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#### FIRE LANES AS **A PROTECTION**

The fire-lookouts, the organized method of fighting fire and the work of the CCC men on roads where fire lanes have been made and kept in shape has meant a great reduction in our annual loss of timber and general destruction from yearly forest fires.

When flames began to roll up over the McNeill and Robinson lands southeast of Southern Pines early this week, a force of men were soon out and in the curse of a few hours had the that was sweeping the blaze two thousand acres to the southesat along, the fire would have surrounded the entire territory in a few hours.

what protection means now in comparison to the older method where each landowner fires around his own holdings and Such fires under favorable contwenty to forty miles or more before dying out. Fire in inflamable wire grass and heavy ering. Protecting North Carolina stationed. forests lands from ravaging fire has been one of the State's most progressive steps.

#### **THE GROUNDHOG:** HIS DAY

Tuesday, February 2nd, was noted in the almanac as "Can- quently break through. dlemas Day," meaning the day devoted to the feast of the Purthough here in the Sandhills and included radio programs where winters in the year." Or in plain hood before consolidated schools be- some persons distorted idea of sport, ephone company manager, a gardner,



A Fort Bragg officer in talking to incidents and events within the range fire under control. Without such a Moore county resident says they of their personel knowledge and exprotection and the high wind are making a huge clearing of about perience. Many of the yarns are worth sitting in on during the narration.

of McPherson mountain for gun fire. The picture of the old post-office The lookout tower stands on one side in the Lockey block was responsible We have conclusive proof of the highest elevations in the res- for some comparisons. The evening ervation and will command a view journey for the mail was a trip unof the big circle where guns can be dertaken but one way, on foot, carstationed, dropping their terrific rying a lantern, as Southern Pines local chorus signified their intencharges into an area where less dan- did not always have electric lights. In then let it go without restraint. ger of fire will be encountered. As fact she didn't have anything but it has been, shells were discharged kerosene until she was something of ditions would often cover from into dense wooded sections where fire a budding village. Then the walks hazards were continually a subject were all made of sand, deep sand too, of annoyance, as a constant watch according to the narrator, where you had to be maintained to see that ploughed through and, sand really pine needles is not given to loit- things were safe where targets were sifted into your shoes. The streets chorus will not be limited to that

With such a safety zone establish- one drove up to the post-office beof fires that spread through so many in. The fastest things in town were all hands are heard from. acres of forest land in Fort Bragg Isham Edgerton's horses, located at of the reservation where fires fre- depend on a horse and buggy then of local church choirs.

Last Sunday the colored folks cel- according to the old timer. The comification of the Virgin Mary." ebrated in honor of one of their ben- ments caused by the old pictures are Baptist church rehearsed their num-Popularly the day is widely efactors, Julius Rosenwald. The cer- frequently worth listening to. known as "Ground Hog Day" emony ranged from South to North specimens of Marmota monax, negro spirituals were sung in con- the story of four hunters who rode the accompanist for the group. the common Woodchuck are sideration of their friendly helper. to hounds by motor car, dropping A glance over the names of the rarely seen and it devolves upon Rosenwald was the founder of many their quarry by rifle shot, from an men in chorus shows a great diversity serious organization like the colored schools throughout the coun- automobile. Those auto fox hunters of every day occupations. A preach-Slumbering Groundhog Lodge of try and established over two dozen say the horse is out of date, and that er, a teacher, a doctor, an under-Quarryville, Pa., to investigate Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. build- the automobile will eventually replace taker, a dentist, a high school printhe truth or falsity of the old ings for colored people. A little school the horse. Cruising around over cipal, a postmaster, an ex-mayor, an adage. "If Candlemas Day be house and Sunday school in opera- crowded highways and country roads insurance agent, two hotel proprietbright and fair, there'll be twa tion out in the Ben Leslie neighbor- in a high powered gas buggy may be ors, a painter, two electricians, a tel-

**Reorganized Chorus Expects to** Reach Twenty-four; Will Sing Sunday Evening

The first regular meeting of the recently reorganized Sandhills Sixteen took place Monday night at the Baptist church in Southern Pines where 18 members of the renowned tions of trying for a place in the group. Five of the men at the meeting were from Pinehurst and the remainder were Southern Pines residents

