

### Around The Mt. Mitchell Forest Service District

By George Vitas, U. S. Forest Ranger

Forestry Aide John Stanley and Mrs. Stanley spent the week-end of Washington's birthday with John's folks at Cisco, Georgia. John's dad, William P. Stanley, who is 83, is a retired U. S. Forest Service worker, whose original home place is at Buladean. He can remember back when Roan Mountain had little on it except virgin spruce and fir with waist-high grass in the openings. The Roan was a mighty wild place then, and in the evenings the valley folks could hear the wolves howling up on the mountain. In subsequent years the tall grass was replaced by the shorter bald grass, Rhododendron, wild strawberries and moss now found on the Roan.

John's mother recalls that when General Wilder built his first hotel on the Roan, the mountain top was so hard to get to, that the problem of keeping guests supplied with fresh milk became very acute. After pondering over this a while, General Wilder got an idea which he thought would solve this problem. He proceeded to lease cows with summer milking privileges, from the valley residents. He took the cows to the top of the Roan and cut them loose there to graze on the grass. For a few days, all was well, and the guests were getting fresh milk. But, as every one who has been up there knows, the weather on the Roan is unpredictable and one morning one of those fog blankets settled down on the Roan and stayed there. The result was that the cows were lost in the fog and the guests were without milk. After several more such experiences, General Wilder gave up his "Cow Leasing" plan and made those tortuous periodic trips into the valley to haul up his milk. (Maybe this business of "lend-lease" which we heard so much about

during World War II isn't new after all. They tried it on the Roan more than 60 years ago.)

As most any business man will tell you, it is pretty hard to tell where you stand unless you make a periodic inventory of your stocks. The same principle applies to the nation's timber lands. In past years, the U. S. Forest Service has conducted periodic national inventories of the country's forest resources. Recent studies include: "A National Plan for American Forestry," published in 1933; "Forest Lands of the United States," 1941; and "A Reappraisal of the Forest Situation," 1945. Recently, Lyle P. Watts, Chief of the U. S. Forest Service, announced that as eight years have passed since the last timber inventory, a new review of the country's timber resources is being started by the Service. The Chief Forester predicts that it will take about two years to complete the job. To accomplish this task, the Forest Service will seek the advice and assistance of State and private forestry agencies, the wood-using industries and conservation organizations.

The prospects faced by foresters undertaking this study are: (1) Future requirements for wood are very high. (2) Population is growing fast. (3) The years since World War II have seen a great growth of wood-using industries, especially the pulp and paper industry in the South. (4) New inroads have been made in the nation's timber supplies by forest insects and diseases. (5) Though the nation's timber growth has been increasing, the quality of the trees is becoming poorer all the time. The study will undertake to answer the questions: (A) Just where does the country's forest inventory stand today? (B) What can and should be done to improve the nation's forest situation?

### Quail Need More Food And Cover, Sportsman Says

It is possible for Northern Bobwhite quail to become extinct in Yancey County, according to John English, game bird expert of Burnsville, unless some steps are taken to aid in the propagation of the birds.

There are several causes for the reduction of quail in this area, English said. Lack of sufficient food and cover, over hunting, and inbreeding over a period of years were among the causes mentioned.

Hunters themselves are able, in part, to take care of the food and cover problem. When a day's hunt is begun, hunters should carry out seed such as Korean Lespedeza, he said, and scatter over bare scalds in quail territory. This would provide food at that time and for years to come, and farmers would probably welcome the service. Farmers and hunters may also get Korean Lespedeza seed, Bicolor lespedeza plants, and Multaflora rose plants to be used for game bird food and cover by writing to the N. C. Wildlife Commission.

Indiscriminate hunting, stray cats and foxes are hard on quail propagation. Foxes and cats often destroy young birds and "break-up" nests before the hatch, but poor sportsmen are a greater hazard to the quail supply. Some hunters, meat hungry or more interested in boasting of the number they kill than they are in future seasons, go into the field, find small coveys and bang away until the last bird is down. This type of hun-

ter—not sportsman, he said, destroys the possibility of birds in that area for the future, without restocking.

