

### Around The Mt. Mitchell Forest Service District

By Bill Balmer, JF, U. S. Forest Ranger

In keeping with the Forest Service principle of multiple use a small portion of the National Forest lands has been set aside for those who enjoy nature as it was created. These areas are called wilderness and wild areas. The main difference between wilderness and wild areas is that wilderness areas contain at least 100,000 acres and wild areas must have less than 100,000 and more than 5000 acres. There are now 78 wilderness and wild areas in the National Forests, each is to be preserved in its natural state without commercial use such as timber cutting. No roads are to be built into wilderness and wild areas and no occupancy is allowed. Due to the nature of such areas they are mostly confined to land that is accessible for commercial purposes.

When D. J. Morriss, supervisor of the Pisgah-Croatan National Forests, announced the establishment of the Linville Gorge Wild Area, North Carolina became the first state east of the Mississippi to have such an area. Now and in the future, visitors to the Linville Gorge Wild Area will be able to see a sample of the rugged virgin mountains that the pioneers in this country found when they first settled the Southern Appalachians. Hunters and fishermen can go after game and land that

big one under much the same conditions as their great grandfather did many years ago. Here in North Carolina will be preserved 7600 acres of untamed and unmolested forest for our children so they can appreciate their heritage in our country. The Forest Service recommends due to the rugged nature of the gorge visitors should not enter it alone.

Those fishermen who like to rough it would like the largest wilderness area east of the Rockies. It is made up of the three roadless areas in the Superior National Forest of northern Minnesota. They include a little more than one million acres of lakes, streams and forests that can only be traveled in a canoe and offers some of the best fishing in the country. The competition isn't bad as you can travel for days without meeting another person. Most of the other wilderness areas are accessible by horse and visitors usually take a pack train and hire guides. Every year The American Forestry Association conducts trail rider trips into several of the western wilderness areas. The trips cost about \$10 a person per day and lasts from 10 to 15 days. These trips are through some of the most spectacular country in the world.

Last year approximately 400,000 North Carolinians

### Pasture Needs Water, Water Needs Pasture, Says PMA Official

The better the pasture the more conservation of soil and water. And the more conservation of soil and water the better the pasture. Without saying which comes first, W. M. Hensley, Chairman of the Yancey County PMA Committee, calls attention to a number of ways in which a good pasture safeguards the Nation's soil security and protects the food and fiber supply of the country.

The chairman explains the conservation value of pasture in this way: Land that is in grass and legumes—where there is a good stand and vigorous growth—has about the best possible protection against erosion. The thick covering is a protection against splash erosion, the covering vegetation breaking the fall of raindrops, slowing down run-off, and allowing more moisture to soak into the soil. In addition, the maze of roots filling the surface soil holds the soil particles together so they are not washed away when the rains come. The roots also add organic matter to the soil, improving the structure and further protecting the land against erosion. By taking up plant food in the process of growth and holding it in the plant, leaching losses are reduced.

Legumes have an added value since the bacteria which are associated with legumes take nitrogen from the air and add it to the soil. The nitrogen in turn helps to increase the growth and vigor of both the grasses and legumes.

Where soils are deficient in phosphorus, the Agri-

bought hunting and fishing licenses. It is estimated that nearly 100 million dollars are spent annually for hunting and fishing equipment, gas and oil, food, licenses, etc. by sportsmen. In addition to the game and fish taken and the pleasure and relaxation gained by hunters and fishermen thousands of tourists carry home memories of the wildlife they saw on their trips through the state. It is impossible to set a dollar and cents value on wildlife but it is obvious that both in pleasure and profit it is a big business.

### Supply Assured



Twenty-five million cups like the ones being held by this pretty student nurse from a Hackensack, N. J., hospital will be stockpiled in strategic warehouses for use if bombs fall on America. Paper cups and food containers are essential not only for medical care but are also necessary for emergency feeding when water supplies are cut off or contaminated. They are being voluntarily stockpiled in 12 to 15 strategic locations by the paper cup and container industry and will be available for disaster use by Civilian Defense, Red Cross or Public Health officials.

### HOME AGENT

The home demonstration club notices for the week of February 26-March 3 are as follows:

The Dayton Bend H. D. Club will meet Thursday March 1 at 2:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Julia Jarrett.

The Middle Jacks Creel Club will meet Friday March 2 at 2:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Ed Hunter.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to our friends for the many acts of thoughtfulness and kindness extended to us during our recent bereavement and for the beautiful floral offering.

T. M. Young and Family.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness shown us during the sickness and death of our beloved husband and father. Also for the nice floral offering.

The Family of Homer Robinson.

Cultural Conservation Program provides assistance to aid farmers in obtaining and using superphosphate on pastureland. In this case, the chairman explains superphosphate is the spark that starts off the whole chain of steps which are summed up in the statement—better pasture means more conservation of soil and water, and more conservation of soil and water means better pastures.

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