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Farm Fire Loss Can Be Cut Sharply

Farm fires cost the Nation about \$100,000,000 annually says D. S. Weaver head of the State College Department of Agricultural Engineering and fire in rural communities and villages add another \$125,000,000 to the annual fire toll.

Much can be done to prevent fires, Weaver asserted. If farm families will remove fire hazard from their farmsteads, dry windy days increase the likelihood of farm fires, especially when crop residue and weeds have dried out.

Weaver points out that an intensive fire-prevention and fire-fighting program is being organized as a wartime measure by county farm agents, local fire and forest wardens, and voluntary fire fighting companies. The State College engineer lists six precautions to take in avoiding costly farm fires.

- 1. Keep supplies of gasoline in steel drums, preferably holding not more than 55 gallons. These should be at least 75 feet from the nearest building.
2. Motorized equipment using oil or gasoline should never be stored in buildings containing hay or straw.
3. Never pile horse manure against the wall of a frame structure. It may heat and cause fire.
4. Keep the interior of buildings free from trash, oily rags, and other easily ignited materials. Remove cobwebs - they burn easily.
5. Never pile bundles of papers near stoves, furnaces, or chimneys, and never keep them under stairs or in closets.
6. Examine the farmhouse and other farm buildings annually and repair faulty chimneys, flues, fireplaces and heating equipment.

OPEN FORUM

Dear Mr. Lynch: I sure do thank you for sending me your paper. I like to read it. Well for the Army, I surely do like it. For this is a nice place in Camp Chaffee, Ark. I have a lot of nice officers and lots of good boys. Friends and boys back home that if I want to live a good life to join the Army and come to Camp Chaffee.

I am in the third gun section. As you know on will be used in the Field Artillery. The gun section that I am in has very nice officers. When we get across we are going to wipe them off the map. As for ourselves we are fighting for our country and we are not afraid to die for freedom, and if we can't get freedom the 6th Division will die trying. We haven't forgot FEARS HARBOR. Yours truly, Russell Cobb And His Gang

Dear Mr. Lynch: Thought I would write and thank you for sending me the Kings Mountain Herald. I think it is the best paper anywhere and look forward to getting it every week. There is not anybody down here from Kings Mountain. I hope they send some of the boys that left there Tuesday, 16th, down here. I sure would like to see somebody from there. Tell all the boys hello from me. Yours very truly, Pvt. Harold J. Phillips, Co. B 14th Tug. Bn 4th Platoon, Camp Wheeler, Ga.

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A NATIONAL DANGER

Fires in defense industries are a definite danger to the war effort that must be stopped. Some fires have attracted national attention such as that which destroyed the superliner Normandie while she was being converted into a troop and supply ship.

In the long run successful fire prevention depends upon the cooperation of everyone within the community. Fire departments and fire marshals can't do it all. The individual must see to it that his own home and place of business are safe.

American high fire loss has at ways been a national disgrace. Today it is a national danger. When we fight fire, we are fighting for victory in war. Start now!

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER

If you have a boy serving his country in the Army or the Navy, whose life may depend upon the delivery of supplies to the four corners of the earth, read this.

In Portland, Oregon, where conditions are similar to those in hundreds of other American cities, a free-born American citizen answered the call for men to man a new freighter going into the transport service. He had waited around for some days before the ship was ready and when it came time to sign up was about out of money.

Words are inadequate to express our opinion of such a condition in a situation where an American citizen can't get a job on an American ship carrying American-made supplies to American armed forces that are fighting to preserve this nation, until he pays tribute to private labor bosses.

In a free country, a man should have the right to join a labor union if he so desires, and he should have the right not to join if he so desires. Certainly no private organization should have the power to deny a man the right to work in a war effort, until that man can first give a cash tribute.

Men are dying for the Four Freedoms. The least we can do here at home is to buy War Bonds - 20% for War Bonds, every pay day.

Lost and found columns of this newspaper are crowded these days. Every time an American buys a War Bond, the Sage has face. Buy your 20% every pay day.

Clifton Tomlinson, assistant farm agent in Wilkes County, says small grain yields are slightly under last year due to shortages of materials with which to top-dress grains in the spring.

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Chapter Four Marco Polo was more than ordinarily alert as he and Binguccio rode westward toward Nung Po pass with a column of troops headed by Ahmed's guard, Bayan. When they reached the pass Marco could see that the mountain trail curved into a narrow defile on the edge of a sheer precipice. Bayan suddenly gave the order to halt and Marco realized that trouble was at hand. The troops reined in their horses, all eyes turned toward Marco. Bayan drew his sword. Marco glanced into the gorge below, grimaced, and whispered to Binguccio: 'I'm going to try to get us out of this - if I can. Kaidu westward!'



What is your computer, young man?

Down to the very edge of the gorge. The animal reared up and fell backward. The horse and rider fell off from the precipice and disappeared in a heavy fog. He gave the order to march - back to Peking. But Marco had not fallen into the gorge. He had caught the limb of a twisted tree on the sloping cliff and clung to it with the desperation of a doomed man. Presently he shook the dust of the avalanche from his face and discovered up a little ways that what was lying beyond against the tree trunk. Then slowly, inch by inch, he began to make his ascent up the face of the cliff. Once he reached down into the gorge and considered. Secret passed from his lips.

Night, black and cold, descended on the plains of Tartary. Marco Polo and Binguccio traveled westward toward the lights of a camp. When they reached it they crowded behind a bush to reconnoiter. A voice behind them demanded: 'Know their identity and their names?' 'We are two citizens of Venice, on our way to Peking,' Marco told her. 'Take him to Lord Kaidu,' the officer ordered the guards. 'Kaidu's man?' 'Kaidu's man?' The captain laughed derisively. 'You don't know that, did you?' Marco and Binguccio were hunted into a tent and held there until morning.

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Dr. Mike J. Palmer OPTOMETRIST Examination, Diagnosis, Glasses Fitted 10:00 A. M.—5:00 P. M.—Fridays Only Up Stairs Over Kings Mountain Drug Co.

15,000 bushels of soybeans plant recently established a new record by crushing 7,000 bushels of beans and producing 9,000 gallons of soybean oil daily for an entire month. A candy made from sweet potatoes and another from 3 day old bread were among the wartime exhibits at the annual convention of the National Confectioner's Association in New York. In his lifetime, a human being consumes a tremendous amount of food. It being estimated that in 70 years he eats 1400 times his body weight, or 200,000 pounds, of material. Printed with fluorescent chemical, a luminous necktie glows brilliantly in a blackout. After exposure to light the treated pattern will glow about 20 minutes.

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