

### Around The Mt. Mitchell Forest Service District

By George Vitas, U. S. Forest Ranger

Last Wednesday we had the pleasure of showing the Mt. Mitchell District to 130 women, six children and three bus drivers. The ladies represented 18 McDowell County Home Demonstration Clubs. Most of the ladies were wives and mothers who took the day off from their normal duties to see some of the scenic beauty of the District and get a first hand look at many of the National Forest activities such as watershed protection, timber growing, logging, timber marking, fish and game production, fire protection, camping for children, forest recreation, the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Mt. Mitchell State Park. They met Gus Hultman, Parkway Ranger, Robert Wilson, Mt. Mitchell State Park Superintendent and Blight Reitor, State Game Protector. The trip was made possible through the organizational efforts of Miss Elsie Garrett, County Home Demonstration Agent, and was financed by three of Marion's leading industries—the Cross Cotton Mill Co., Clinchfield Manufacturing Co., and the Marion Manufacturing Co. The rule in conducting show-me-trips is not to take more than 30 people because of the difficulty of keeping more than that number of folks together. However, we are pleased

to say that the 130 ladies cooperated wonderfully and we were able to pretty much adhere to a tight schedule, and had a really delightful day. Now that the ladies have had a close-up look at the District, we hope that they will come back often with their families. The South Toe Organization Camp, which is in the heart of the Mt. Mitchell Wildlife Management Area opened on June 4th and is now occupied by 75 children from rural areas in the District. The camp, although built and owned by the U. S. Forest Service, has been leased by the government to the Optimist Club of Asheville for 30 years. It is a non-profit camp, run on proceeds from the Optimist Club's annual football game at Asheville and from contributions from individuals and organizations interested in providing underprivileged children an opportunity to spend a week in the clean healthy atmosphere of the Forest for a week. Dr. J. B. Anderson, of Asheville, has given unstintingly of his time to make the camp a success. We are proud to have such worthwhile use being made of a National Forest camp. Incidentally, when the ladies visited this camp they got quite a thrill out of walking across the swingy bridge that

### GARDEN TIME By Robert Schmitt

While we are between crops, in a sense, we should be thinking of ways to improve our garden soils. Much needed organic matter may be added through the use of stable manures or summer and fall green crops to be turned under. These materials will make heavy soils easier to work and will give sandy soils a better water-holding capacity and along with that, there is the added fertility. But what I wish to talk about is soil acidity and the use of lime. Many gardeners do not understand the proper use of lime because they do not know the needs of the individual crops. Also, they do not know how acid their soil is. It is foolish to add lime to soil if you do not know that it needs lime or that the crops to be grown require more lime. Lime reduces soil acidity. Most vegetable crops will thrive in slightly acid (pH 6 to 6.7) soils but there are a number of them that will not thrive at all in very acid (pH 4.5 to 5.0) soils. These are asparagus, spinach, onions, celery, lettuce, beets, muskmelons, cauliflower, broccoli, parsnips, okra, and salsify. Crops such as beans, cucumbers, watermelons, corn, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes and tomatoes are quite tolerant of very acid soils—in fact, it is desirable for watermelons. It is also desirable to grow Irish potatoes on quite acid soils to prevent the development of potato scab, a serious disease which is made worse by liming the soil. The soil testing laboratory spans the South Toe River at the camp. In these days of heavy equipment and great earth-moving machines, hills and ridges are quickly chewed up and shoved around like they didn't mean much. But William T. Wright, of Pleasant Gardens, our Forest Improvements Foreman can remember back when things were different. Mr. Wright has had 30 years of service with the U. S. Forest Service in road, telephone line, building, bridge, etc. construction and maintenance. He can remember back many years ago when he was overseer over 5 miles of county road near Highlands, N. C. All road work was done by hand at that time. One day, while reading a farm magazine, Mr. Wright saw a mule-drawn grader advertised by a Milwaukee firm. It sold for \$106.00. Mr. Wright wrote and asked if he couldn't buy the machine on terms. The firm not only shipped the machine to him but automatically made him the North Carolina sales representative. When compared with the great diesel-powered road machines of today, the grader was a midget with a tiny 4-foot blade. But in spite of its size, the grader and a team of mules could do the work of 50 men. Mr. Wright says that when the newly-painted grader arrived from Milwaukee, it caused more excitement in Highlands than when the first automobile chugged into town. After using the machine for two years, he sold it to the county at its original purchase price. Mr. Wright said, that about five years ago, while visiting Highlands he spotted the old grader—still in good shape—parked in a local blacksmith shop.

tory of the N. C. Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, will test your soil free of charge and tell you how much lime to use. That leaves no excuse for not knowing the correct acidity of your soil. Take samples by slicing the soil with a spade or trowel to a depth of four to six inches which will give you soil from the top as well as lower down. Thoroughly mix and send about one pint to the laboratory. If your garden is large take samples from more than one location. It is possible that your county agent has equipment for making simple soil tests.

### C. B. Cooper Receives Doctorate In Philosophy

Charles Burleigh Cooper, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Ferguson, Bald Creek, received his degree of doctor of philosophy in physics from the University of Maryland at the commencement exercises on June 9. He received the bachelor of science degree from Franklin and Marshall College and the master of science degree at Cornell University.

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### SUMMER IMMUNIZATION CLINIC SCHEDULE FOR YANCEY COUNTY

#### MONDAY, JUNE 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

Young's Chapel, Boonford	9:00 A. M.
Newdale Post Office	9:45 A. M.
Young's Store, Newdale	10:00 A. M.
Robinson's Store, Micaville	10:30 A. M.
Gibson's Store, Windom	11:00 A. M.
Bolens Creek Church	1:00 P. M.
Low Gap Church	1:45 P. M.
Pensacola, Wilson's Store	2:15 P. M.

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 5th and 12th

Bee Log School (5th 9 A. M.—12th 10 A. M.)  
TUESDAY, JUNE 12th, 19th, 26th, JULY 3rd (Mrs. Ballard)

Elk Shoal Church	9:00 A. M.
Higgins, Markle Building	9:30 A. M.
Byrd's Chapel	11:00 A. M.
Big Creek	12:00 M.

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th (Mrs. Lee)

Bowditch Church	9:00 A. M.
Robinson's Store, Celso	9:30 A. M.
Robinson's Store, Hamrick	10:00 A. M.
Busick Church	11:00 A. M.
Riverside Store	1:00 P. M.
Cane River, Wilson's Store	1:30 P. M.
Proffitt's Store, Bald Creek	2:00 P. M.
Pate's Store, Swiss	3:00 P. M.

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

Allen's Home, Phipps Creek	9:00 A. M.
Presbyterian Church, Banks Creek	9:30 A. M.
England's Store, Paint Gap	10:00 A. M.
Ledford's Store, Prices Creek	10:45 A. M.
Presbyterian Church, Jacks Creek	1:00 P. M.
Day Book Store	1:45 P. M.
North Bend Free Will Baptist Church	2:15 P. M.

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

Double Island Church	9:00 A. M.
Pleasant Gap Church	9:45 A. M.
Brush Creek Methodist Church	10:15 A. M.
Howell's Store, Green Mountain	11:00 A. M.
Toledo Post Office	12:00 M.

### Notice To Taxpayers

All taxpayers of Yancey County will please take notice that all taxes due Yancey County for the Year 1950 will be advertised and the tax liens sold beginning the first Monday in August, 1951 as required by law. If you want to avoid the cost of sale of your 1950 tax lien on your real property then please pay said taxes on or before July 1, 1951 since said tax liens will have to be advertised for sale during the month of July. Please see me immediately and pay your 1950 taxes.

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