

AROUND THE DISTRICT

By George Vitas, U. S. Forest Ranger

If anyone has any doubt at all that those trees on the Mt. Mitchell District have other uses besides being raw material for lumber and pulp and paper, just ask the restaurant owners in and around Marion. Last Sunday evening we drove out highway 70 and 221 and found them both jammed with homeward bound motorists. All the restaurants and drive-ins were also crowded with hungry folks. Many of these folks had come a long way just to see the District's fall colors. As one busy waitress put it when asked what so many people were doing in town, she said, "why they were looking at the leaves." If every town in the District did as well as Marion and vicinity did last Sunday, "looking at the leaves" can be classed as both an enjoyable and profitable activity.

Everyone knows that Fall is a good time of the year to get out into the open. It's dry, colorful and the weather is generally good. But with the fall season comes a dangerous forest fire situation. A carelessly thrown match or cigarette can quickly wipe out the painted beauty of a mountain and turn it into blackened ash. Who cares to drive 50 miles to look at

the charred skeletons of a fire-killed forest? With a little fire precaution, we can have this lavish beauty to enjoy year after year.

And speaking of colors, we've run across an interesting bit of information about our national colors—the American flag. According to the law, the flag must not be flown at night. Yet, when Francis Scott Key composed the "Star Spangled Banner" he wrote: "Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there." Maybe the defenders of Fort McHenry were so busy fighting they forgot to take down the flag that night. Incidentally, the law does permit the American flag to be flown at night at two places. One is the Capitol building, and the other is over the Maryland grave of Francis Scott Key.

Judging by the number of telephone calls, verbal and written inquiries that we have had, there seems to be much interest in the wholesale lots of Christmas trees that we will soon have ready to sell on Roan Mountain. The U. S. Forest Service does not cut the trees. It merely tags or designates the trees that are to be cut, leaving it up to the purchaser to harvest them. In accordance with the contracts that will be drawn up between the government and purchasers. All trees must be cut and removed by Dec-

NOTICE

Jack C. Winchester, District Service Officer of the N. C. Veterans Commission, will be in the court house in Burnsville with H. G. Bailey, County Service Officer, on Thursday, October 26 from 11 a. m. to 4 p. m. it was announced this week. The two Service Officers will be there to assist veterans and their dependents with the various claims for pension, compensation, service insurance questions on conversion, reinstatement and special dividend, hospitalization, review of discharge and various other subjects.

On Wednesday, October 25, we will meet at Carvers Gap on the Roan with all folks wishing to buy wholesale quantities of Christmas trees. We plan to begin the auction at 9:30 a. m.

We spent all last week at the U. S. Forest Rangers meeting in Asheville and adjoining ranger districts. D. J. Morriss, Forest Supervisor, stressed the need for uniformity in operation among all the districts. He emphasized the value of forest soils for timber production and showed the rangers dramatic examples of National Forest logging jobs where proper location of roads and skid trails went a long way toward preventing soil erosion during and after logging.

CAROLINA COLOR BEST IN YEARS

Asheville.—The most brilliant autumn foliage in years reached its peak in the mountains of western North Carolina in mid-October, and barring unpredictable heavy frosts and high winds, should continue through the month.

The annual "color parade" is attracting thousands of visitors to the Great Smokies and mountain areas traversed by the Blue Ridge Parkway, which are growing steadily in popularity in October—normally a month of blue skies and mild temperatures even at high altitudes in North Carolina.

Moving down the mountains—from lofty Mt. Mitchell, highest peak in eastern America that is reached by a toll-free State highway from the Blue Ridge Parkway, and from Clingman's Dome, crest of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park—the foliage is usually at its best at lower levels during the latter part of October. The color procession spreads through the State, lasting into November in the Piedmont Plateau and Coastal Plains.

Whole mountain sides are splashed with the warmest colors of an artist's palette during the Carolina

Singing Convention

The Yancey County Singing Convention will meet with Windom Methodist Church on Sunday, October 22, at 2:00 p. m. All singers and the public is cordially invited to attend and take part.

Lowe Thomas, Moderator

It seems futile to preach highway safety, but we often wonder what the slaughter would be if there were no preaching at all.

Indian Summer. Maple, gum, sourwood and dogwood trees begin turning first with brilliant yellows and crimson, followed by the different varieties of oak, sporting a range of colors from deep red to bronze. Mountain ash produces a crop of brilliant red berries, and viburnum, a shrub, puts on deep red leaves.

