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**Around The Mt. Mitchell
 Forest Service District**
 By Bill Balmer, Jr., U. S. Forest Ranger

This week Ranger Vitas is visiting his family in Detroit. This is his first trip home in two years so he has a lot of family history and home cooking to catch up on. In two years those little nieces and nephews can really grow. While George is dodging street-cars and taxis in the Motor City you'll have a pinch hitter in this column.

You may have met the newest people on the district. On the 18 of December Mr. and Mrs. John Stanley moved into Busick Guard Station so you people on the South Toe have some new neighbors. John comes to the Mt. Mitchell district from the Blue Ridge District of the Chattahoochee National Forest, Georgia.

John has been on the Cherokee, Pisgah, Nantahala, Bienville, and Chatahochee Forests. The Stanley's have a son Bill who is attending Georgia Tech and a daughter Pat who will start at Warren Wilson College at Swannanoa in January. We hope they will enjoy being on the district as much as we have.

The Forest Service has always believed in safety and safety habits and expects its men to practice safe use of tools and equipment in the field and in the shop. This has paid off

both to all the people through savings to the government (accidents cost suffering, time, money, and equipment) and to the individual employees and their families in human lives and happiness. For the last two weeks Albert Ballew, Louis Shufford, and myself have been going to school—a first aid training course has been held at Asheville as part of the safety program of the Pisgah National Forest. Mr. D. W. Nichols, supervisor of the district, is the instructor. There are fourteen men from the three mountain districts of the forest taking the first aid training. First aid training is something that we all could use. Many people have died or been permanently disabled as a result of improper treatment by someone trying to help them. Proper attention before the doctor arrives may save someone's life but the easiest and best way to give first aid is to prevent the accident before it happens. Most of us forget that accidents can happen anywhere and not just at work. They can and do happen at home. Loose objects on a stairway, a pan of boiling water in the reach of children, a dull axe, or a carelessly handled tool can be the cause of a serious accident. An eye or an arm is a

priceless thing and a little care may save you or your youngster from an accident that might cripple or even kill.

Last December I had the good fortune to be on Roan Mountain on one of those perfect days. The air was clear and sharp, the sky a bright blue, and snow had stopped falling after three straight days. The snow was almost a foot deep and every balsam spruce, and rhododendron bush was coated with two or three inches of snow. On the Tennessee side of the mountain a solid cloud bank lay five or six hundred feet below us on the North Carolina side, an occasional cloud drifted across the snow covered ridges. It all added up to one of the most spectacular sights I've ever seen. The people who had waited under the snow fell trees were more impressed by the six foot snow drifts and the ice and snow covered road leading to the top of the Roan. While the snow drifted and blew on Roan Mt. the other side of the district had a belated first season. It isn't everywhere that you can freeze your car on one day and fight a forest fire the next.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF LAND

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by Curtis Thomas and wife, Ester Thomas, dated October 1, 1949 to the undersigned Trustee to secure the indebtedness therein named, which deed of trust is recorded in the Register of Deeds Office in the County of Yancey, North Carolina, in No. 34 at page 114, and default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and the holder of the indebtedness having made demand upon me to exercise the power of sale contained in said deed of Trust, I will, on the 8 day of January, 1951 (Monday) at 11 o'clock A. M. at the courthouse door in the Town of Burnsville, N. C. offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate lying and being in Blount County, North Carolina and described as follows:

Adjoining the lands of Joseph Thomas, Nimpton Bailey, Joh Randolph and others and bounded as follows:

First Tract: Beginning on a Hickory, a corner to M. A. Randolph and runs North 77 East 10 poles to a Sourwood and Black Oak on a Ridge; thence East 34 poles to a stake near a Maple on the bank of Toe River; thence down and with said River to a stake in the mouth of Cow Branch; thence up said Branch with the meanders of the same to Joseph Thomas' stake corner; thence South 33 East 13 1-2 poles to a Black Oak, his corner; thence South 57 West with his line 10 poles to the Beginning. Containing 10 acres more or less. Being the tract of land conveyed by deed from Joseph Thomas to Curtis Thomas. Dated Sept. 30, 1949.

Second Tract: Beginning on a 12 inch White Oak in the division line of Joseph Thomas and Nimpton Bailey and runs with the wire fence North 70 East about 20 poles to a Poplar, a corner between Joseph Thomas and Nimpton Bailey; thence a South course with the fence about 20 poles to a White Oak standing on a Rock, M. A. Randolph's corner; thence a South course with said fence to a small Black Gum standing on the bank of Cow Branch; thence a West course up and with Cow Branch 50 poles more or less to a stake in wire fence in said Branch; thence a Northwest course wire fence to the Beginning. Containing 10 acres more or less. Said land conveyed by deed from Joseph Thomas to Curtis Thomas dated Sept. 30, 1949.