Although the group will continue to be known as the "Sixteen," the were also sandy thoroughfares and no number. There are already 20 names on the roster and there are expectaed it is hoped to reduce the number cause they had nothing to drive up tions that there will be 24 before

Every man in the chorus has had territory. It will also mean less dan- his livery stable at the lower edge several years experience and, with ger for those living on the outskirts of Pennsylvania avenue. People didn't two exceptions they are all members

> At the Monday evening meeting that operated in a capable fashion the group that will sing Sunday evening at the Union Service in the bers and anyone would have thought that they had been singing together From East Aurora, N. Y. comes for weeks. Mrs. Laurie Williams is

#### Friday, February 12, 1937.

#### COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED FOR MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS SOUTHERN PINES LIBRARY The monthly meeting of the Wo-

man's Missionary Society of the At a recent meeting of the trustees Wide Fellowship, will be held at the of the Southern Pines Library, the home of Mrs. R. F. Potts, East Verstanding committe for the ensuing mont Avenue, on Wednesday Febyear were announced as follows. ruary 17th , at 3:30 P. M. An inter-Book and Administration: Frank esting program has been prepared Webster, chairman, Mrs. James Boand a cordial invitation is extended yd, Mrs. Struthers Burt, Almet to all women. Jenks, Mrs. J. H. Town, Miss Ruth Burr Sanborn, Mrs. George Jenks; Publicity: Miss Ruth Burr Sanborn, Dr. E. Lewis Prizer; Finance and Membership: E. C. Stevens, chairman, Miss Birdilia Bair, Struthers Burt, Mrs. Norris L. Hodgkins, Mrs. William C. Mudgett, A. B. Yeomans; Ways and Means: Mrs. James Swett chairman, Miss Birdilia Bair, Rev. Craighill Brown, Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins, Mrs. William C. Mudgett, Mrs. Cob,urn Musser, A. B. Yeomans. Any member of these committees will be glad to recieve any suggestions which may help to make the library of greater service to the town.

TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

Moore county teachers will visit

the Ellerbe school in Richmond

county and attend a regional confer-

ence on Saturday, February 13. This

will count as a regular school day

and will take the place of a teachers

meeting, Supt. H. Lee Thomas an-

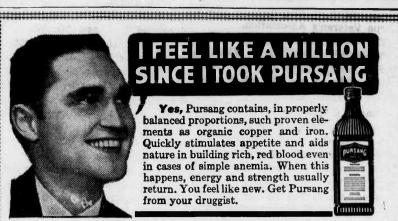
nounces.

### AGNEW DIVORCE GRANTED In Superior Court for the trial of civil cases in Carthage on Monday,

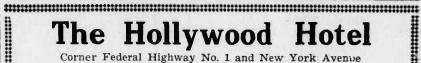
with Judge . V. Cowper presiding, William C. Agnew of Pinehurst was granted a divorce, from Clarine W. Agnew, of Southern Pines.

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2nd, see their shadows, then woods. prepare for six more weeks of

winter. And their day this year Digging up old pictures has not of the ancient sport of antiquity. the streets, and on the links.

to be reversed hereabouts, for cember and January were much it is. higher than the normal expecta- It may be they do not sing salem township. tion.

#### WELCOME TO THE SANDHILLS SIXTEEN

to strengthen the vacancies left popular. where ones have dropped out or moved away.

English, if the Ground Hogs came the rule remembered the day but not a real fox hunters. It's a dairy farm manager and several coming out of their dens to sur- in memorial as well as some of the wonder they never thought of air- salesmen and by the time the comvey the weather on February schools not so far out in the back- planes or some other fantastic form plete returns are in there will be

was brilliant with sunlight, a been without amusement for the ones Here in our our country where a typical North Carolina day in rummaging through old collections paradise has been created for the the Sandhills, a pleasant breeze, but has been a thing of interest to horse and his running companion the and comfortable temperature, the older residents. Each picture will dog, horse and dog and man would making for happy smiles upon start any one of them off with a "Do all snort with disgust at the idea the faces of a host of folks in you remember when" sort of an op- of an automobile transplanting the section with her daughter Mrs. J. B. ening and then they are launched on horse in an honest-to-goodness fox Ray and her sister Mrs. A. A. Mc-However, the traditions seem a long distortation of calling to mind hunt.

