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Well, Colonel Dan Boone has made a quick trade. He has already sold the Costa place which he bought recently. The buyer is Leslie L. Savage of Passaic, N. J., who is also the new owner of the Lightner estate. Mr. Savage and his family are now occupying Seven Mountains and plan to make Tryon their permanent home. He wants to know which comes first "What the Governor of South Carolina said to the Governor of North Carolina" or "What the Governor of North Carolina said to the Governor of South Carolina". You hear it both ways. Who is an authority on this subject? . . . The heat wave is something fierce over the nation. Six people have died because of it in Chicago. The thermometer registers 110 in Kansas, 100 at Milwaukee, 102 at Aurora, Ill., 101 at Chicago, 100 at Denver, Col., 99 at Charlotte. Mrs. Junius Judson reports that it has been hot at Rochester, N. Y. It even went to 94 in Tryon, but the nice mountain breezes we have been getting help a lot . . . The French government is prosecuting former Premier Daladier and 16 others for putting France in the war . . . Air battles going on between the British and Germans and Italians . . . Young men with dependents not to be drafted for military service. The Willkie-

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Pine Needle Mulch

Mulching with pine needles, or pine straw, to preserve moisture and hold the soil is familiar in many parts of North Carolina, but this practice will serve another purpose, says W. D. Lee, Extension soil conservationist of N. C. State College.

A pine needle mulch will stimulate reforestation of eroded and denuded area, he stated. This has been proven conclusively in tests, and scores of farmers have reported a growth of pine trees in areas where they have covered ditch banks or idle fields with pine straw.

Lee said that the Southern Piedmont Soil Conservation Experiment Station at Athens, Ga., conducted tests to demonstrate this method of reforesting old fields or clay gull areas.

"Seeking an economical way of seeding eroded areas, the station mulched four clay-galled plots with 800 pounds of pine needle litter from adjacent woods. In five months, a healthy mixed vegetation developed, including more than 1,600 shortleaf seedlings—an average of two seedlings from each pound of mulch.

"The study will observe for several years the survival and height growth of the seedlings resulting from this simple and inexpensive scattering of pine needle litter over the bare area to a depth of about one inch.

"If only one-fourth of the existing seedlings live for five years, the area will be well planted," Lee declared.

In conclusion, he suggested that

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