Coloring this year is unusually brilliant along the Blue Ridge Parkway in the Mt. Mitchell vicinity. Two-way forest service roads afford a short detour around a section of the Parkway under repair. The forest roads run through the Mt. Mitchell game preserve, and motorists frequently encounter deer bounding in and out of the brilliant foliage.

Quick Scene-Changer for Fall



Here's a functional ensemble that can head your fall fashion list. The straight, slim skirt is definitely news. Wear the reversible coat-jacket with checked side out during the afternoon, change to the solid side, add a gay hat and furs and you're off to dinner. The fashion editors of Cosmopolitan Magazine recommend this versatile ensemble for your fall wardrobe. A truly special suit, it's made by LoBalbo and retails for \$85.

"Believe It Or Not"

There is a COLD WAVE coming within 60 days. You may have to get out your undies and fire up your stove before you know it.

Have you made any provision about keeping warm this winter?

We have plenty of good, clean coal on hand and can give you all you need if you take it now.

The coal situation for the winter looks bad. The mines will not promise us any additional coal above the amount we got last winter.

If you do not have your bins filled now, you may have to take it by the bag this winter.

Burnsville Coal Co.

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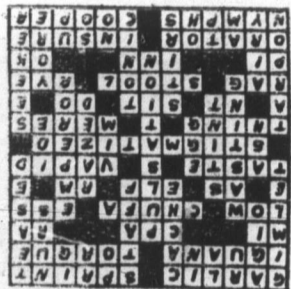
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KENTUCKY DARBY & BANNER COAL

Located Below Edge's Store

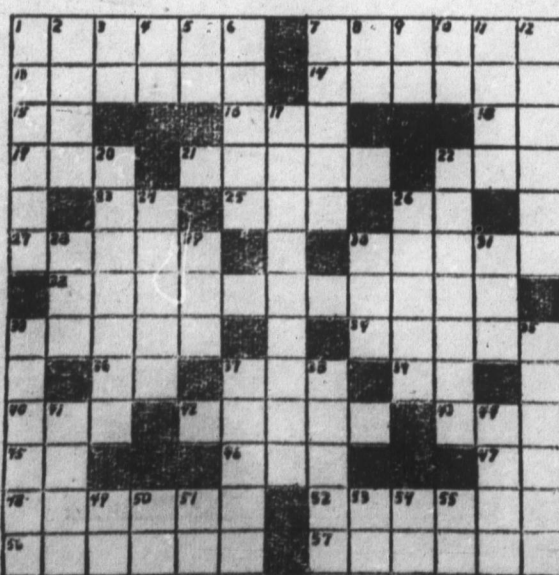
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- HORIZONTAL (Abbr.)
1. Bulbous-rooted plant
7. Death
13. Large lizard
14. Twisted scale
15. Note of scale
16. Certified Public Accountant (Abbr.)
18. Sun god
19. Soft below
21. Earth almond
22. Feminine suffix
23. Roman weight
24. Hoboe (Abbr.)
27. Gustation
30. Dull
32. Branded
33. Inanimate object
34. Boundaries
36. New Testament



THIS WEEK'S ANSWERS
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- 10. Intelligence quotient (Abbr.)
11. Knobs
12. Annoyed
17. Heart throbbing
20. Desolating
22. Sovereign
24. Limit
25. Destroyed
28. Fire residue
29. Incite
30. Dull
31. Type of carp
33. Large samfish
35. Hunner
37. Mince
38. Increasing tension
41. Unsubstantial
44. Long ago
49. Exist
50. Township (Abbr.)
51. Exclamation
53. Negative
54. Thus
55. Skyward



NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND FOR TAXES

NORTH CAROLINA YANCEY COUNTY

As provided by law, and pursuant to authority contained in a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Burnsville, default having been made in payment of the taxes hereinafter listed, I will offer for sale at public outcry at the Courthouse door in Burnsville on the 24th day of October, 1950, at 10:00 A. M., the property hereinbelow described by reason of non-payment of 1949 taxes due the Town of Burnsville.

This 27th day of Sept. 1950. MRS. VICTORIA L. KING, Town Clerk and Tax Collector. Sept. 28, October 5, 12, 19

Table with columns: Name, Acres & Lots, Tax. Lists various property owners and their tax amounts.



Boys' Suits \$7.95 to \$16.95



Men's Top Coats Gabardine \$24.50 to \$35.00



Women's Coats Gabardine, Coverts, Suedes \$16.95 to \$32.50



Men's Suits \$29.95 to \$39.95



Children's Dresses 99c to \$2.99

BURNSVILLE DEPARTMENT STORE