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## FAMOUS AUTHOR IS PLANTING TREES

**Hugh MacNair Kahler Is Setting His Land at Southern Pines With Pines.**

Everybody who reads the Saturday Evening Post knows Hugh MacNair Kahler, who for several years lived in Southern Pines, and who still has a tract of 100 acres of land east of the town. To be nearer his work, which is with the magazines and book publishers, Mr. Kahler went North, but he looks forward to the time when he can come back to the Sandhills and build himself a home on his pineclad hills and live forever after in Paradise.

Much of his land is already seeded to young pines, and on one piece in particular he has an ideal grove of several acres, and this has inclined him to plant the balance wherever the young pines are not coming as freely as he would like to see. So on a recent visit to the community he made a contract with Mr. Bowers who lives on the land adjoining the Kahler lot to go over the property and fill it with young pines enough to practically cover the entire place when the trees have grown to a size sufficient to give results.

"The Sandhills never looked so promising to me," said Mr. Kahler, "and if conditions were such that I could come back now I would be glad to. But a man can't get too far away from his work. But I can see now how all the dreams we dreamed of the promise of this section are materializing. I have been out over my possessions, and the picture from that fine ridge, looking all over the swing of the horizon, is mighty interesting. And the way the young pine trees have grown is a revelation. I see now what this country is for. I have no delusions about raising pine trees for timber. While that would be a good crop where the trees would have a chance to grow into timber it would be all right there. But here around Southern Pines and Pinehurst the pine trees is one of the greatest possible decorative features any country can have.

"The magnificent growth of the second crop of pines in the Boyd woods is evidence of what is ahead of this whole section if we will give the young pines a chance, and I am going to cover my place with pines for the sake of the beauty they will afford in a few years when I am so situated that I can make a home on one of the summits of my land, and live there in their shade and seclusion. All the desirable features of Sandhill life appeal to me, but I believe that the one thing that rises above all others is the green forest

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## DAIRY MEETING AT FARM LIFE

**To Be Held for Those Interested In Establishing Cream Route.**

There will be a good meeting next week for those interested in establishing a cream route through the Eureka and Vass sections. This meeting will be held at the Farm Life School at 2 p. m. on January 27. Mr. Arey, of the State College force, has promised to be with us at that time and go over everything in detail. "The Cow, the Sow and the Hen" program has been carried out well in several of the other counties as a means of combating low prices of other things. If other counties can make a success with this program the people of these sections can do it also. Please try to be on hand and bring your neighbor with you. Let's have a good meeting and see if we can start another source of income into the county. We shall be glad to have anyone else who is interested meet with us whether you live in this section or not.

## Patch Department Store



The picture above is the enlarged store of C. T. Patch at Southern Pines. Prior to the holidays, Mr. Patch occupied the addition which he had been building during the summer, and the store is now one of the big concerns of Central North Carolina. Mr. Patch is among the older settlers of the Sandhills, and has all his life in this section carried on a mercantile business, growing up from modest proportions to the present commanding rank.

Possibly nothing better indicates the progress of this community than the Patch store. When the first part of the big building was put up it was a monument to the optimism of the builder. But before long the second story had to be occupied by the store, and then an addition in the rear was required. That held for a while, and last summer the further addition running out to the corner of the block was taken in. The wisdom of the enlargement was apparent when the close of business in December showed

that the store had done three thousand dollars more than in the corresponding month a year ago.

When Mr. Patch started to build the new portion of the block The Pilot predicted that it would not solve his problem, for anything that grows provides the stimulus for further growth, and the fact is that Mr. Patch at the time considered whether to put off building that addition until later he felt it wise to build an entirely new big block on the whole portion of the square he owns, or fill out the block with the addition. He decided that the addition would fill the bill for some years. The situation that he encountered when he moved into the new section was that he still had too many goods to be accommodated by the added space, and the store is now as much overcrowded with surplus stock as it was at any previous time. The expanding trade makes increased supply of goods necessary, and that increased supply loads the additional shelves just as before the extra room was provided.

But the enlarged store is a thoroughly modern business place, and the selection and quantity of things it handles is a feature of this community. It would not be a very good statement of the Patch stores if mention were not made of Mrs. Miles, the buyer of much of the merchandise, for there is a woman who is a genius in selecting and handling dry goods and apparel. She has had an active part in making the big store the success that it is.

The Patch store is not only an indication of the growth that is taking place in all the Sandhills, but it is a help to the trade of the community. Buyers come from neighborhood towns to trade, and frequent orders come by mail from a distance. Then, on the broad principles of providing facilities for satisfying the people who winter in the town a store like Patch's has become a necessity. It fills a requirement that Southern Pines could no longer get along comfortably without.

## COUNTY BERRY GROWERS TO MEET

**The Meeting Is to Be Held At the Cameron School Building.**

At a meeting of the Moore County Dewberry Growers' Association in Cameron on January 10th, it was decided that the Association would investigate more fully the possibilities of track sales of dewberries. For this purpose the Secretary was ordered to write J. A. Bown, of Chadbourne, and George Ross, chief of State Bureau of Markets, and ask that they be present at another meeting to be held at their earliest convenience.

This has been done and that meeting is now called for 1 p. m. on next Tuesday, January 25th, at Cameron school building. This meeting, or voting therein, will be open only to members of the Association. But membership in the Association is open to every grower of dewberries. The fees are only \$1 a year and it is certainly worth that to every grower, whether he consign or sell his berries, to have an organization to try to solve the many problems of the industry that come up. Joining the Association doesn't mean that you are joining a track sales organization, but merely means at the present that you are trying to investigate the possibilities of this system to your own satisfaction. Don't trust to someone else to do your deciding and then "cuss" him out about the results.

