

**Rain Stopped Firemen**

Salem, Ore. (AP)—Owners of several old buildings donated them to let firemen set small fires and experiment with new spray meth-

ods of fighting blazes. The firemen had such a tough time getting fires started in one rain-soaked building they put off further attempts until a little sunshine makes the job less difficult.

**TV Station with NBC Hookup to Open Soon**

A twist of a dial will bring a new television station with its NBC network hookup to Eastern North Carolina's television audience in September when the television station's transmitting tower and building are built at Grifton and the necessary equipment installed.

This was announced today by an official of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co., who added that the telephone company was proceeding according to schedule with its plans to provide network facilities for the new television station. The video, or picture portion, of network programs will be transmitted from the telephone company's 318 foot micro-wave tower at Castoria, near Snow Hill, for a distance of some 20 miles to the transmitting tower of WITN located at Grifton. The Castoria tower was constructed in 1953 for the provision of network facilities for WNCT at Greenville.

Micro-wave signals from the Castoria tower will strike a reflector mounted some 180 feet up on the WITN transmitting tower and be directed to an 8-foot saucer-shaped disc at the bottom of the tower. Micro-wave signals from this disc will in turn be funneled into the transmitting station to be radiated out through the transmitting tower to the television sets of Eastern North Carolina.

The Castoria tower will receive the micro-wave signals from a series of similar towers beginning at Westover, near Raleigh where contact will be made with national network facilities. These micro-wave towers, located at 20 to 25 mile intervals, act as booster stations and relay the television signals from one tower to the next until they arrive at their destination.

The towers which will transmit the picture to WITN are located near Westover, Smithfield, Goldsboro and at Castoria.

And while the network pictures will be transmitted by micro-wave, the audio, or sound, will be transmitted over land lines provided by telephone companies.

Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co. will provide the land line facilities from Goldsboro to Grifton while American Telephone and Telegraph Co. will deliver their work audio to Goldsboro from the main north-south network facilities.

Existing cable from the exchange at Grifton will be extended by the Carolina Company to carry the last lap of the audio link to the transmitter site located some two miles out of Grifton on the Vanceboro Highway.

WITN studios and offices are at Washington.

**Writer Submits Idea on Article**

San Diego, Calif. (AP)—Writer Perry Coveat submitted an idea for a magazine article, "I Survived Three Air Crashes."

The next day he flew to nearby Ensenada, Mexico, crashed, and lay in a coma for a week.

Released from the hospital after 14 weeks, Coveat wrote to the magazine again. This time his story title idea was: "I Survived Four Air Crashes."

When a four-lane highway is built through a rural area, every mile of road requires the equivalent of 40 acres of farm land.

**Northern Coastal Forest Area Increases 9 Per Cent**

In 23 counties in the northern coastal plain of North Carolina, forests occupy two-thirds of the land. Since 1937, the acreage of forest land has increased 9 per cent, according to a recent forest survey made by the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station of the U. S. Forest Service and the Division of Forestry of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development.

Despite the over-all increase in forest land, the survey found that pine stands have been cut heavily

and actually show a decrease in area. Conversion of pine types to hardwoods has shown up as a persistent trend in the coastal plain area of North Carolina and in other areas of the southeast as well.

It usually occurs when the more valuable pine species are cut out of mixed stands, leaving hardwoods to occupy the available growing space. To make matters worse, the residual hardwood stands often contain a high proportion of poor-quality material.

Young pine trees are on the in-

crease—for instance 150 million more pine saplings in the 23 northeastern counties than 17 years ago. Young hardwoods have increased even more. The extensive areas of young trees are a very valuable reservoir of future material, provided fires can be kept out.

Loblolly pine is by far the most important timber tree in the northern coastal plain. Its volume is in excess of seven billion board-foot, and it comprises 45 per cent

of the area's sawtimber volume. Pond pine sawtimber sizes are on the upswing—probably because this species grows in wet or swampy places and is thus more difficult to log. The recently-issued Forest Survey Release No. 45, "Forest Statistics for the Northern Coastal Plain of North Carolina," containing charts, maps, and figures on forest trends in this area can be obtained free of charge by writing to Forest Survey, Box 2570, Asheville, N. C.

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**Navy Wants Reserves Active**

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