

THE "TIMES" PRIZE-WINNING COLUMN

From ALMAR FARM In Transylvania

BY CAL CARPENTER



Our Wild Russian Hogs are mean and vicious looking, and they really are very dangerous animals in the wild. But they're also intelligent and, like all the animals on ALMAR Farm, they have their own entertaining personalities.

We've only the one breeding pair now. As I wrote a good while back, they don't breed as fast as domestic hogs, but it doesn't take long to have a real herd of them if you don't get rid of most of the pigs as they come along. And that's what I've been doing. At one time, Lester Gillespie and I between us had nearly 30 hogs, but he's sold out and I've kept only my carefully selected breed pair and an occasional one for meat.

Our boar is "Big Stanislaus, Jr." He's about four years old, weighs some 300 lbs., and has tusks protruding maybe two inches on each side of his nose. As best I can find out from my reading,

he'll keep growing for many years yet and the tusks will get longer and longer — might even meet on top of his nose. I've read of these boars being killed in the wild where the record specimen weighed 600 lbs., with a tusk spread of more than 13 inches. And that was in the wild. I don't know how big "Stan" will get, being fed regularly, but I intend to keep him and find out.

Stan has a "boarish" personality. He hogs the food, bosses the lot; tosses the other hogs, little pigs included, around with his big snout, and slashes at them with those dangerous tusks. Yet he's gentle with me — I sometimes hand-feed him an ear of corn, being very careful that I don't draw back a stub. He comes quickly when called and will follow me around the hog pasture like a dog.

He's so ugly he's beautiful. It's the darndest sight you'll ever see to see that big

Brevard P-TA Meeting Is Rescheduled

The Brevard Elementary P-TA meeting, which was to be held Monday, January 31st, has been cancelled due to an Evaluation Team from the State Board of Education meeting in Brevard to evaluate local schools.

The P-TA meeting is rescheduled for Monday, February 7th, beginning at 7:30 in the school cafeteria.

All parents are urged to attend this meeting.

tusked boar lying in the sun with his head down, cuddled between his forefeet; grunting softly in hog-like contentment. It's a picture worth framing if I can ever have a camera handy at the right time.

Then there's "Frankie," the sow. She's about a year younger than Stan and maybe a hundred pounds lighter. She has the proper Russian Hog lines like Stan — short coupled with long legs and long nose — but her coat's not as good as his. She's mostly black while Stan is black underneath with a sandy colored overcoat.

Frankie is just as tame as Stan and as gentle except when she has new pigs. Then she's a good customer to stay away from.

The last litter was born on January 2nd. She had them up in the woods, as usual, in a sort of nest she'd made out of leaves at the foot of a big beach tree.

When she didn't show up for evening feeding that day, and knowing her time was close, I figured she'd had pigs. And knowing she'd need her corn to make milk for the pigs, I had to take some up to her.

Now, this is a chore I don't like. It's dangerous to go near a wild sow with a new litter of pigs.

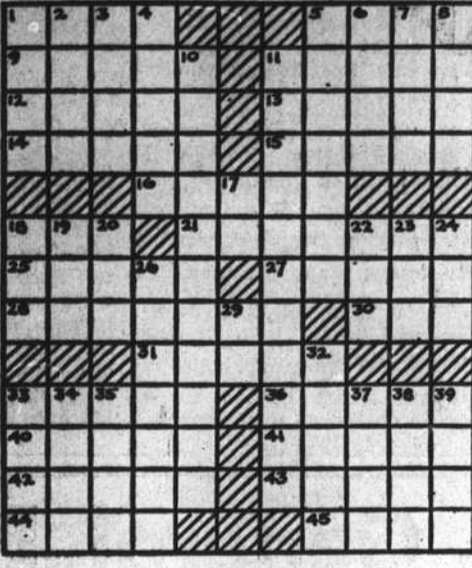
So I filled a bucket with corn, loaded my .44 Magnum rifle, and hung it over my shoulder. I had no intention nor desire to shoot the poor hog; yet I couldn't take the chance of her killing me — which she'd most certainly do if she attacked and got me down. The rifle was a last resort.