eleven Candlemas Days since ways their unaffectedness and STUTTS-TAYLOR LUMBER 1920, have been clear and bright, their lack of pretense. They and with few exceptions during don't imitate any serious or prothat period, has the balance of found style that entails any winter been severe. As this is great talent. They don't attempt written we have but thirty-six things that are over their heads calendar days until the coming nor venture too far beyond their of Spring, through from the ap- depths, nor do they tackle things pearance of our emerald grass, the over ambitious singer freand the profusion of blossoms, quently wades into. The Sandwinter jasmin, jonquils, violets, hills Sixteen are popular because R. A. Stutts, F. W. Taylor, Myrtle flowering quinces, hydrinths and of their dignity and that they Taylor nd Florence Leslie. the pear trees in the park, just adhere to the simple favorites ready to burst into bloom, the people like. They sing with Spring is not even that far away. a force and clearness and handle Happily, so far, while enduring the negro folk-songs in a most a surplus of moisture, and an un- skillful manner, keeping the sim- and wife: property in Bensalm usual absence of sunshine, tem- plicity that makes the negro township. perature averages during De-spiritual the outstanding thing

C. M. with absolute perfection. There

number. But they do have an ship.

easy grace and charm all their The re-birth of the Sandhills own. When Thad Page would G. W. Grubbs and wife: property in Sixteen will be met with hearty back up against the piano, far Bensalem township. enthusiasm among the people from self-conscious, and lead his wherever they were previously followers off with "Shine on known. The group will be made Me," they opened up with a meup of many of the old members lodious harmony, minus any with here and there new faces frills, that made them mighty Chandler's famous Camelia Japonica

The Sandhill Sixteen offer weeks. Its evergreen, laurel-like fol- erson last Friday. ities about the members was al- rejoice over the re-organization. attracting numerous visitors.

to transport them as they had legs

A certificate of incorporation of noon. the Stutts-Taylor Lumber Company with principal office in the town of Pines Spent Sunday with Mr. and Vass has been filed with the Clerk of the court. The authorized capital stock as \$25,000 and subscribed stock \$11,000, with the following

#### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Janie Williamson to G. W. Grubbs

N .J. Melton and wife to G. W Grubbs and wife: property in Ben-

J. R. Key and wife to G. W. Brubbs may not be a genius among the and wife property in Bensalem town

Thomas A. Campbell and wife to

#### JAPONICA BLOOMS

Due to the mild weather Mrs. L. F. has been in bloom for the past three

pleasant entertainment at any lage, agleam with more than a hun-One of the most pleasing qual- time. The entire community will dred of the rose tinted blosoms is

of hunting where they would lose several others in the linup. All in all completely the idea and the dignity a most representative cross section of this or any other community.

### EUREKA

Mrs. Sally Rowles of Jackson Springs is spending some time in this Caskill.

Misses Ruth, Mauis, and Helen McLendon and Mr. Travis McLen-COMPANY INCORPORATED don of Durham called on friends at Eureka dormitory Sunday after-

> Miss Mildred Blue of Southern Mrs. A. L. Blue and family. Miss Annie McCaskill returned to

her home here Saturday after spending a few days in Carthage with her sister Mrs. Ralph Blue.

Miss Lillie Hardy of Carthage spent the week end with Miss Windoro Hardy.

Mrs. A. L. Blue, Misses Mildred and Nellie Blue and Jack Blue Attended a surprise shower in honor of Mrs. Roscoe Myrick of Carthage Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Britt and

baby of Hemp are spending some time with Mrs. Britt's mother, Mrs. Annie Eliya Wicker.

### **JACKSON SPRINGS**

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Carter and daughter were guests of Miss Catherine Thomas in Pinehurst Sunday. Miss Waldo Stubbs is visiting in Gastonia this week.

Miss Lelon Patterson of Pinehurst visited her mother Mrs. Doro Patt-

Mrs. Doro Patterson spent last week with her daughter Mrs. B. A. Cox in Ellerbre.

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