

(Continued From Page 2) poisonous snakes but did not furnish enough heat to kill the animals. It killed out saw briars and shrubbery that robbed the soil of killed the trees. It killed many the fertility that the trees should have.

In the vacant places wild grass and weeds such as beggar weeds stored up nitrogen in the soil for the trees. They also furnished grazing for the settler's stock.

The ashes from the burnt leaves furnished potash phosphorous and carbon dioxide for the forest. Trees do not get much plant food from

the topsoil. Tree roots are adapted to take plant food from the sub-soil.

They spread wide and deep and pick up the plant food that they require. Leaves and twigs fall on top of the ground and what plant food they contain comes right out of the sub-soil. I have seen huge slash pines growing right on top of huge dumps of sub-soil that had been brought out from deep in the earth.

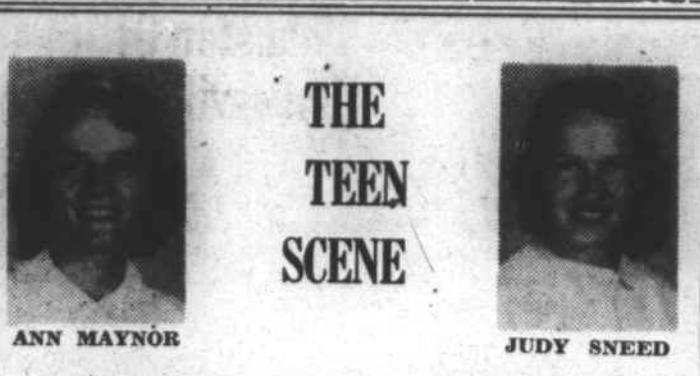
When the white man invaded this land of ours, he was astonished at the great trees and forest over

here. These all in spite of the fire. But now since man has put his wits into the matter down through There has been such an accumu-

lation of vegetation to undertake the years, it seems that our forests to burn the woods now would kill almost all of the timber in its wake.

Fire often does get out now and it destroys more timber on one acre than it used to under the old system on a thousand acres.

Henry M. Mason
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ANN MAYNOR



JUDY SNEED

THE TEEN SCENE

LAST WEEK "HIGH NOTES"

Murphy High Band is really busy these days, they have daily band practice at 8 in the morning, and at 2 in the afternoon, Friday they go to Cullowhee for the Spring Festival.

They hope to make a better rating than last year. The three pieces of music they will play are, Ponce de Leon by J. Olivadoti, Marco Polo by Donald J. Moore, and Pleasant Valley by Eric Hanson. The band needs and wants your support, so let's show them we appreciate them, come on out and give them a cheering sound off Friday, as they leave for Cullowhee.

D. D.'s

A new club has been formed. It is called the D. D.'s and consists of only girls. It is made up of sophomore and Juniors. It meets once a month, in their private meeting place, called "The Den". Dues are 5c a week, and members are brought up at each meeting to be admitted to the club. They have a devotion at each meeting, which is read by BECKY RHODES. The club plans to have a hay ride soon. Officers and members are: President, CAROLYN BATES; Vice President, JUDY SNEED; Secretary, JO POSTELL; Treasury, LINDA ENGLISH; and song leader, ANN MAYNOR.

Also, ANNETT WHITE, BARBARA GRIFFITH, GLORIA BOWMAN, BETTY WEAVER, JUDY

day. The party started at 7:30 and lasted until 11:00. Games were played and the group then had refreshments. Linda received many beautiful gifts.

There were some 50 or 60 guests, which included people from Murphy and Andrews. Those following were present: Linda English, Ronnie Brittain, Bill Browning, Betty Weaver, Romona Haggard, Becky Rhodes, Carolyn Bates, Ann Maynor, Nettie Sue Dockery, Lonnie Hoover, Don Amos, Bert Burchfield, Ruthie Almond, Jan Hogsed, David Hogsed, Kent Laughter, Jerry Pullium, Jerry Reilghard, Bill George, Dickie Higdon, Jane Van Horn, Gloria Bowman, Joe Bryant, Bennie Jo Palmer, Nancy Mills, Judy Fisher, Judy Sneed, Barbara Griffith, Roger Baugh, Judy Davis Joan Schmitt, Robert Schmitt, Ida

Freels Honored At Birthday Dinner

Mrs. C. B. Freel honored her husband and her daughter-in-law Mrs. Charles Freel (Lillian) with a joint birthday dinner Sunday at her home in Valleytown. The birthdays of the honorees fall on the same date.

