perhaps their most important job is the saving of property and wildlife before fires start—and the possible saving of pilots' lives before crashes occur. To do this, they continually cut fire lanes through wooded areas. Such lanes have repeatedly stopped raging forest fires.

The lanes are planned for a dual purpose. Besides acting as buffer zones for fires, they provide roads of access to crash scenes. Foresters realize that the minutes saved through use of these lanes might mean the difference between life

South Seas Epic



Debra Paget and Louis Jourdan star in "Bird of Paradise," filmed in Technicolor and coming to the East Drive-In theatre Thursday for a two-night showing.

and death for some injured pilot. Forestry's second group deals solely with wildlife conservation. The group's main interest lies in a fish hatchery on the station.

Hatchery personnel receive shipments of large-mouth bass and bluegills from federal and state fishing authorities. The fish are nursed into acceptable table size, then turned loose in Hancock and Stocum creeks for the enjoyment of local Isaac Waltons.

Injured animals also fall into the hands of this group. Kept at the forestry buildings, the animals are nursed back to health, then turned loose.

S/Sgt. J. B. Earle bosses the wildlife conservation crew. The third forestry department is Gunner Day's pet peeve, station police. Perhaps this group's functions can best be explained by Day himself.

"Policing is one of forestry's biggest headaches," he explains, "and it's so unnecessary." "We have 19 TAD men from station squadrons who do nothing but pick up empty milkshake cartons and lipstick smeared tissues thrown around by careless people."

"Nineteen men means approximately 500 man hours a week," he emphasized, "and 500 man hours could build a lot of fire lanes and other things that are really needed."

He concluded by urging personnel to use Dempster dumpsters and other trash receptacles. S/Sgt. C. J. Reberman, NCO in C of station police, added an "amen."

Aiding outdoor groups is a pet hobby of local foresters, the majority of whom were once forest rangers, landscapers, or florists. For instance, Cherry Point Boy Scout troops always find the welcome mat out at forestry. Aside from explaining many wildlife wonders to the kids, foresters also help out with overnight camping trips, hikes, etc.

But whether they are helping a kid win a merit badge or fighting desperately to control a fast-spreading forest fire, forestry personnel have the same main objective: keeping the outdoors a better place for animals to live in and humans to have fun in.

Water Pistols Banned
Kuala Lumpur—(AP)—It's dangerous even to carry a toy water pistol in Malaya while there's a war on against Red terrorists. You could be sentenced to death. Under the state of emergency, capital punishment may be inflicted on persons carrying unlicensed firearms. Although it might be difficult to class a water pistol as a firearm, it's nevertheless an offense to possess one.

Western Union Official Visits

B. G. Dopson, Western Union district superintendent for North Carolina and Virginia, conferred Friday with Glenn Adair, communications chairman of the Beaufort chamber of commerce, and agreed to request the Federal Communications commission to approve a revised hour schedule for the Beaufort Western Union office.

The revised schedule will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon, 1 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 6:30 p.m. At present the office opens at 8:15 a.m., closes at noon and operates from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

In regard to installation of Western Union clock service, Dopson stated that 50 customers would be necessary to make it feasible for his company to offer the service. Adair said that Western Union has 67 clocks in Greensboro and he doubted that as many as 50 customers could be found in Beaufort. The chamber of commerce chairman said that he expected to confer soon with M. A. Temple, Western Union district manager, who is expected in the county within the next few days.

German States Accept Free Schooling Policy

Frankfurt, Germany—(AP)—The American idea of free schooling for everybody has at last been accepted by every state in the U.S. zone of Germany. American officials have been preaching this idea to the Germans for six years—ever since the war. But progress was slow until the last year. Then state after state began to fall in line. Wuertemberg-Baden was the last to yield. It finally passed the law in August, 1951.

So far, however, it is only a promise in Wuertemberg-Baden. Its law provides that the present tuition fees will be reduced gradually every year for five years until they are wiped out in 1956. Bavaria, also slow in adopting the principle, has a law providing for free tuition beginning with the next school year. The free schooling extends only through elementary and high schools in most states. But Hesse carries it clear through the university.

Children must still pay tuition in most of the British and French zones.

Eyeglass problems are found to be four times as common in eighth grade as in first grade.

Plant Disease Clinic Does Rushing Business

State college's plant disease clinic, formally organized this summer for the first time, has been doing a rushing business.

Farmers of the state, plagued by crop diseases, have been sending in plant specimens at the rate of about 50 to 100 per week. Most of these have been tobacco, which has been hard hit by black shank and a number of other ailments.