Although quail brought in from other sections for restocking this county has caused little noted increase of the

game bird, English said blood lines had been strengthened. That is as important to the future generations of birds as it is to any domesticated animal, he said. Inbreeding year after year weakens bloodlines in quail to the extent that dis-

ease often wipes out a whole covey, once it gets started.

Sportsmen in the county interested in helping to restock depleted areas may see Mr. English, who will secure birds for them from commercial growers.

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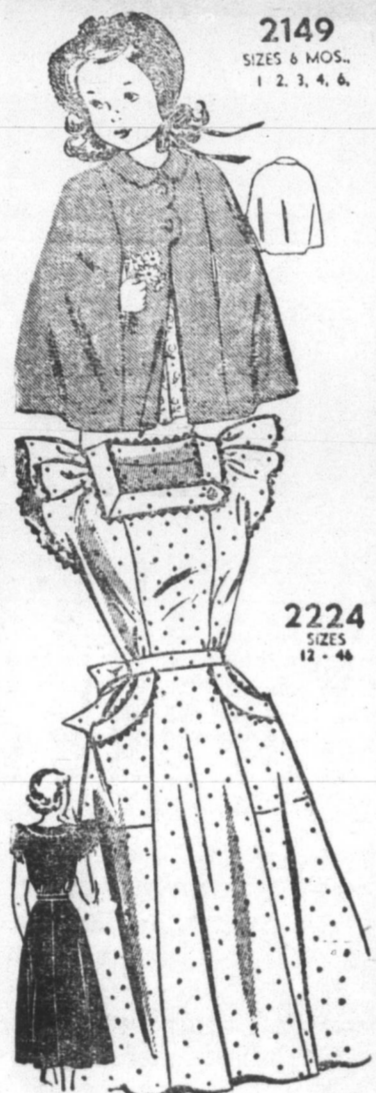
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Vera Juanita Presnell, Administratrix.  
Feb. 7—14—21—28 Mar. 6, 13

### Word Puzzle

- 1 Down the ocean
- 2 Once around track
- 3 Haircut
- 4 Adornment
- 5 After all others
- 6 American humorist
- 7 Sea eagle
- 8 French for summer
- 9 Cicatrices
- 10 Toward the stern of a ship
- 11 Greek letter
- 12 Paper article
- 13 Exists
- 14 Directed gun, fire from one end to the other
- 15 Title of travel
- 16 Shallow vessel
- 17 Fairy queen
- 18 To tear
- 19 Siamese coin (pl.)
- 20 Equality
- 21 To assist
- 22 Command to horse
- 23 Gun (slang)
- 24 Locations
- 25 Highway
- 26 Nude
- 27 While
- 28 Correlative of either
- 29 Consumes
- 30 Anatolian goddess of fertility
- 31 The sun
- 32 Poorly
- 33 River island
- 34 Excess of power
- 35 A portico
- 36 Child for father
- 37 Frivolties
- 38 DANCING
- 39 To measure
- 40 Compass point
- 41 By
- 42 Leashed
- 43 First man through
- 44 Pronoun
- 45 Southern constellation
- 46 Limitless space
- 47 Sleeps
- 48 Observed
- 49 Think slice
- 20 Engages in a winter sport
- 21 Teutonic deity
- 22 Flower
- 23 To prohibit
- 24 To talk
- 25 Paper container
- 26 Small rug
- 27 Footlike part
- 28 To stuff
- 29 Title of respect (pl.)
- 30 Famous movie actress
- 31 Greek forest deity
- 32 Hawaiian bird
- 33 Made up into a bundle
- 34 Poisonous snakes
- 35 To cull
- 36 Icelandic literary work
- 37 Rodent (pl.)
- 38 The sweetest
- 39 Sign of the Zodiac
- 30 A connective
- 31 Blackbird
- 32 New Zealand
- 34 Indian name

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Answer to Puzzle No. 175

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