Reservations: Joseph Thomas reserves the right to use all the Locust timber and pasture stock on the said second tract of land during his lifetime.

Third Tract: Beginning on a White Oak, Joseph Thomas' corner and runs South 85 East 20 poles to a Hickory; thence North 57 East 10 poles to a Black Oak; thence North 33 West 13 1-2 poles to a stake in the Branch in Joseph Thomas' line; thence up and with the Branch 21 poles to a Poplar. Joseph Thomas' corner; thence South up the Branch with Joseph Thomas' line to the Beginning. Containing three acres more or less. Said land conveyed from Joseph Thomas and wife, Nanie Thomas to Curtis Thomas by deed August 21, 1945 and registered in the office of Register of Deeds for Yancey County in Book of deed 95 at page 7. The dwelling house of said Curtis and Ester Thomas being situated on the said third tract of land.

This the 4 day of Dec., 1950
 W. C. Berry, Trustee
 Dec. 14-21-28, Jan. 4

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SWISS NEWS

Miss Dottie Robinson flew down from Washington, D. C. to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Robinson of Swiss.

Also home over the holidays was Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robinson. Miss Nellie Robinson of Ashley and Roy Burton Hensley of Bald Creek.

Cpl. Charles M. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Johnson of Swiss is home for the holiday season. Charles, who is now stationed at Tyndall Air Base, Panama City, Fla. is on a twenty day furlough.

Pvt. Eugene Shephard, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Shephard, spent the holidays with his parents at Swiss.

NOTICE OF FINAL SALE

In The Superior Court
 NORTH CAROLINA
 YANCEY COUNTY
 YANCEY COUNTY
 vs.
 Dulcie Allen, et als, Heirs at Law
 of E. A. Allen

Under and by virtue of a judgment of the Superior Court in the above entitled action appointing the undersigned as Commissioner to sell the hereinafter described lands to satisfy said judgment for taxes for the years of 1948, 1949, together with interest, penalties and costs thereon, and subsequent taxes, the undersigned will, on the 15 day of January, 1951, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Court House door in Burnsville, North Carolina, sell the hereinafter described lands to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said judgment together with all costs and subsequent taxes said property being in Pensacola Township, Yancey County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of S. P. Atkins and described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning on a water birch on West side of Long Branch standing on the bank of said branch runs West course up the mountain with the main height of a ridge, a made line by S. P. Atkins to the top of Wilson Ridge to a chestnut; thence an East course down the mountain a conditional line used by S. P. Atkins to a chestnut at a branch; thence down the branch to Long Branch; thence down Long Branch to the Beginning, containing 30 acres more or less.

This Dec. 12, 1950.
 BILL ATKINS, Commissioner
 Dec. 21-28, Jan. 4-11

NOTICE OF FINAL SALE

YANCEY COUNTY
 NORTH CAROLINA
 YANCEY COUNTY
 vs.
 M. B. Higgins, et als.

Whereas, a judgment was rendered in the Superior Court of Yancey County, North Carolina, in the above entitled action against the individual defendants in said action as Heirs at Law of J. H. Higgins. Deceased for certain taxes due Yancey County and for due the Town of Burnsville, North Carolina, for the years of 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, and for subsequent taxes, and

Whereas, after the rendition of such judgment and the appointment of the undersigned as Commissioner to sell said lands the taxes due Yancey County were paid and the taxes due the Town of Burnsville by all the individual defendants were paid except the pro rata share of M. B. Higgins and wife, have not been paid, and

Whereas, the undersigned Commissioner was duly appointed and authorized to sell said lands to satisfy said taxes, interest and costs, and subsequent taxes, the undersigned Commissioner will, on Jan. 15, 1951, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. at the Courthouse Door in Burnsville, North Carolina, sell for cash to the highest bidder the ONE FOURTH UNDIVIDED INTEREST OF M. B. HIGGINS in the following tracts or parcels of land in the Town of Burnsville, N. C. adjoining the lands of George Robinson and others, and more particularly described as follows:

First Tract: Being the old home tract of J. M. Higgins and bounded on the South by Highway No. 19 E., on the East by the Street leading to the old hospital property, on the West by the lands of George Robinson and on the North by the street connecting the street leading to the old hospital property and the street leading to the McCracken Cemetery, containing 1 acre more or less.

Second Tract: Being lots Nos. 19, 20, 27, 28, 39, 40, 50, 51, 60, 61 of the J. H. Higgins Addition to the Town of Burnsville, a map or plot of which appears of record in the office of the Register of Deeds for Yancey County North Carolina in Deed Book 64, page 600.

