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# GRAZING URGED IN GAME AREA ON NANTAHALA

state associate biologist and supervisor of Western North Carolina refuges.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Renshaw explained that the decision on the issue would have to be made jointly by the U. S. regional forester and the state authorities, since the refuge is operated jointly.

He recalled that the refuge was established 10 years ago on petition of people of Macon and Clay counties, and explained that, with a view to final elimination of grazing on the area, a policy was adopted permitting those who had grazed one year to graze as many (up to 10 head), but no more, animals the following year, with the proviso that when a ranger reduced the number he reduced his quota, and that when he did not use the range one year, he lost his privilege to graze thereafter. Getting back to normal, following the war, the custom of tagging stock was resumed this spring, he added.

Called to the front by Mr. Waldroop, Perry Anderson, of Clay county, said he believed the area, if open to grazing, would carry 2,500 head of mature stock, which would bring in a revenue of \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year. He said that Clay county farmers, with the Cartoogee lake covering the heart of the county, and the Fires Creek and Standing Indian refuges, were badly "nipped in", adding that "we are in as bad shape as Daniel in the lion's den". Mr. Anderson questioned if there is as much small game in the area as there was 10 years ago.

Alex Moore, former Macon County sheriff, next was asked to state his views. Mr. Moore told of his experiences, 25 years ago, grazing hogs, and fattening them on chestnut mast, and emphasized that, when grazing was plentiful, he had bought sheep, raised in this country, "by the carload". Emphasizing that the issue has two sides, however, Mr. Moore declared that there "has never been a greater government project than the Forest Service", and explained that the Forest Service "takes land not worth the taxes and makes it worth while by growing timber for the future".

Grover Rogers, who lives on the head of Tallulah river, in Clay County, said he had talked to many persons in the area, and that they badly need the range. He said they would cooperate by helping to prevent and control forest fires.

L. B. (Uncle Bede) Norton, of the Betty's Creek community, said he had lived at the southern end of the refuge all his life, and that the area would be worth more to the people of the two counties for grazing than as a game refuge. Jake Waldroop, of Cartoogechaye, said he was thoroughly familiar with the area, and that there was far more game 10 years ago than today, explaining that previously the farmers had killed off the wildcats, which he said eat the small game. Terming the refuge a "failure", he said in another 10 years "you can't hear a jaybird holler if it goes on like it is today".

Ed Battle, of Upper Cartoogechaye, said he always had ranged his stock, but was unable to get a permit this year, because he had failed to range for the past several years. He said he had 50 head of stock penned up, and that his neighbors were similarly situated. Assuring the Forest Service of the farmers' cooperation, he urged that they be given relief as to grazing.

Lake V. Shope, register of deeds, pointing out that he was reared in the Nantahalas, expressed doubt that the Forest Service is carrying out its purpose of "the greatest good for the greatest number" by operating the area as a refuge, adding that he caught more fish there before than since the refuge was established.

J. C. Brookshire, clerk of superior court, said the Cartoogechaye farmers are hemmed in by refuges on both sides; that prior to the establishment of the refuge they had a good income from ranged stock; and that small game was disappearing because the wildcats and

## Mrs. Johnson Arrives To Hold Dance Classes

Mrs. Rose B. Johnson, Miami dancing teacher, arrived here Monday to teach dancing in Franklin during the summer season. Mrs. Johnson, who held her first class yesterday (Wednesday), also will conduct classes at Bryson City.

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## BOARD TO SEE ALL SCHOOLS

division street connecting with the highway.

Mr. Houk's plans call for a one-story, four-classroom structure, with two toilets. It is to be built of hollow cinderblock, a new material that he said has been on the market only six weeks, with an outside brick facing. The foundation walls are to be 16 inches, and the superstructure walls 12-eight inches of cinderblock, and four of brick. Cinderblocks, Mr. Houk told the board, are not porous, and carry underwriters' approval. They sell for the same price as cement blocks. Hollow tile, he explained, is not obtainable in time to get the structure built for the opening of school next fall. The partition walls are to be six inches, of cinderblock, upon 12-inch foundation.

The floor will be of wood.

Mr. Houk also recommended that, when the new structure is put up, it and the building to which it is to be connected all be roofed with the same material, 210-pound asphalt shingles.

After several questions by Mr. Sloan, the board, in a series of motions, approved Mr. Houk's several proposals relating to this construction.

All of the five members of the board attended the monthly meeting.

oxes were increasing so rapidly.

Frank Rogers, of Shooting Creek, Clay county, remarking that most of what he had earned by ranging cattle, expressed belief that a solution can be worked out "if each side will give and take". He said he did not favor outright abolishing the refuge, but he thought grazing privileges should be granted. He explained that his stock often wander over on to the refuge, and that he has to "pull em out". For the last animal it cost him \$7, he said.

