## Friday, July 30, 1948



LAST YEAR, DAMAGE BY FOREST FIRES IN THE U.S. TOTALLED 32 MILLION DOLLARS ... BUT THE GREATER COST CANNOT BE MEASURED - DESTRUCTION OF RESOURCES THAT TOOK NATURE AND MEN GENERATIONS TO BUILD, THE LOSS OF WILD LIFE, THE TOLL IN HUMAN MISERY AND SUFFERING



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## **Checkup On Ladders Is Urged By Agent**

"You may be heading for a fall unless you check your climbing equipment and practices used a. round the farmstead and in the farm home." That's what Ben Jenkins, county agent for the State Sollege Extension Service, said today in stressing the importance of avoiding falls by keeping ladders and step stools in good repair and climb ing them properly.

"Inspect ladders frequently for rusted or loose bolts and anils, cracked, rotted or loose rungs or supports," he said. "Make repairs immediately or get a new ladder. That's cheaper than having an accident."

Mr. Jenkins points to the suges-tions for the safe use of ladders given by the National Safety Council. They are: Firmly set the base of the ladder one-fourth of the ladFRE KINGS MOUNTAIN HERALD, KINGS MOUNTAIN, N. C.

## **Rush To Sell Timber Costs Farmers Money**

Tempted to unload their timber tock while prices are high, many Tar Heel farmers not only are ruining their future timber crop but are also losing money by rushing to sell at the first opportunity, believes John L. Gray, assistant Extension forestér at State College.

As an example, Mr. Gray says many farmers agree to sell every tree above a certain size, often specify a 10-inch stump diameter limit or even smaller. In most cases, he points out; this is equal to setting no limit at all since most trees below this size will not make ine 14or 16-foot sawlog large enough to saw out a clean 2 x 4.

According to Mr. Gray, two Edge-combe County farmers, Harvey and Porter. McNair of Tarboro, have found by experience that selective marking and cutting of trees improves their timber stand for future use and also enables them to obtain maximum income from their sales. Using the selective method, the Mc-Uairs were able to determine which trees should be cut and how much' imber they had for sale.

checking purposes and the other about shoulder high on the trunk for the convenience of the cutters. A record was kept of the board-feet content of each tree.

make offers, and the best one was covered in a written contract which protected the unmarked trees by placing a double price on them.

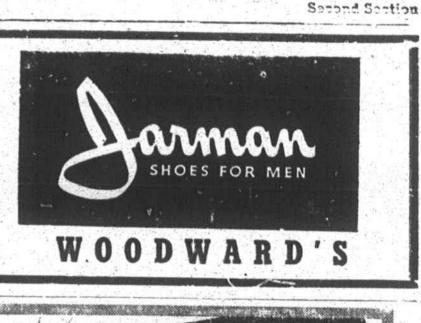
has been made, fine, straight, thrifty trees still cover the woods to grow to premium size and to seed the openings in with young trees.



Mrs. Lela Mauney Davidson of New Castle, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Annie Mauney Norton of Davidson, N. visited their sisters, Mrs. Alice Roberts and Mrs. Bessie Ramseur of the Ebenezer community last week.

As a result of the polio epidemic the revival that was scheduled to be held at Ebenezer Baptist church next week has been deferred for a few weeks.

Mr. Glee Bridges, a past commander of the Otis Green Post of the American Legion, installed the new y elected officers for the Owens-Miller post 338, Thursday night of last week. The officers for the ensuing year are: Mason Castle, com-





der's height from the wall. Face the ladder when climbing and use both hands. Avoid leaning too far out on the ladder - climb down and move theladder instead. Clean mud or grease from your hands and shoes before climbing. Use a rope hoist to raise sharp tools, heavy objects, or bulky materials. Ouen stepladders fully and place all four legs on solid ground before climbing.

Falls are principal cause of injury in the farm home, the agent points out. He warns against standing on chairs, stools, boxes, tables or make shift devices not intended for that purpose. Severe injury and death have often resulted from falls at low levels. A safe step stool for the farm home is the simple solution to this problem.

The National Safetl Council suggests thta step stools be checked for the following safety factors: Is the top sufficiently broad for comfort-able standing? Is each step light enough to stand the bounce? Are steps topped with a non-skid surface? Is stool securely built of sound materials? Does the base lie so that your weight may be shifted on the top without tipping the stool? Is it in good repair?

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