

### Around The Mt. Mitchell Forest Service District

By George Vitas, U. S. Forest Ranger

Everywhere we go we note strong signs of tension among people. Folks appear to have less patience, are inclined to burst out at the least provocation. Little things which normally would be laughed off seem to become the cause for major disagreement. Recently, in Miami, Florida we went into a crowded restaurant. In walked a middle-aged portly little man who sat down beside us. He ordered his meal and after his food was brought him he hailed the waitress, "Miss, I want a piece of garlic." The waitress very courteously said, "But Sir, we don't have any garlic." To which he replied, "But I want a piece of garlic; I always have a piece of garlic with my meal." The waitress was very busy waiting on a dozen customers. Each time she passed the man, he flagged her down and demanded a piece of garlic. Finally he left his stool and went back into the kitchen, from where you could hear his voice booming, demanding a piece of garlic. Eventually, he returned to his stool—without the garlic. His face was a raging blood color. He rammed his food into his mouth and stalked out of the restaurant. We had witnessed public scenes before, but never one over a piece of garlic. If the man had to have garlic with his meal, why not buy a sack of the stuff in a grocery store and lug it around in his pocket. We were sorry that we hadn't thought to suggest this solution to the man before he stomped out of the restaurant. On the other hand we have a hunch that it would have done no good. It would have deprived him of an excuse over which to create a scene. He acted like a man who was dissatisfied with himself and the world and was taking it out on the waitress.

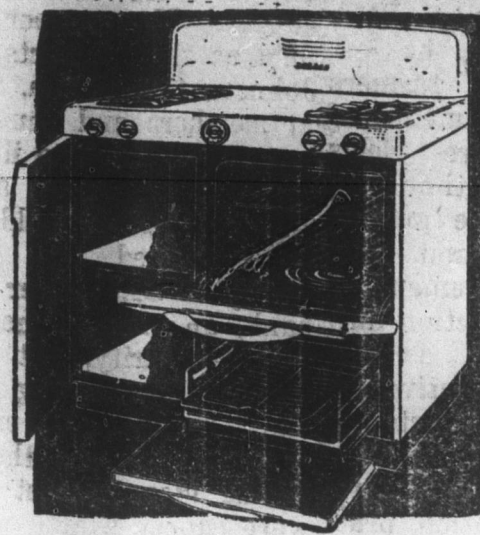
Trout fishermen will be pleased to learn that a Forest Service crew is in the process of cutting fish walkways to the headwaters of some of our best trout streams in the South Toe River, Mackey and Curtis Creek drainages. These trails follow branch streams to their headwaters. They will enable the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and U. S. Forest Service to make a better distribution of trout this spring. It should also relieve the over-crowding that we normally get when the fishermen pour into the most accessible areas. By using these foot trails more fish-

The Jacks Creek Home Demonstration Club held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Craig Woody, Friday night, February 13. Mrs. Eula Hensley led a very interesting discussion on "Character Building." After a brief business session refreshments were served by the hostess. The March meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ed Hunter.

ermen will get back into the woods. And, next fall, when hunting season rolls around, the deer hunters can use the same trails in going after their quarry. This work is being financed with cooperative State-federal game funds.

The Society of American Foresters has just accredited the forestry schools at twenty-five of the nation's colleges and universities. The states of North Carolina and Michigan lead the nation in the number of approved forestry schools with two each. In North Carolina, Duke University and North Carolina State College are on the approved list. With such splendid forestry educational opportunities in this state, no North Carolina student-forester need leave his home state to get his forestry degree.