This December 8, 1950.
 Bill Atkins Commissioner
 Dec. 14-21-28, Jan. 4

F H A NEWS

One of the most practical loans made by the Farmers Home Administration is called a Farm Development Loan. This is the same type loan as those used for farm purchase but differs in that the applicant already owns his farm but is unable to make the necessary improvements to enable the farm to make a profit on all its acres. The loan may be used for land development such as liming, phosphating, permanent seeding, fencing and necessary building, either new or repair. The repayment period is 40 years which is more than ample for the increased profits obtained by improving the farm to repay the loan.

With land prices higher than ever before it seems reasonable that it is more practical to improve presently owned acres than it is to buy more land.

The Farm Development loan was set up to assist the farmer who wishes to make major changes or improvements and does not have the necessary capital to get the job done within a reasonable period of time. On farms that are in a poor state of cultivation the farm income is low. Therefore if other income is not available to use to make the necessary improvements it is usually a painful job lasting several years since most of the income must be used for family living or necessary farm expense and very little is available for improvements. If the farmer wants to go ahead and make his improvements within a short time credit is necessary from some source. He would not be eligible for a loan from the Farmers Home Administration if he could get credit from other sources at reasonable terms that he could be expected to meet.

Credit is often necessary and fine if used for purposes that will increase the income of a farm above the required repayments. A loan for a purpose that will not increase income is a poor investment and puts the borrower in a worse

NEW YEAR'S DAY DOUBLE FEATURE

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Carrol of Shoal Creek are believed to be the first in Yancey County to receive a visit from the stork in 1951. The Carrols received a double package on New Year's Day with the birth of twins, a boy, position than ever. All credit extended by the Farmers Home Administration, with the exception of certain Housing Loans, is called supervised credit. This means that a farm plan is worked out each year by the farm family and a representative of the Farmers Home Administration. Then, as follow up work, any assistance possible is given to make the plan work out. This is the basis for all the work of the Farmers Home Administration. Funds of the United States Government are not loaned just for the sake of loaning money, but in order that needed adjustments or improvements may be brought about.

Duane, and a girl, Jane. This makes the fourth set of twins born to Mr. and Mrs. Carrol. They have fifteen children in all. Mrs. Maude Ray, midwife, delivered the last three sets of twins born to the Carrols.

Match This For Size



Kids have saved matchcovers for generations. Patricia Foster, 14, of Belleville, N. J., is the newest member of the Empire Matchcover Club and at her first meeting astounded members with the largest and smallest book matches. The large one is 6-inches long and the small one is about the size of a dime. Both contain the usual 20 matches and both do an efficient job. There are about a million hobbyists who save matches and about one-fourth are organized among clubs. Saving matchbook covers is one of the few original American hobbies.

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Dr. Clarence Poe Explains Point Four Program

South To Benefit, Says Progressive Farmer Editor

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 20—Addressing a group of agricultural leaders from Alabama, North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Texas in Birmingham recently, Dr. Clarence Poe, President and Editor of The Progressive Farmer, and recently appointed by President Truman as a member of the Advisory Board of the Point Four Program, said the whole South should profit from development of under-developed areas of the world under the Point Four program.



Capus Waynick of North Carolina, and groundwork for its activities was laid in the widely discussed Cordon Gray report, authored by the new president of the University of North Carolina. Dr. Henry C. Bennett, president of Oklahoma A. & M. College, has been made executive director of the entire Point Four program, and Dr. Paul W. Chapman, of the University of Georgia, will advise on development of rural industries. Dr. Robert P. Daniel, president of Virginia State College for Negroes, is also a member of the Advisory Board.

Dr. Clarence Poe organized The Progressive Farmer Company and has been its president during the magazine's period of growth from a circulation of 5,000 to its present monthly circulation of more than 1,150,000. Dr. Poe has traveled widely abroad and is the author of two books on agricultural and industrial conditions in Europe and the Orient.

The program, stated Dr. Poe, is not a "give-away" project, but aims to help foreign nations help themselves through industrial and agricultural development. Dr. Poe defined the immediate objective of the program's committee as providing of employment in industry and progress in agriculture with the aid of technical assistance and sound investments by American capital. It is hoped that the program will achieve a degree of agricultural progress in many rural regions of the world comparable to that accomplished in our own South through the Agricultural Extension work of farm and home agents.

The interest of American business in the Point Four program is evidenced by the fact that President Truman secured Nelson A. Rockefeller as chairman of the board and Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., as a member. The President also appointed John L. Savage, chief designing engineer of the Hoover and Grand Coulee Dams, and, indicating the great emphasis to be laid on public health, Dr. Thomas Parran, former Surgeon General of the United States.

The South has a major interest in the groundwork of the program in that the chief organizer has been

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