Gilmer Selsler, of Cartoogechaye, said he had worked for the Forest Service for 23 years, and knows it has responsibilities, but declared "if we work out a solution for ranging, it will help the Forest Service as well as the farmers". In response to a question from Mr. Renshaw, he said he believed 1,500 head of cattle could be grazed on the area without damage to timber.

Agreeing with that view, Bryan Selsler, also of Cartoogechaye, told of fine poplar on Cartoogechaye grown under ranging conditions; expressed his belief that logging was responsible for disappearance of fish in the area's streams; and said the area could accommodate stock from Macon and Clay counties, and Rabun and Towns in Georgia. The tourists would provide a market for the meat, he added.

Mr. Ruff told the group that the Forest Service has a variety of responsibilities, and that the problem is to fit the uses and conflicts that arise into a pattern that will benefit the greatest number in the long run. He said the Standing Indian area is potentially the finest deer range in this region, and said he believed there are enough deer there for a hunt. He called attention to the money spent in building the warden's station and in stocking the area and invited those present to see what cattle had done to a forest area at the Coveeta experimental forest. Small game, he said, has been disappearing all over the southeast, and the reason has not been discovered.

Mr. Albert, representing Regional Forester J. Herbert Stone, pointed out that, of 425,000 acres in forest, limited grazing is permitted on all but 91,000 acres—in the refuges. He cited the industrial value of consistent streamflow, made possible by regulated forests; said there is a conflict between grazing and the growing of young timber; and remarked that "it is your forest, as evidenced by the fact that you get 25 per cent of the forest's receipts".

In response to a question by W. L. Nothstein, he said that those who take part in the

## State College Hints To Farm Homemakers

By RUTH CURRENT  
State Home Demonstration Agent

Moisture and What it Means to Ironing: The more brittle the fiber, the more moisture it requires. Thus linens and cottons require considerable moisture while other fibers need less.

Remember, moisture must penetrate the fabric evenly or it will be blotchy—rough and smooth, shiny and dull. Just enough moisture must be used to make the fiber pliable. If fiber is too wet it slows down ironing. Some authorities recommend that such fabrics as silks and rayons be ironed when partially dry, rather than dried completely and then dampened. If moisture is distributed evenly, however, these fabrics seem to finish satisfactorily when dried and dampened. Many of the lighter weight spun rayons needn't be dampened at all, as the dry fabric irons very satisfactorily.

Ironing may be detrimental to a few articles such as elasticized portions of garments, fabrics waterproofed with waxes, rubber or other coatings which may melt easily. Study labels of such articles carefully for ironing instructions. Some knit garments may be pulled out of shape by ironing. Don't iron washable pile fabrics such as chenilles or corduroys because ironing will mat the pile. Brush up the pile when thoroughly dry.

To Improve a Ring: To improve a salad ring mold to be used in an emergency, break the outside of a jelly glass and place it in the center of any deep baking dish.

## BY IMPROVING PASTURE, FARM INCOME RAISED

By increasing his pasture production, Early Smith, Alleghany county farmer, has raised his farm income considerably, reports T. K. Jones, farm management analyst at State college.

Mr. Jones believes many other North Carolina farmers could obtain a greater return on their land by giving more attention to pastures and increasing their cattle and other livestock.

Since Mr. Smith was selected as a demonstration farmer in 1940, many changes have been made on his place. Gullies have been healed; briars and broom sedge have been replaced with a luxuriant growth of bluegrass and white clover. Crop yields have been doubled by heavy applications of TVA phosphate, lime, commercial fertilizer, and manure. Last year Mr. Smith produced approximately 100 bushels of corn per acre on land which formerly averaged 40 bushels.

As production of feed and pastures has increased, the 12-cow dairy herd has grown into a 32-cow herd of good grades and purebreds. A purebred bull has been purchased, and Mr. Smith is raising his own replacements and continuing to enlarge his herd.

Increased income from milk sales has enabled Mr. Smith to make many improvements in farm and home living. A new Grade "A" dairy barn was added last year and a silo and spring house were built in 1943. Modern dairy equipment has been added, and a jeep purchased last year provides a cheap source of farm power.

A water system and bathroom have been installed in the home, and other improvements in home living are planned. Last year Mrs. Smith filled approximately 400 jars with fruits, vegetables, and meats. No food is purchased which can be produced at home.

Pisgah Forest deer hunts spend an average in Brevard of \$30 to \$50 each.

In closing the meeting, Mr. Waldroop said he believed much good might come from the discussion, and emphasized the thought that "a dollar from the sale of livestock is worth just as much as a dollar from a hunter". He urged that the area be closed to grazing altogether, or made available for all.