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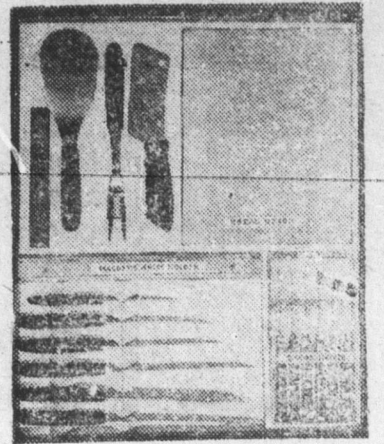
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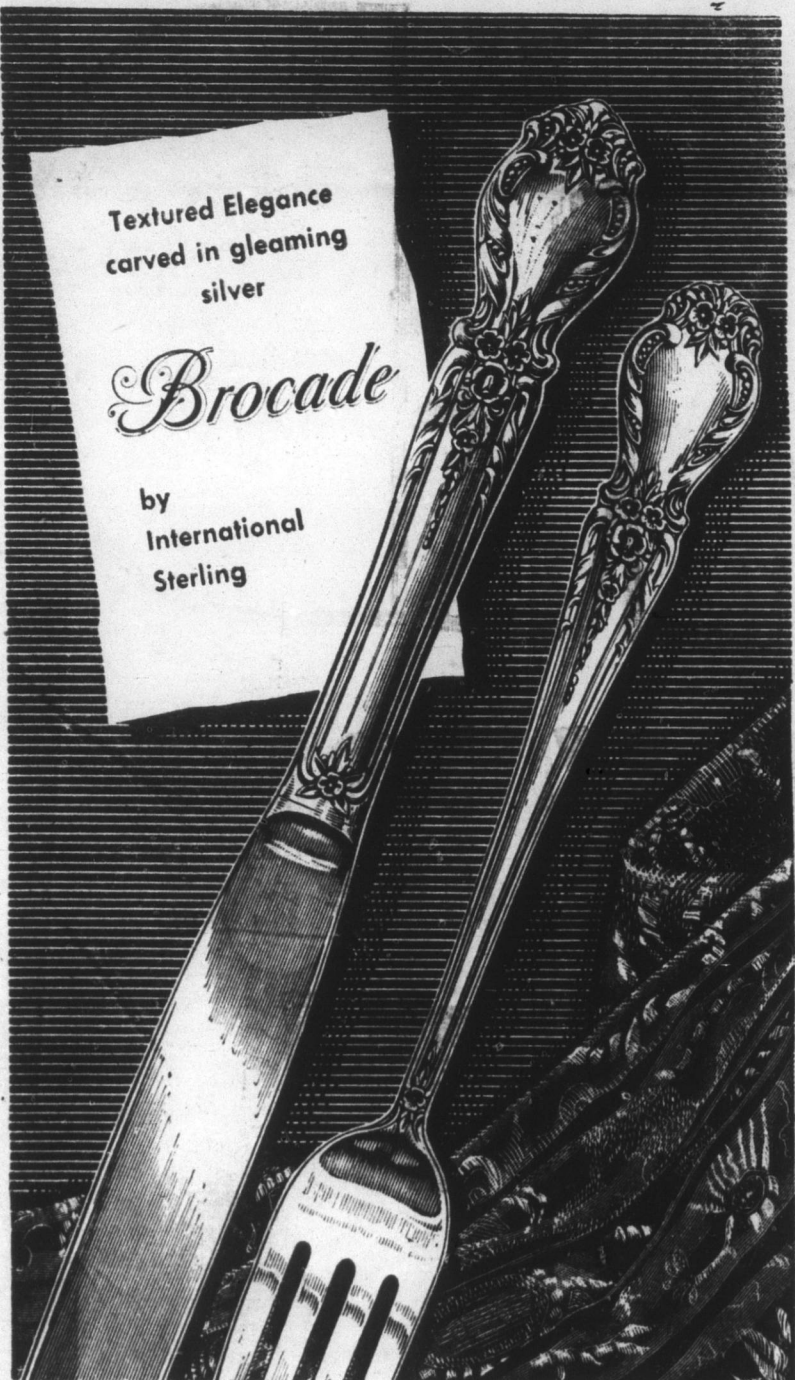


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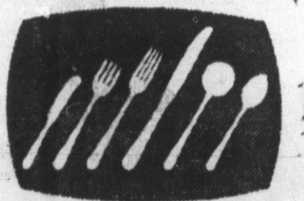
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