

Rural Fires Hit New Peak

Flammable wood shingles enable fire to spread readily from building to building. In rural areas, whole farmsteads can be burned.

An "epidemic" of fires in rural areas is noted by the National Fire Protection Association, sponsor of Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 5-11.

"There are more rural fires today than ever before," says Percy Bugbee, the NFPA's general manager. "These are small fires for the most part, but because human carelessness is the hidden cause of nearly all fires the destruction is incalculable."

Bugbee calls particular attention to the increasing number of electrical fires. Electrical fires have doubled, he says. Pointing out that more farms than ever before now have electricity, he urges farmers not to do their own electrical wiring because "an apparently simple, little mistake can result in a major fire."

At least 90 percent of all rural fires would be prevented if com-

mon fire hazards were eliminated. This Fire Prevention Week program is recommended:

1—Install electrical wiring properly. Only a skilled electrician has the knowledge required for safe results. Keep power equipment in good repair.

2—Smoke carefully. Never smoke in barns. Careless smoking and use of matches is still the No. 1 hazard.

3—Keep stoves and furnaces in good condition.

4—Protect buildings with fire-resistant roofing. Chimney sparks and sparks from field fires and trash fires endanger buildings.

5—Store gasoline and kerosene away from main buildings, preferably underground.

6—Clean up trash and rubbish.

7—Use lightning rods. Inspect rods, connections, and grounds regularly.

Colonial Stores, Inc. Secures New Home Economics Director

Agnes Reesor Olmstead, nationally known home economics consultant and editor, has joined Colonial Stores Incorporated as home economics director, Joseph Seitz, president, has announced.

Mrs. Olmstead, former home economics and food editor of The Atlanta Constitution, will establish a new Consumer Relations Service for the 350-store group with emphasis on helping homemakers make the most of their food dollars.

"Colonial believes that thousands of homemakers will benefit from this new public service," Mr. Seitz said in making the announcement. Mrs. Olmstead will continue her research in foods and the planning of menus, and will provide recipes, buying tips and other information for the homemaker.

Her material will be widely distributed through newspaper advertisements in the eight southeastern states in which Colonial Stores operates.

FAMILY REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. Moody Harrell were hosts on September 14, at a reunion to the family of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gregory. A picnic lunch was served on the lawn. Attending were Marion Harrell, Mrs. Ralph Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Gregory, Sr., Mrs. Leslie Davis, Gregory and Jean Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gregory and children, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mercer, Mrs. Edward Gregory, Mrs. Willie Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gregory.

About Your Home

By FRANCES BELL

Hooked rugs are enjoying a new burst of popularity lately. This is easy to understand for they seem to be at home with any type of decoration, except, perhaps the most extreme modern.

Cotton hooks will not last like the wool hooks, however, they are much less expensive—and to many of us—from necessity—this is most important. A "good" cotton hooked rug, if properly cared for, will give many years of service.

A few points you may be interested in concerning the care of hooked rugs will be easy to remember and actually are mostly common sense.

When moving a rug from one piece to another, never drag it—roll it up and carry it. When transporting your rugs, never fold them—roll them over a tight rod of newspapers with the right side to the outside. The reason for this is that as you roll, the loops spread and give and there is no added strain to the burlap foundation.

Never shake a hooked rug. Use a vacuum cleaner if the type cleaner does not have a beating motion as well as suction.

Home-shampooing is believed by many hooked rug fanciers to be superior to commercial dry cleaning. Even with fairly hard wear, this should not have to be done too often.

There are any number of good rug cleaners on the market, some to be used with water and some without. Try several until you find the one for you.

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HOSTESS TO ROOK CLUB

Mrs. J. E. Morris was hostess to her rook club Thursday night at her home on Front Street. Those playing were Mesdames Julian White, G. R. Tucker, R. M. Fowler, Crafter Mathews, Harry Hollowell, Archie Lane, D. F. Reed, Sr., C. T. Skinner, Oscar Newbold, Miss Mildred Reed and Miss Thelma Elliott. The high score prize and floating prize went to Mrs. Mathews. Low and bingo prize went to Mrs. Tucker and other bingo prizes were awarded to Mrs. Skinner and Mrs. Hollowell. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

W. M. U. MEETING

The W. M. U. met at Bethel Baptist Church, September 10, with thirteen members present.

The meeting was opened with all singing "He Leadeth Me." Mrs. C. I. Phillips and Mrs. J. C. Hobbs gave the devotional. The roll

was called, dues paid, minutes read and approved.

The subject for the lesson was Japan's Puzzle People. Mrs. Don Simpson had charge of the program.

The meeting closed with all the members repeating the Lord's Prayer in unison.

BRIDGE AND CANASTA PARTY

Miss Kate Blanchard entertained her bridge club and one table of guests at Canasta Tuesday night at her home on Market Street. Those playing bridge were Mesdames V. N. Darden, Charles Whedbee, W. G. Wright, T. B. Sumner, B. G. Koonce, Charles Henc, Joe Towse and Miss Thelma Elliott. The high score prize went to Mrs. Darden. Those playing Canasta were Mesdames J. C. Blanchard, Peter Bostick, R. M. Fowler and S. C. Wilcox. Those receiving gifts were Mrs. Bostick, Mrs. Wilcox and Mrs. Fowler. A sweet course was served.

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