Your name and \$1 may be handed to the secretary or D. McDonald at this meeting or any time before then. L. B. McKeithen, Secy.

## SIDNEY BLACKMER MAKES A HIT.

Friday night saw the Pinehurst Theatre filled to capacity, with disappointed late comers turned away at the door. They came from Dan to Beersheba and the plains of Esdraron. And the number was a larger delegation than ever assembled at the big front doors for any previous attraction. The play, "Love In A Mist," was the drawing card, and with the satisfaction expressed by the audience there was no doubt over the success of the affair and the pleasure given those witnessing the play. As the last seats were taken there were still a number of folks that could not be accommodated only to be turned away with keen disappointment.

The comedy had a local interest, with a young man from North Carolina, a Chapel Hill boy, starring in the leading role, sharing equal honors with Madge Kenedy, the well-known actress who has established quite a record for herself in her stage career. As Diana Wynne she is fascinating in the part of a misguided heroine who leads herself into serious trouble over juggling with the truth. Sidney Blackmer, as Gregory Farnham, was not easily discouraged and with persistency won his suit, and the women of the audience wondered if there were many men so endowed to be encountered in life. Anyway it was a good show and the way folks turned out to see it brought dollars enough to Charlie Piquet that his efforts to entertain weren't in vain, and that is satisfaction enough.

One hundred and twelve club boys in Davidson county produced new wealth to the amount of \$8,344.60 last year. Their net profit totaled \$5,061.91.

## SANDHILL POST 134 AMERICAN LEGION

**Sweetheart of the A. E. F. and Ex-Service Men to Appear Soon.**

Elsie Janis, Sweetheart of the A. E. F., and favorite of the ex-service men, will appear at the Pinehurst Theatre on Monday evening, January 31, 1927.

Upon that occasion Elsie Janis will make the presentation of the Post's new colors to Sandhills Post No. 134 of the American Legion.

The ceremony will be brief and impressive and we greatly appreciate Miss Janis' willingness to thus honor us at that time.

The Theatre management has very kindly agreed to donate a portion of the proceeds of the ticket sales that evening to Sandhill Post No. 134. Also special reserved seats at reasonable prices are being held for Legion and ex-service men. Further information in regard to this occasion will be sent to all Legion men and published in next week's paper. We wish to urge all ex-service men to remember this date and to make every effort to be present, and not only show our gratitude to Elsie Janis, but also help make the ceremony a complete success.

The honey bee is one farm laborer that works without thought of pay.

A field of alfalfa in Mecklenburg county produced 23 tons of cured hay on the eight acres. The alfalfa is being sold for \$35 per ton and is giving a return of \$100.45 per acre. How does this compare with cotton, asks B. J. Hunter, the owner.

## MISS JANIS TO APPEAR SOON

**At the Carolina Theatre, At Pinehurst, Monday, January 31st.**

From the tailboard of an army transport from which she did her performances for the American soldiers in France during the world war and for which she received the designation of "Sweetheart of the A. E. F." to the concert stage is the transition that Elsie Janis is now effecting. Captain Elsie is making her first tour in a concert series with four of the world's greatest artists and she will come to the Carolina Theatre at Pinehurst on Monday, January 31.

For her first tour, obviously the most important of her professional engagements, Miss Janis has arranged a set of numbers including imitations, character songs and costume dances. To these specialties in which she has excelled since the days when she was known throughout the country as "Little Elsie," a tot with pigtailed down her back, she has added several numbers which she regards as the greatest achievements of her career, among them being a wonderful imitation of Will Rogers. In view of the fact that Will Rogers is to follow her at Pinehurst in two weeks, this imitation will be of unusual interest. It is not necessary to take much space describing this great artist. There is only one Elsie Janis and in her career in the theatre, beginning almost from the day she was born and continuing up to the present moment without missing a single season before the public, she has appeared in every branch of theatricals and has demonstrated her right to the claim that she is the most versatile actress of her generation, equally as popular in London and Paris as she is in her own country. There is no gain saying that Miss Janis is supreme in American musical comedy and is now and has long since been regarded as the greatest mimic of all time.

Miss Janis is carrying with four of America's greatest Artists in Robert Steel, the young American Baritone, Carolina Lazarri, Contralto, Lauri Kennedy, the world's famous Australian Cellist and Dorothy Kennedy, the young Australian pianist.

In a letter to the local manager, Miss Janis, writing from Palm Beach, stated that she was looking forward with sincere pleasure to her first visit to the Sandhills of which she had heard so much and she was planning to get here, if possible, at least one day before her engagement.

That she will be greeted with a capacity house is a foregone conclusion as it will be one of the biggest events this section has ever seen and one to be long remembered.

## PINEHURST BOY SCOUT MEETING

**Held In High School Cafeteria On Tuesday, December 21st.**

The council of the Boy Scouts of Pinehurst had a most delightful meeting in the high school cafeteria at a noon luncheon December 21st. The following members of the council were present: Richard Tufts, Gordon Cameron, P. H. Stephenson, Elsie Keith, Rev. T. A. Cheatham, Rev. W. M. McLeod, A. P. Thompson, W. P. Morton, and Scout Executive Claude Humphreys.

After being served with a most delicious lunch by the high school cooking girls under the supervision of Miss Alice Barber, the council held a business meeting, with I. C. Sledge presiding.

The council unanimously voted to ask Mrs. Leonard Tufts to re-consider before she resigned from the council, and the chairman appointed W. F.

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