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## STUDENTS HOME FOR VACATIONS

year in the law school of the University of North Carolina, plans to work in the law office of her father, J. H. Stockton, this summer.

T. W. Angel, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Angel, Jr., has arrived home from Chapel Hill, where he will be a member of the U. N. C. sophomore class next year.

Miss Merrily Brooks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Brooks, has completed her junior year at U. N. C., where she is majoring in radio. She arrived home Tuesday night.

Miss Elizabeth Wasilik, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wasilik, Jr., who recently was graduated from the College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, N. Y., is at home, but plans to go to New York for the summer.

Jack Angel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Angel, was recently graduated from Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee. He plans to become a teacher. Dick Angel, another son of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Angel, has just finished his sophomore year at the U. N. C., Chapel Hill. Both plan to work at Angel hospital this summer.

Miss Freda Mae Arnold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arnold, will attend summer school at Western Carolina Teachers college, where she is a member of the junior class.

Miss Annie Sue Coney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coney, is home for the summer from Meredith college, Raleigh.

Miss Carolyn Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Long, has just completed her junior year at Woman's college, Greensboro.

Kutus Pannell was graduated from U. N. C. this week.

John Gibson Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank I. Murray, who will be a senior at W. C. T. C. next year, will attend the summer session there.

Clinton Chamberlain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Johnson, arrived this week from Georgia Tech, where he will receive his B. S. degree this summer. He plans to enter the teaching profession.

Charles and George Hunnicutt, sons of Mrs. E. S. Hunnicutt, both members of the junior class at the University of Georgia, Athens, will attend the summer session of that institution.

Allan Brooks, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Brooks, has completed his sophomore year at W. C. T. C. This summer he will attend classes there in the mornings, and will serve as lieutenant at Arrowood Glade in the afternoons.

Miss Frances Furr, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Walter Furr, has just completed her junior year, and her brother, James, his sophomore work at U. N. C.

G. A. Jones, Jr., third year law student at U. N. C., and Mrs. Jones and their little daughter are spending a few days here, prior to returning to Chapel Hill for summer school.

Miss Ann Flanagan, daughter of Mrs. J. A. Flanagan, has just completed her junior year at Winthrop college, Rock Hill, S. C., and is at home.

Miss Ruth West, a student at Converse college, Roger Rickman, at N. C. State, Fred West, at U. N. C., and Miss Jessie Lee Downs, at Berea, all of the West's Mills community, have arrived home for the summer vacation.

Miss Iva Dean Roper received the degree of bachelor of science from Western W. C. T. C. at that institution's recent commencement exercises.

J. C. Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade H. Cunningham, who is a student at W. C. T. C., is in Marion this summer, serving as sports editor of a newspaper there.

### PLAN ALL-DAY SING

An all-day sing will be held at the Cartoogechaye Church of God Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend, it was announced.



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## Board Passes Privilege Tax Ordinance for 1948

town discharged Mr. Phillips, Mr. Dean and Mrs. Burch would take out a peace warrant for him. Mr. Phillips, who was present, denied the charges. After considerable discussion, Mr. Jones, upon request of aldermen for his opinion, said issuance of a peace warrant would be a personal matter between the churches and Mr. Phillips, and would not interfere with the latter's discharge of his police duties. The matter then was dropped.

The condition of Depot street was discussed, and it was announced that the Asheville Paving company is expected here in the near future to finish work on that street and to surface Main street.

Alderman E. J. Whitmire relayed a request for extension of water line about 300 feet so that the home of Bill Angel, who is bedfast, can be served. It was brought out that other houses are going up along the route of the proposed extension, and the board voted to build the extension when pipe can be obtained for the purpose.

## Swine Disease

### Cuts Poultry Feed Cost By One-Fourth

Farmers who buy feeder pigs from unknown sources take a chance on getting animals which are not only inferior but also diseased, according to Dr. C. D. Grinnells, professor of veterinary science at State college.

"Swine disease is on the increase. Promiscuous buying of feeder pigs from unknown sources has been a large factor in scattering disease," Dr. Grinnells said. "A good hog man does not have time to roam the country marketing feeder pigs. He practices swine sanitation. Buy your pigs from him, even though you will have to look him up."

The farmer who buys pigs from an unknown source is likely to get an inferior product to begin with, he explained. In many cases the seller has not practiced good swine sanitation. By experience he has found that with his equipment and methods he can realize a greater return by selling small pigs. Often the animals carry parasites, and have low-grade infections and low resistance to disease.

These conditions, Dr. Grinnells continued, are aggravated by feed changes, lack of water, long hauls, and unsanitary conditions. The pigs are yarded, transported, fed, watered, and often sold with pigs from a number of other sources. The opportunities to spread and to take in infectious materials are numerous. Conditions for the spread of disease are good.

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