Goddard Urges Trash Clean-Up

Forests and Waters Secretary Maurice 'K. Goddard today urged all state citizens "to clean up trash and debris along all our streams and rivers.

Secretary Goddard said "good housekeeping practices" would "go a long way" toward preventing a rash of woods blazes as the forest fire season ap-

Forest Crews Fight Fires With Fertilizer

HARRISBURG - Strange as it may seem, the State Department of Forests and Waters has been very successful in using a liquid fertilizer as a fire retardant over the past several years.

R M Coy, a forester in the Forest Protection Division of the department has written an article for the Forest Service's publication, Fire Control Notes, in which he explains how the retardant is utilized.

A fire retardant, in its simplest action, renders a com-bustible just about non-combustible Basically, the fertilizer used by the department is ammonium salts

The retardant is mixed in varying quantities in the water-the mixture runs from five of water to one of retardant, to ten of water to one of retardant.

"Smokechaser" crews can pack five gallons of the mixture on their backs in pumpertanks and head for a point at which they want to halt the spread of flames.

The mixture is also put into air attack planes that sweep ever forests dropping the liqwid at designated targets of are. The department uses planes that can carry up to 1,600 gallons for smothering blazes.

A fleet of fire-fighting vehicles carrying large tanks can also transport the retarding mixture swiftly to appropriate fire control points.

Addition of retardant to water increases its effectiveness, since, once the water evaporates the fire will continue, but the retardant remains in the potential fuel until weathered or leached away.



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removed and burned under adequate care and supervision, it said. will mean less chance for forest

fires to feed upon."

Goddard also asked that, as "The recent high water de. the fire season does near, that out of hand." posited quite a bit of trash and all state residents be especially rubbish along the streams and rubbish along the streams and rivers of the Commonwealth,"

ter in our forests decreases human carelessness," he said sibility to help protect the commonwealth, the commonwealth, the commonwealth of the commonwealth of the commonwealth. Goddard said. "If this debris is from winter precipitation, the chances of fire increase," he

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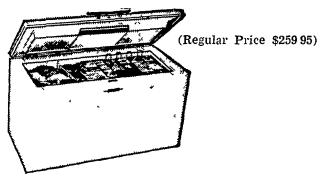
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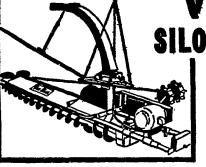
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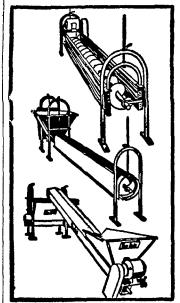
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