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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 course of a few hours had the fire under control. Without such protection and the high wind that was sweeping the blaze along, the fire would have surrounded the entire territory in a few hours.

We have conclusive proof of what protection means now in comparison to the older method where each landowner fires around his own holdings and then let it go without restraint. Such fires under favorable conditions would often cover from twenty to forty miles or more before dying out. Fire in inflammable wire grass and heavy pine needles is not given to loitering. Protecting North Carolina 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 "Candlemas Day," meaning the day devoted to the feast of the Purification of the Virgin Mary. Popularly the day is widely known as "Ground Hog Day" though here in the Sandhills specimens of Marmota monax, the common Woodchuck are rarely seen and it devolves upon serious organization like the Slumbering Groundhog Lodge of Quarryville, Pa., to investigate the truth or falsity of the old adage. "If Candlemas Day be bright and fair, there'll be two winters in the year." Or in plain English, if the Ground Hogs coming out of their dens to survey the weather on February 2nd, see their shadows, then prepare for six more weeks of winter. And their day this year was brilliant with sunlight, a typical North Carolina day in the Sandhills, a pleasant breeze, and comfortable temperature, making for happy smiles upon the faces of a host of folks in the streets, and on the links.

However, the traditions seem to be reversed hereabouts, for eleven Candlemas Days since 1920, have been clear and bright, and with few exceptions during that period, has the balance of winter been severe. As this is written we have but thirty-six calendar days until the coming of Spring, through from the appearance of our emerald grass, and the profusion of blossoms, winter jasmine, jonquils, violets, flowering quinces, hydrinths and the pear trees in the park, just ready to burst into bloom, Spring is not even that far away. Happily, so far, while enduring a surplus of moisture, and an unusual absence of sunshine, temperature averages during December and January were much higher than the normal expectation.

C. M.

WELCOME TO THE SANDHILLS SIXTEEN

The re-birth of the Sandhills Sixteen will be met with hearty enthusiasm among the people wherever they were previously known. The group will be made up of many of the old members with here and there new faces to strengthen the vacancies left where ones have dropped out or moved away.

One of the most pleasing qualities about the members was al-

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SUNSHINE
A bunch of persons
THERE WERE ONLY 30.8 HOURS OF SUNSHINE IN RALEIGH LAST MONTH



DO YOU KNOW YOUR STATE?



MOONSHINE
A ALL PORTLAND IS A DRY COUNTY?
27 STILL WERE CAPTURED IN DURHAM COUNTY DURING 1936



COMMUTER
T. J. MEDOWELL'S ADDRESS IS CAMPOBELLA SOUTH CAROLINA. HE IS A 1937 N.C. STATE REP. FROM POLK COUNTY

DID YOU KNOW THAT UP TILL 1835 FREE NEGROES IN N.C. COULD VOTE? IN THAT YEAR, A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WAS PASSED DENYING ALL NEGROES AND MULATTOES THE RIGHT TO VOTE

DID YOU KNOW THAT IT TOOK 21 YEARS TO BUILD "OLD SOUTH" AT UNC? PERSONAL SOLICITING TOURS BY THE UNIVERSITY'S PRES, LOTTERIES AND OTHER PLANS WERE USED TO RAISE FUNDS

• THE EDITORS OF CARO-GRAPHICS INVITE YOU TO SEND IN INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY •

GRAINS OF SAND

A Fort Bragg officer in talking to a Moore county resident says they are making a huge clearing of about two thousand acres to the southeast of McPherson mountain for gun fire. The lookout tower stands on one side of the highest elevations in the reservation and will command a view of the big circle where guns can be stationed, dropping their terrific charges into an area where less danger of fire will be encountered. As it has been, shells were discharged into dense wooded sections where fire hazards were continually a subject of annoyance, as a constant watch had to be maintained to see that things were safe where targets were stationed.

With such a safety zone established it is hoped to reduce the number of fires that spread through so many acres of forest land in Fort Bragg territory. It will also mean less danger for those living on the outskirts of the reservation where fires frequently break through.

Last Sunday the colored folks celebrated in honor of one of their benefactors, Julius Rosenwald. The ceremony ranged from South to North and included radio programs where negro spirituals were sung in consideration of their friendly helper. Rosenwald was the founder of many colored schools throughout the country and established over two dozen Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. buildings for colored people. A little school house and Sunday school in operation out in the Ben Leslie neighborhood before consolidated schools became the rule remembered the day in memorial as well as some of the schools not so far out in the backwoods.

Digging up old pictures has not been without amusement for the ones rummaging through old collections but has been a thing of interest to the older residents. Each picture will start any one of them off with a "Do you remember when" sort of an opening and then they are launched on a long distortion of calling to mind

ways their unaffectedness and their lack of pretense. They don't imitate any serious or profound style that entails any great talent. They don't attempt things that are over their heads nor venture too far beyond their depths, nor do they tackle things the over ambitious singer frequently wades into. The Sandhills Sixteen are popular because of their dignity and that they adhere to the simple favorites the people like. They sing with a force and clearness and handle the negro folk-songs in a most skillful manner, keeping the simplicity that makes the negro spiritual the outstanding thing it is.