I climbed up the hill and into the woods. I knew about where to look from previous experience, so I walked to within some 50 feet of her "nest." I saw her then, standing spread-legged, waiting for me, ready to charge. About the time I saw her, she started for me. I quickly threw an ear of corn at her and that diverted her attention. I then threw the rest of the corn and she, seeing I was not coming nearer, stopped and started eating. While she was eating, I made a hasty return trip back down the hill to the hoghouse.

The next evening, she allowed me to come within sight of the "nest." I threw the corn to

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 4. Heads or —
 5. After manner of men
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 12. Large snake
 13. River side
 14. Matins
 15. Aged
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 39. Part of the body



William Morgan In Frankfurt

Army Specialist Four William A. Morgan, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Morgan, Penrose, recently received the Good Conduct Medal near Frankfurt, Germany.

The medal, established in 1941, is awarded on a selective basis for those who distinguish themselves from among their fellow military personnel through exemplary conduct, efficiency and fidelity during their active military service.

Spec. Morgan received the award while assigned as a cook with Headquarters Company, V Corps Support Command.

The specialist entered the Army in February 1970, received basic training at Ft. Bragg, and was stationed at Ft. Jackson, S. C., before arriving overseas.

He is a 1968 graduate of Brevard High School. His wife, Susan, lives on route 1, Pisgah Forest.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE In The General Court of Justice Superior Court Division

State of North Carolina Transylvania County Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Delia Golden Jones of Transylvania County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said Delia Golden Jones to present them to the undersigned within six months from date of the publication of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 20th day of January, 1972.

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Thomas Case Will Pay His Official Visit To Lodge Here

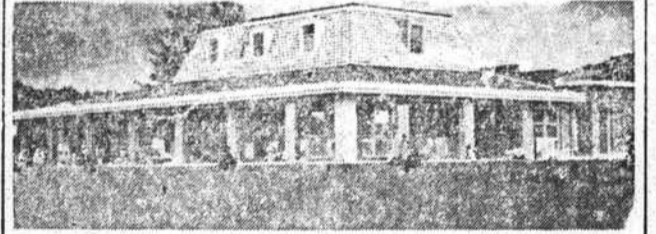
Thomas G. Case, Hendersonville, District Deputy Grand Master of the 60th Masonic District, has notified the officers and members of Dunn's Rock Masonic lodge that he will pay his official visit at a stated communication of the Temple on East Main street, Thursday, February 10th.

Mr. Case asks all officers and members of the local Masonic lodge who have in their possession one of the OSW books to please bring them to the meeting for inspection.

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From The Clarion

SUL Gives \$2,000 To College Bus Fund

The Student Union Legislature met on Wednesday, January 19, at 8:30 to discuss refrigerators, the bus fund, the public address system, the recycling program, and bag suppers.

Because of a lack of interest, lack of storage space, and the price of rental, Brevard College will not have refrigerators. However, it was suggested that the residents of each dorm discuss the possibility of installing ice machines in their dorm.

Fred Dean brought up a proposal for the S.U.L. to donate \$2,000 to the bus fund. This amount, added to previous contributions, will bring the total to approximately \$3,500. It is estimated that the fund will contain \$5,000 at the end of the semester.

Five thousand dollars is only one-third of the amount of the price of a new bus. The Trustees have agreed to help buy the bus provided that the students show adequate interest in raising funds. The S.U.L. encourages all students to help in any way possible — not necessarily by donating money, but by supporting fund raising projects which will be held in the immediate future.

Members of the Student Union Legislature voted to give thirty dollars to help pay for the public address system in Dunham Auditorium.

Brevard College will soon begin a drive to collect clear

keep her occupied and counted the pigs. There were six of them — one, as usual, a throwback. It was a pink color with black spots instead of the beige-with-chipmunk-stripes of the pure Wild Russian pig.

There's always a throwback in Stan's and Frankie's litters. One or both of them has a small strain of domestic hog that comes out, one in each litter, in a white and black spotted pig or a red and black spotted one. This throwback pig we always call "Oddball" and usually keep it for meat since the mix fattens faster than the pure breed. But this time "Oddball" is so pink I think we'll call him "Pinky."

We'll keep the pigs until they're six weeks old, ready for weaning, and then I've already got them sold. This way we won't be knee deep in Russian hogs as we would be if I kept them all and let nature have her way with the breeding.

But, as I said, I intend to keep Stan permanently — and Frankie too. Just, as we country folks say, for a "Q-rarity."

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