

# Do Your Part To Prevent Forest Fires

## RULES LISTED FOR SMOKERS; AVERAGE OVER 575 DAILY

### More Than Million Man-Days Spent Annually In Fighting Forest Fires

Every year America's forest and woods and ranges suffer an average of 210,000 fires . . . 575 a day.

Every year almost a million man-days of labor is required to fight these forest and woods and range fires. The labor is equivalent to that of 100 crews of 100 men working for 100 days in smoke and grime to chop snags and saw them, dig trenches and plow them, to throw dirt and pump water and chemicals, to surround every fire and after gruelling and backbreaking work, every fire dead out.

Common-sense everyday ways to help prevent forest, woods, and range fires, as set down by people with experience in forest, woods, and range areas, read as follows:

#### SMOKERS:

1. Stop to smoke in safe places that are cleared of dry or inflammable materials.
2. Observe "no smoking" rules in forests, brush, and grass areas that have been closed to smoking because of high fire hazard.
3. Break your match in two. Hold the burned ends till they are cold. Then use your ashtray.
4. Crush out your cigarette stub, cigar stub, pipe ashes; be sure they are also "cold". Then play safe again.

#### CAMPERS:

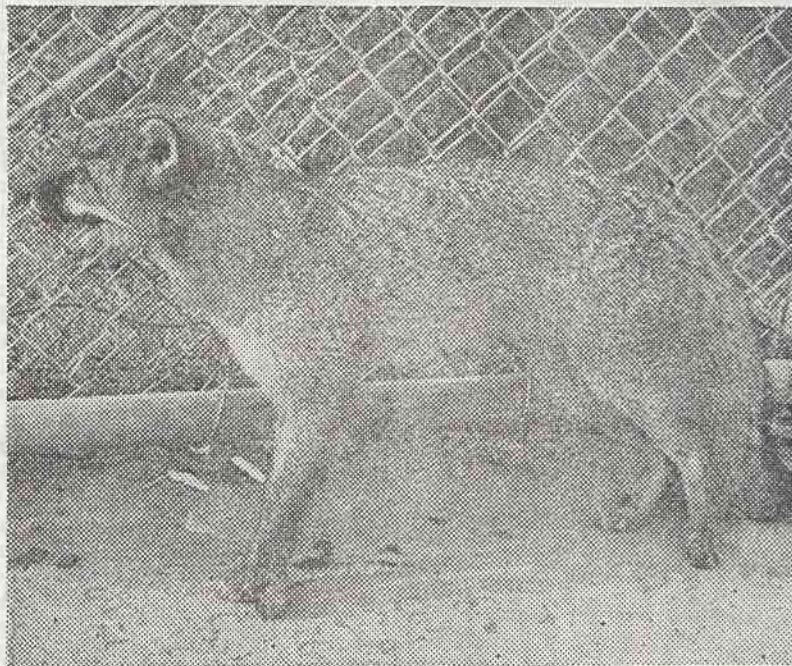
- Before building a camp fire—**
1. Observe the state laws. If a permit is necessary, get it from a ranger or fire warden.
  2. From a circle at least five feet in diameter, scrape all inflammable material away from the clean mineral soil.
  3. Dig a hole in the center—build your fire in it—keep that fire small.
- Before leaving your campfire—**
1. Stir the coals while soaking them with water.
  2. Then stick and drench both sides.
  3. Soak the ground around the fire.
  4. Be sure the last spark is dead.

#### SMOKEY SAYS:



If you want to enjoy the woods, protect them.  
Drown your campfire, every spark

## Caught By Furman's Trap



The gray fox pictured above won't prowl around the chicken yards of Pisgah Forest residents any more. It was one of five caught this winter by Furman Cansler, foreman of the Cleaner Crew, in his carefully-prepared trap which you can read about below. Furman's technique is obviously a successful one, judging from his success this season.

## FURMAN CANSLER SNARES 5 FOXES

### Technique Used To Trap Blood-Thirsty Prowlers Proves Successful

In a sports world that is so liberal with its rewards and championship titles, certainly there must be one for the "champion gray fox catcher." If there is, Furman Cansler, well-known Pisgah Forest resident and foreman of the Cleaner Crew, should receive due consideration for the title. His total for the season thus far is five.