Charles and Lillian Freel are students at Western Carolina college at Cullowhee and returned to Cullowhee Monday after spending a weeks vacation here with the Freels and Lillian's parents, Mr. and Mr. Lofton West.

Brumby, Judy Cook, Jane Cook, Patricia Moore, Lloyd Derreberry, Mary Lepsier, Ann Parker, Bobby Martin, Lavean Hinton, Jimmy Massey, June King and Claudette Carroll.

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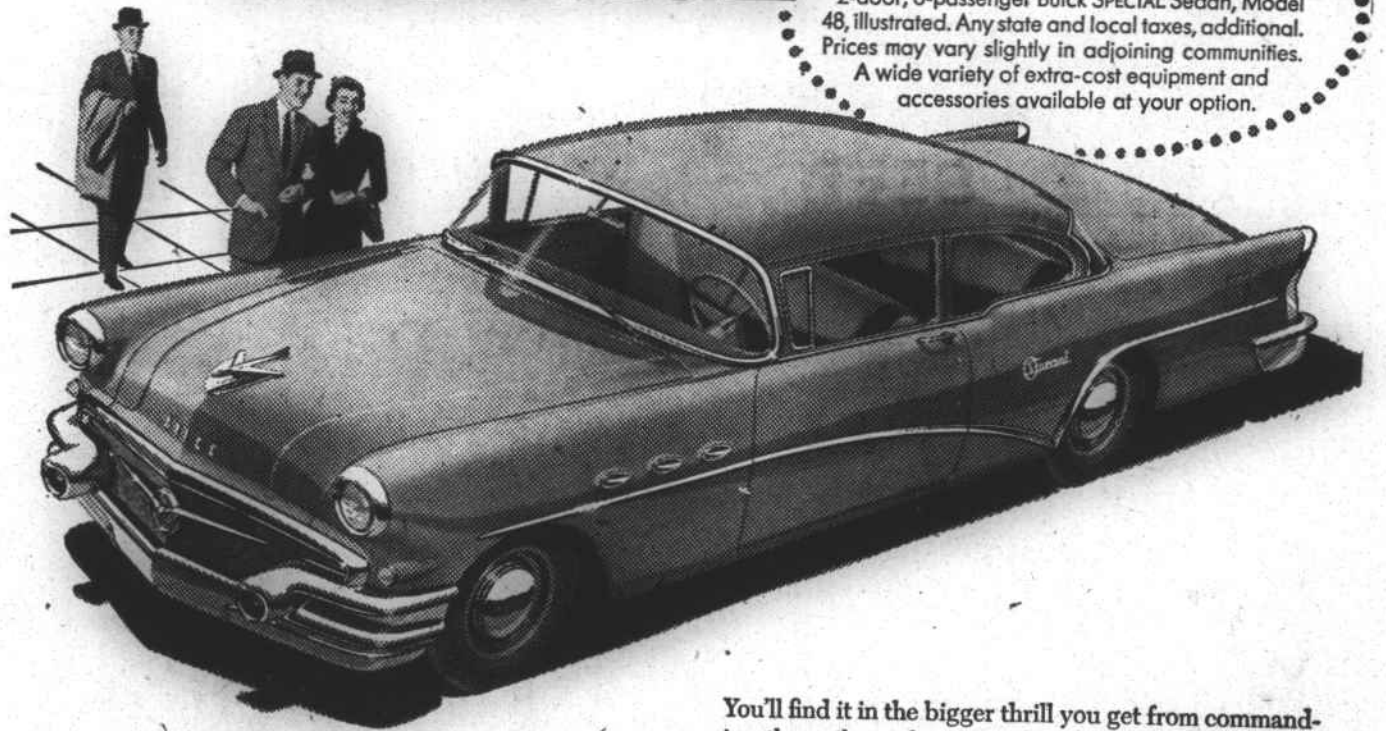
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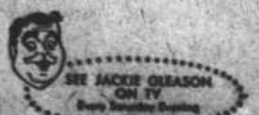
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