

Most Farm Fires Are Preventable

Because rural families cannot call out fire trucks just by "breaking the glass and pulling the hook," farm fires usually are more destructive than those in town. This is reason enough, says I. C. Yagel, county agent for the State College Extension Service, for farm families to participate in Fire Prevention Week, which will be observed during this week.

Mr. Yagel asserted that farm fires last year cost 100 million dollars, killed 3,500 farm residents, and injured thousands. Through fire, he continued, one can lose overnight the profit of years of labor—even in one hour a farmer can find himself financially ruined. Therefore, the agent said, it is wise to take every precaution against fire.

National Safety Council records show that most farm fires are due to eight preventable causes: Defective chimneys, sparks on combustible roofs, inadequate lightning protection, carelessness with matches, spontaneous ignition, improper use of gasoline and kerosene, unsafe stoves and furnace installations, and misuse of electricity and appliances.

The first step in farm fire prevention, suggested the Extension Agent, is the development of a fire safety consciousness and determination to work and live safely. When every member of the farm family recognizes hazards and unsafe practices, corrective measures can be taken.

Mr. Yagel emphasized that Fire Prevention Week is a good time for farm people to eliminate fire hazards in three important areas:

1. In the dwelling, by providing metal containers for ashes, storing matches out of reach of children, and avoiding use of gasoline or kerosene in starting fires.

2. On the farmstead, by making roofs fire-resistant, equipping buildings with lightning rods properly installed, discarding worn extension cords, and storing gasoline at least 75 feet from other buildings.

3. In the barn, by checking haymows for signs of heating, prohibiting smoking in or near the barn, and storing tractor or truck away from the barn.

BURGESS CLUB MEETS

The Home Demonstration Club of Burgess met at the home of Mrs. A. M. Copeland Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The meeting was opened by singing "Star Spangled Banner." Mrs. J. R. Ayscue read for the devotions the 15th chapter of St. John and led in prayer.

The minutes of the July and August meetings were read and approved and the roll called.

One new member, Mrs. Walton Lane, was added to the roll.

The time of meeting was changed to 2 o'clock for the winter months.

The secretary made a financial report and a report on expenses of serving the County Council. A collection was taken, which covered the cost and made \$1.85 for the local treasury.

Miss Nina Braswell made a most interesting demonstration on home beautification.

During the social hour Mrs. Copeland conducted a clothes pin contest, with Mrs. O. C. Perry winning the prize.

Those present were Mrs. Sidney Layden, Mrs. Winston Lane, Mrs. J. B. Basnight, Mrs. Irwin Whidbee, Mrs. O. C. Perry, Mrs. J. H. Shean, Mrs. H. S. Davenport, Mrs. J. R. Ayscue, Mrs. Walton Lane, Mrs. Tommie Mathews, Mrs. Howard Mathews, Mrs. A. M. Copeland, Miss Nina Braswell and Miss Della Overton.

The hostess served nuts, cookies, mints and bottled drinks.

Hertford Fire Dept. Reorganized At Meeting Last Week

Members of the Hertford Volunteer Fire Department met Wednesday night at the town municipal plant. The meeting was presided over by Fire Chief V. N. Darden.

C. F. Sumner tendered his resignation as captain of Company One, and W. B. Tucker also resigned as captain of Company Two. These men have served in this capacity for over 20 years with outstanding service. They resigned in order that younger men may fill these positions, with Herbert Nixon and H. C. Sullivan being elected to fill the vacancies. Both of these men have several years of fire fighting experience.

The present strength of the fire department consists of 21 men and it was decided to add four men, which will make a total of 25 active fighters. Since the department now has two trucks and a portable Chrysler marine pump, it was decided that Number One Company would answer all out-of-town fire calls with Number Two Company acting in a standby capacity for local emergencies. These companies will alternate at three month intervals.

The department will hold monthly meetings for fire drills and instruction on the use of the fire fighting equipment. Regular fire drills and inspections will be conducted throughout all schools in Perquimans County.

Fire Chief Darden requested that local residents refrain from calling the town plant for information as to where the fire is. This prohibits the local firemen from securing directions and location of the fire. Chief Darden has also requested that local fire followers keep off the streets with their cars, as this prevents the firemen

from getting to their stations. He stated that disciplinary action will be taken unless all citizens cooperate.

Sunday School Lesson

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Luther in Germany, Knox in Scotland, Wesley in England, Carey in India, Morrison in China, Jane Addams in Chicago, Niemöller in Germany—undergoing terrible hardships, but remaining true to their faith.

The similarity between Abraham and those whom we like to call our "Pilgrim Fathers" is striking. Like Abraham, our Puritan ancestors left their homes and their native land for conscience sake and sailed over a dangerous ocean to a strange land in order that they might enjoy freedom of worship. The first thing they did when they landed was to kneel down and offer a prayer of gratitude to God for their safety. Our country was founded on the faith of these pilgrims, who came to these shores, not to find gold, but to find God.

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