Furman, who lives near the plant just over the ridge from Ray Bennett's home, set out on his campaign when the gray foxes began slipping down from their hangouts in the Pisgah National forest reservation and were taking a noticeable toll in chickens and small game such as quail. The rascals bark just like a fice dog and can be heard clearly on these cold, winter nights.

But catching these blood-thirsty prowlers is no job for a city-bred amateur, Furman hastens to explain. You must be thoroughly familiar with the fox's habits and instincts or you will be disappointed when you check your trap. Let Furman tell you how it's done:

"You must first dig a good-sized hole and get your bait together. Parched meat skins make good bait. The foxes are also fond of live bait, but meat skins will do the job fine. After the double-spring trap has been stretched a piece of paper across the hole and rake some clean dirt over the paper. The fox is particular where he roams and the space must be clean. Even the chain must be cleverly hidden. Place your bait nearby to attract his attention. After all of these preparations, your chances are pretty good."

Furman's technique must be one of the best—his crop for this season is good evidence. Those which Furman have caught look to be three or four years old, although one was apparently younger.

Some sportsmen who like to hear their dogs howl prefer to turn the job over to the hounds, but Furman's method is simpler—and obviously more successful.

## GIRLS WIN 11 OF

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- Ecusta 27, Brevard College 11.
- Ecusta 29, Champion "Y" 21.
- Ecusta 22, Enka 16.
- Ecusta 16, Hanes Hosiers 34.
- Ecusta 16, Asheville Bombers 6.
- Ecusta 17, Asheville Waste Paper 9.

Total points—Ecusta 250; opponents 175.

Willie Prince was high scorer for the season with 76 points, followed closely by Evelyn Taylor with 74. Other scorers were: Sarah Avery 30, Florence Snyder 30, Mary Alice Merrill 19, Charlotte Barnwell 10; Wanda Smith 6, Evelyn Morrow 4. Willie also tossed in the most points in a single game with 14 in the second Brevard College contest. Evelyn Taylor followed closely with 12 points in the Enka game here.

Lest we become too "offensive-minded" in this summary, we should hasten to give credit to the defensive stars who played such an important part in the season's success. When you consider that their opponents averaged only 14 points a game, you realize the outstanding guarding done by the entire team, and particularly Sarah Avery, Mary Alice Merrill, Charlotte Barnwell and Barney Sisk.

The personnel of the team is well-distributed among our three companies. Willie Prince, Evelyn Taylor, Sarah Avery, Charlotte Barnwell, and Dixie Whitaker are from Champagne; Florence Snyder, Mary Alice Merrill, and Evelyn Morrow are from Endless Belt; and Wanda Smith and Barney Sisk are from Ecusta. Barney had to give up basketball before the season was completed, but was a val-

#### EVERYBODY:

PLEASE READ THESE RULES—READ THEM AGAIN—MEMORIZE THEM—GIVE THEM TO A FRIEND—THEN DO YOUR PART. AND ASK HIM TO DO HIS TO PREVENT FOREST WOODS AND RANGE FIRES IN OUR LOCALITY.

uable member of the squad when she was playing.

One of the most loyal supporters and boosters of the team was Mrs. Margaret Head who served as scorekeeper.

On the center page of this month's Echo is a photographic layout devoted to the girls' team. Next month a similar one will feature the boys' team.

## Fortune Teller

The gypsy, the gypsy  
With magic-tinged art  
Said two would come wooing  
To sue for my heart,  
Slender and supple  
With eyes darkly blue—  
And one would be false  
As the other was true.

She told me, she told me  
That one would bring song  
And one fill with sorrow  
My whole life long.  
But there was an end  
To her clairvoyant art:  
She didn't say how  
I could tell them apart  
—Ethel Jacobson

#### EXPERIENCE

Wife: "Darling, I saw the sweetest, cleverest hat downtown today."  
Knowing Hubby: "Put it on; let's see how you look in it."

#### GOING CHEAP

Mike: "What are you taking for your cold?"  
Ike: "Hard to say; make me an offer."

It takes quantity production to insure success but the quality must be equally good. Take, for instance, the mosquito who lays more eggs than the hen.

"The triumph song of life would lose its melody without its minor keys."  
—Mary Clark Leeper

"Women can be just as starved for want of pretty clothes as they can be for want of food."  
—Lady Duff-Gordon.

## Smokey Says:



Whether seedling trees are hand planted or natural reproduction they must be protected from fire in order to grow. Young trees are the forests of tomorrow, promising harvests of valuable timber.