J. H. Jensen, who heads up the college's plant disease work, says that by the end of the season, something like 1,500 letters covering disease diagnosis will have been written.

Although free diagnostic and consultation service has been available on an informal basis for many years, the plant disease clinic was operated on a formal basis this summer for the first time.

Under the new plan, 16 staff members take turns at conducting the clinic for a week at a time. Their schedules are arranged to avoid interference with their experimental and diagnostic work in the field. A trained plant pathologist has been on call during all working hours.

Both farmers and disease specialists like the idea so well that the college will set up a full-time, permanent plant disease clinic beginning next year.

A special room for the work will be set aside when the plant pathology section moves into the new biological sciences building on the campus next spring. It will be equipped with microscopes and other laboratory apparatus needed in diagnosis. There will be mounts and specimens of the different diseases, maps showing how the diseases have spread and where they are most serious, and a display of bulletins and other literature.

So far as is known, the new plant disease clinic will be the only one in existence operating on a permanent schedule.

Agriculture Scientists Say Freezing Tenderizes Meat

Washington—(AP)—U. S. Department of Agriculture scientists have announced that freezing seems to make beef somewhat more tender than unfrozen cuts.

R. L. Hiner and O. G. Hankins of the bureau of animal industry report that they studied the tenderizing effect of freezing on a variety of representative cuts from veal calves, 500-pound steers, 900-pound steers, three-year-old barren heifers, and 12-year-old cows. In general, they said, natural tenderness which decreases with age of the animal, was increased by freezing.

In these experiments all the beef was "aged" at temperatures just above freezing. Tenderness was measured by a mechanical shearing device. After aging, samples from the same animals were frozen and tested after thawing.

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College Revises Circular on Hogs

The State College Extensive Service's popular circular on "Raising Hogs in North Carolina" has just been revised and brought up to date, and single copies of the new publication are available on request.

Authors of the circular, which is 47 pages in length and is illustrated with photographs and drawings, are Jack Kelley, specialist in charge of extension animal husbandry, and H. A. Stewart, in charge of swine research.

Kelley and Stewart point out that the swine industry furnishes a part of the food supply for most North Carolina farm families and the income from cash sales is of considerable importance. Hogs, they add, are grown in every Tar Heel community and in 1950 the state ranked second in the South and 15th in the nation in number

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Building Last Month Costs \$8,700

Permits issued by A. B. Roberts, building inspector for Morehead City for the month of September show another slump in building activities. Estimated cost of new buildings amounted to \$8,700. This is a slight increase over the month of August which had a total of only \$4,900.

Permits cover the buildings of four small houses and a garage apartment, as follows: Clyde Edwards, Bay street, \$300; C. H. Piner, 14th street, \$450; H. K. Williams, Bridges street, \$2,400; J. W. Guthrie, 10th street, \$400; George Merton, 23rd street, garage apartment, \$2,400. Charles Markey, building for a barber shop, \$500.

of hogs produced. The circular covers such points as selection of stock, sow testing, management of the breeding herd, care at farrowing time, feed requirements, shade, sanitation, and preventing losses at marketing time.

Good pasture, say Kelley and Stewart, is the cheapest single source of feed for hogs. On the basis of experience and experimental results, Ladino clover is the best single grazing plant for swine. Single copies of "Raising Hogs in North Carolina" issued as Extension Circular No. 238 (Revised), may be obtained from the local county agent or by writing the Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh.

Repairs: Mrs. Iona Ballou, \$2,000 and B. D. Tillery, \$250.

The corresponding month for last year show the issuing of permits amounting to \$76,400 with a total for the first nine months of 1950 of \$531,250. Total for the current nine months is \$398,584.

Government restrictions went into effect Oct. 1 under the controlled materials plan which covers many items of building material for which special permits will have to be obtained where any large amount is needed. The start of government restrictions is not expected to effect building now under construction.

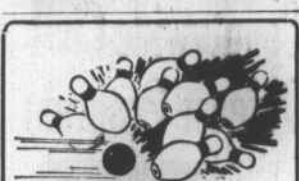
Squash Salad

For a different kind of salad scrub Zucchini squash clean but do not peel; slice and cook briefly just until tender-crisp. Drain and marinate in French dressing before serving on salad greens.

CITY
Last Day
Robert Mitchum
Jane Russell
"His Kind of Woman"
WEDNESDAY
ESTHER WILLIAMS
"Three Husbands"
THURS. - FRI.
"I WAS A COMMUNIST FOR THE FBI"

Because of differences in elevation, New Mexico has climates comparable to the lower Hudson Bay area and to that of New Orleans.

MOREHEAD
Last Times Today
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