

FOREST RANGER INJURED BY FIRE TO REPRESENT N. C. AT NEW ORLEANS

A North Carolina forest ranger, who almost lost his life in a woods fire that was deliberately set, is going to the Southern Forest Fire Prevention Conference in New Orleans, April 13-14 as a living symbol of all those who fight woodland blazes in the South.

Paul Holland, now foreman at the Little River Nursery operated by the Department of Conservation and Development's Forestry Division near Goldsboro, is the Tar Heel chosen out of all Southern forest firefighters to attend the conference called for the Louisiana city in the hope of doing something to stamp them out.

Holland, who lost all the fingers of both hands and also suffered serious body burns in the incendiary blaze started by a woods arsonist near Asheville in late 1952, is having his expenses paid by the conference's sponsors—the principal wood-using industries of the South. He will be given a plaque at New Orleans typifying not only what he has done to fight forest fires but what all other Southern forest firefighters have likewise done and will continue to do to cut down losses from woods fires.

"This South-wide effort to be made at the New Orleans conference to make the public more conscious of the heavy losses in forest fires to the general economy is something that is long overdue," said State Forester Fred H. Claridge.

Statistics show, Claridge said, that 85 out of every 100 wildfires in the nation's forests are in the South. Out of every 100 acres of woodland lost to fire, 89 are in the South, and 94 out of every 100 fires deliberately set are in the South.

"Now it is conservatively estimated," North Carolina's State Forester added, "that for every dollar's worth of timber burned, seven dollars are lost to the South's economy in payrolls, income and taxes from the sale and distribution of the products that could have been manufactured."

A thousand Southern business and civic leaders, judges, legislators, prosecuting attorneys, other law enforcement officials, educators, and community leaders are expected to attend the New Orleans conference, Claridge said.

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MRS. OTLEY W. AUSTIN, who before her marriage on March 19, was Mazie Glee Tillett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tillett of Wanchese. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Austin of Corolla and is at present serving with the USCG in Charleston, S. C.

SPECIAL EASTER SERVICE AT FREE GRACE DISCIPLE

A special Easter service will be held at five o'clock Sunday afternoon at Free Grace Disciple Church in Manteo. A varied program of music, talks, pantomimes and other numbers will be presented by members of the Sunday School and adult members of the church. Rev. W. S. Keys, of Jamesville, will be present and a rally will be held in connection with the special program. Rev. Keys is regular pastor of the church, coming once a month for services.

MRS. JOANNA B. CAHOON OF KILKENNY SUCCUMBS

Funeral services for Mrs. Joanna Brickhouse Cahoon of Kilkenny in Tyrrell County, who died Sunday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Martha Hudson, near Elizabeth City, were conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. from the Christian Church at Kilkenny by the Rev. Walter P. Armstrong, assisted by the Rev. Joe Brickhouse; burial was in the Brickhouse Cemetery alongside her late husband, Charles H. Cahoon. Mrs. Cahoon was a native of Kilkenny and had lived all her life in Tyrrell County.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Martha Hudson and Mrs. Bessie Johnson, both of Elizabeth City; three sons, Lindon Cahoon of Fairfield, Kelly Cahoon of Englehard, and Bennie Cahoon of Boston, Mass.; one sister, Mrs. Natt Weatherly of Columbia; and three brothers, Ed Brickhouse of Hickory, Va., Ben Brickhouse of Norfolk, Va., and Gus Brickhouse of Fairfield.

APRIL FOOL PARTY FOR MANTEO REBEKAHS

Manteo Rebekah Lodge No. 51 will hold its regular meeting April 2, at 8 p.m. An April Fool party will be included in the program. D. L. Cannady will give instructions in Judo for the benefit of the members interested in this kind of protection. Noble Grand, Salina Midgett, requests the presence of all members, an interesting and educational meeting is expected.

APPLE SQUARES A LA MODE



Eight inch square pan; 9 servings; 350° preheated oven, 20-25 minutes.

Two cups crushed cornflakes; 1 teaspoon vanilla; 1/2 cup butter, melted; 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon; 2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar; 1/4 cup finely chopped nuts; 2 cups applesauce; 1/4 cup firmly packed light brown sugar; 1/4 cup sugar; 1 tablespoon melted butter.

Combine crushed cornflakes, the 1/4 cup melted butter and confectioners' sugar. Mix well. Put

aside 1/4 cup of the mixture for topping. Pat remaining cornflake mixture into the bottom of an 8 inch square pan. Mix applesauce, sugar, the 1 tablespoon melted butter, vanilla and cinnamon and pour into crust. Mix the 1/4 cup of cereal mixture with the chopped nuts and brown sugar and sprinkle over the applesauce filling. Bake in a 350° preheated oven for 20-25 minutes. Serve warm or cold with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream.

THE LOWLY EARTHWORM NOW BECOMES IMPORTANT

Both Fishing and Farming Give Him Special Consideration As Spring Comes On.

Washington.—Again with spring at hand, people turn to the earthworm as a lure for fish and a fertilizer of gardens.

Sometimes called fishworms, angleworms, nightcrawlers, dew worms and rain worms, the multitudinous wigglers have served mankind since antiquity, the National Geographic Society says.