It may be they do not sing with absolute perfection. There may not be a genius among the number. But they do have an easy grace and charm all their own. When Thad Page would back up against the piano, far from self-conscious, and lead his followers off with "Shine on Me," they opened up with a melodious harmony, minus any frills, that made them mighty popular.

The Sandhill Sixteen offer pleasant entertainment at any time. The entire community will rejoice over the re-organization.

incidents and events within the range of their personal knowledge and experience. Many of the yarns are worth sitting in on during the narration.

The picture of the old post-office in the Lockett block was responsible for some comparisons. The evening journey for the mail was a trip undertaken but one way, on foot, carrying a lantern, as Southern Pines did not always have electric lights. In fact she didn't have anything but kerosene until she was something of a budding village. Then the walks were all made of sand, deep sand too, according to the narrator, where you ploughed through and sand really sifted into your shoes. The streets were also sandy thoroughfares and no one drove up to the post-office because they had nothing to drive up in. The fastest things in town were Isham Edgerton's horses, located at his livery stable at the lower edge of Pennsylvania avenue. People didn't depend on a horse and buggy then to transport them as they had legs that operated in a capable fashion according to the old timer. The comments caused by the old pictures are frequently worth listening to.

From East Aurora, N. Y. comes the story of four hunters who rode to hounds by motor car, dropping their quarry by rifle shot, from an automobile. Those auto fox hunters say the horse is out of date, and that the automobile will eventually replace the horse. Cruising around over crowded highways and country roads in a high powered gas buggy may be some persons distorted idea of sport, but not a real fox hunters. It's a wonder they never thought of airplanes or some other fantastic form of hunting where they would lose completely the idea and the dignity of the ancient sport of antiquity.

Here in our our country where a paradise has been created for the horse and his running companion the dog, horse and dog and man would all snort with disgust at the idea of an automobile transplanting the horse in an honest-to-goodness fox hunt.

STUTTS-TAYLOR LUMBER COMPANY INCORPORATED

A certificate of incorporation of the Stutts-Taylor Lumber Company with principal office in the town of 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 named as stockholders: F. L. Taylor, R. A. Stutts, F. W. Taylor, Myrtle Taylor and Florence Leslie.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Janie Williamson to G. W. Grubbs and wife: property in Bensalem township.
N. J. Melton and wife to G. W. Grubbs and wife: property in Bensalem township.
J. R. Key and wife to G. W. Brubbs and wife: property in Bensalem township.
Thomas A. Campbell and wife to G. W. Grubbs and wife: property in Bensalem township.

JAPONICA BLOOMS

Due to the mild weather Mrs. L. F. Chandler's famous Camelia Japonica has been in bloom for the past three weeks. Its evergreen, laurel-like foliage, agleam with more than a hundred of the rose tinted blossoms is attracting numerous visitors.

Sandhills "Sixteen" Ready for Debut

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 local chorus signified their intentions 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 chorus will not be limited to that number. There are already 20 names on the roster and there are expectations that there will be 24 before all hands are heard from.

Every man in the chorus has had several years experience and, with two exceptions they are all members of local church choirs.

At the Monday evening meeting the group that will sing Sunday evening at the Union Service in the Baptist church rehearsed their numbers and anyone would have thought that they had been singing together for weeks. Mrs. Laurie Williams is the accompanist for the group.

A glance over the names of the men in chorus shows a great diversity of every day occupations. A preacher, a teacher, a doctor, an undertaker, a dentist, a high school principal, a postmaster, an ex-mayor, an insurance agent, two hotel proprietors, a painter, two electricians, a telephone company manager, a gardener, a dairy farm manager and several salesmen and by the time the complete returns are in there will be several others in the lineup. All in all a most representative cross section of this or any other community.

EUREKA

Mrs. Sally Rowles of Jackson Springs is spending some time in this section with her daughter Mrs. J. B. Ray and her sister Mrs. A. A. McCaskill.

Misses Ruth, Mauis, and Helen McLendon and Mr. Travis McLendon of Durham called on friends at Eureka dormitory Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mildred Blue of Southern Pines spent Sunday with Mr. and 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 Patterson last Friday.

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

COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED FOR SOUTHERN PINES LIBRARY

At a recent meeting of the trustees of the Southern Pines Library, the standing committee for the ensuing year were announced as follows. Book and Administration: Frank Webster, chairman, Mrs. James Boyd, Mrs. Struthers Burt, Almet 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 Birdilla Bair, Struthers Burt, Mrs. Norris L. Hodgkins, Mrs. William C. Mudgett, A. B. Yeomans; Ways and Means: Mrs. James Swett chairman, Miss Birdilla Bair, Rev. Craighill Brown, Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins, Mrs. William C. Mudgett, Mrs. Coburn Musser, A. B. Yeomans. Any member of these committees will be glad to receive 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 conference 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 announces.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Wide Fellowship, will be held at the home of Mrs. R. F. Potts, East Vermont Avenue, on Wednesday February 17th, at 3:30 P. M. An interesting program has been prepared and a cordial invitation is extended to all women.

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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