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trying to visit the county as much as possible. I was up at the Brevard Music Center Saturday and at the Du Pont picnic. Congress is in recess during the month of August so we have been tired up in Wash-ington most of the year. Now it is a real privilege for me to get home and mix with the people. In Washington someone said to me, "Congressman, you represent the most beautiful part of America" and I said back, "yes, and I represent some of the finest people in Ameri-ca." It is always good to get back where it is safe to walk on the streets, where the school system is not deteriorating and where people trust their neighbors and are glad to have them. Also, where people meet to plan for community betterment rather than to burn up the town."

Q. "Recently, I noticed in the local newspaper that you have been receiving a lot of mail. We are just wondering what people are writing about?"

A. "Our people are concerned in regard to actions going on in Washington. I believe they are more concerned than at any other time since I have been up there. At least my mail is the heaviest. This summer we received more letters on gun control than on any other one subject. I made an announcement back last June that I would vote against Federal Registration of guns and against Federal Registration of gun owners. I said I would vote to extend the mail order han on gun sales. Some people write back and they say when I register my wife and I register my children and my dog and car why shouldn't I register my gun. I reply by saying, "Well, where do you register those? You don't register them with the Federal Government, you register them

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SOME OF THE RUSSIAN BOARS on Cal Carpenter's Almar Farm near Rosman are pictured above. The boars are so hardy they survive on al-

most anything, even bears. (Photo by Clyde Osborne)

## **Russian Boars On Carpenter's Farm** Are Born "About One Third Nose"

(Editor's note: The following feature from the Charlotte Observer is about Col. mals. **Cal Carpenter's Russian hogs** at ALMAR FARM in Tran-

sylvania. It is written by Clyde Osborne, a long time friend. We think Transylvania readers will find it as interesting as we did.)

By CYLDE OSBORNE **Observer Rural Life Editor** 

BREVARD - A retired U. S. Air Force colonel has some of the noisiest livestock in North Carolina grazing in his pasture near here.

Col. Clarence A. Carpenter has Russian boars, direct de-scendants of razorbacks from the Ukraine.

"If you ever taste one of their hams, cured right, you'll never want any more domes-

Carpenter presently has no "We like to see them plans to release any of his anigood chipmunk color. When they are colored that way they grow into good black "I'm raising them for their boars. If they aren't, they'll meat which I think is debe an off color." lightful," the colonel said.

kill them."

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straw to keep them warm, for-

get where they put them and

then lay down on them and

In their seven - acre pas-

ture, the pigs live on grass,

The meat of the wild boar is Straw can't be used for bedleaner and has lower fat con- ding for the mothers and little tent than regular pigs, he said. ones, he added. "The mothers will cover their babies with

The Russian boar have been in North Carolina since shortly after the turn of the century, Carpenter said.

"Man by name of George Moore of Robbinsville in Graham county put out 35 bear, eight buffalo, 12 elk, six deer, and a bunch of regular hogs on his 5,000 - acre estate. there.

"The bears ate the hogs. Someone told Moore that if he'd put out Russian boars, they'd compete favorably with

corn which Carpenter gives them.

He really doesn't feed them enough corn in summer to make much difference in their growth, the retired colonel said. "But feeding them brings them to me when I call, keeps me in touch, and keeps them

from getting wild."

In wintertime, he feeds them much more corn and other food supplements.

He's killed some which weighed as much as 300 pounds, but that's still a small size for acrons, roots, and a little Russian boars, Carpenter says.

## And Nighttime, Too