Cleopatra guarded the rich Nile Valley worms as a state secret. Naturalist Charles Darwin doubted "whether there are many other animals which have played so important a part in the history of the world as have these lowly organized creatures." Others have called them the world's first plowmen, chemists, irrigation systems and fertilizer factories.

From burrows lacing the soil, the worms venture to the surface at night to feed on decaying plants and other organic material. Sometimes they drag the provender underground to eat at leisure. The digested product is a black substance called earthworm castings, a powerful natural fertilizer. Some authorities say that fruit and vegetables grown in such enriched soil have more flavor and often greater size.

Prodigious Workers
The worms' burrows help the earth to hold air and moisture. Upward of 50,000 earthworms inhabit each acre, Darwin estimated. Over 15 tons of soil per acre may be brought to the surface each year by the untiring "cultivators."

Earthworms came into commercial importance in recent years. An Ohio fishing-tackle firm recently ordered 25,000,000 loebworms (lugworms that burrow in sandy places) from England. Millions of Egyptian worms have been exported to the United States to fertilize soils. A Washington, D. C., fishing hobbyist decided to raise a few for his personal use, later to find himself in the earthworm business with an inventory of 2,000,000 worms.

An Arlington, Va., resident some years ago treated his barren backyard with earthworm castings. Today, tomato vines climb almost to the eaves of his bungalow. His flowers are the envy of his neighbors.

A New York City student earned his way through college selling worms to anglers. A "worm farm" near Hereford, England, sold more than 1,000,000 specimens between last June and September to fishermen seeking trout, perch, roach and grayling. The redder worms are, anglers say, the more attractive they are to fish.

To satisfy increasing demands, worms often are packed in tins with preparations that feed and insulate them from undue heat and cold. Tins for individual fishermen may contain only a hundred specimens. Huge commercial shipments for fishing interests and agriculturists move by truck or train.

Worms As Food
Earthworms live in all parts of the world where conditions are favorable. They have been found at 10,000-foot elevations in the Andes Mountains. In Australian worms sometimes grow 10 feet long as compared to the 10-inch whopper of the United States. Some peoples, including the Maoris of New Zealand, use worms for food.

Twin-tailed African earthworms have been raised at the New York Zoological Park as feed for duck-billed platypuses. The double-tailed kind occurs perhaps once among every 500 of the creatures. One of the worms, outdoing its own kind, showed up with three tails.

UNIFORM EXCHANGE

Through recent years there have been many boys, who, as they have grown older, have dropped out of the local scout troop and gone their separate ways. However, in the time they were active scouts, most of them purchased uniforms, and find now that they are of no use to them. It has been requested this week that those boys or parents who have uniforms no longer needed, give or sell those uniforms to Troop 165.

Those uniforms that are received will be repaired and altered and re-sold to boys who cannot afford a brand new uniform at this time or will soon be Explorer Scouts and do not wish to go to the expense of buying a new scout uniform. These uniforms will be appreciated by the boys. The money received from the sale of these uniforms will go toward building the campsite and meeting area of the Scouts on the north end of Roanoke Island.

Those having uniforms to give or sell at a reduced price, should contact Mrs. John D. Earle, telephone Manteo 188-W2 or call Mr. Earle at his office, telephone 236.

MRS. DOR. AUSTIN, NATIVE OF AVON DIES IN NORFOLK

Mrs. Dorcas Austin, 83, widow of Joseph F. Austin, died at the residence, 1404 West 37th St., Norfolk, Monday, after a long illness. She was the daughter of the late Washington W. and Mrs. Miller Scarborough, and was a native of Avon. She had been a resident of Norfolk for the past 50 years, and was a member of the Zion Methodist Church.

She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. J. E. Powell, Mrs. C. P. Laquia, Mrs. Peter Miller, all of Norfolk; Mrs. A. T. Smith, of Richmond, a step-daughter, Mrs. Emma Payne, of Stumpy Point; one son, A. J. Austin, of Norfolk; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

The body was removed to the Derry-Twiford Funeral Home, where funeral services were conducted Thursday at 2:30 p.m., the Rev. Earl I. Lewis, minister of Zion Methodist Church, officiating. Burial followed in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

AUXILIARY OF AMER. LEGION ENTERTAINS LEG. MEMBERS

On Tuesday night, members of the A.L.A. unit No. 211 of Englehard held a joint birthday meeting honoring the 37th birthday of the American Legion and the 9th birthday of the local auxiliary. Words of greeting were extended by the president of the A.L.A., Mrs. Lillian Spencer, Leon Ballance gave the response for the Legion members. Patriotic songs

were enjoyed and Mrs. Guy Gibbs gave a talk on the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, after which Leon Ballance showed slides which were very interesting. Two birthday cakes graced the table which was made attractive. Sherwood

Selby cut the cake for the Legion after blowing out the candles. Mrs. Spencer cut the cake for the A.L.A. Cake, coffee, mints and nuts were served.

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NOTICE

All residents of the Dare Beaches Sanitary District and others interested in a central water supply system and fire protection are invited to attend an information forum to be held at the Town Hall in Kill Devil Hills, N. C., on Friday night, March 30, 1956 at 8:00 P.M.

The Sanitary District engineers, Commissioners and State and County Health Department representatives will be present to answer questions and discuss the proposed bond election.

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