

## Around The Mt. Mitchell Forest Service District

By George Vitas, U. S. Forest Ranger

Television is new and we are learning about it all the time. For instance, Ivan Lewis who lives at Indian Grave Gap on the Tennessee-North Carolina line came in the other day and told us something about the behaviour of his TV set that has puzzled. He said his set worked great all winter long until spring came and the leaves in the surrounding National Forest began to bud out. Then, he said, he noticed that the picture commenced to get fluttery and as the new green leaves became larger the set became increasingly agitated. "But if you really want to see the set act up," he said, "you ought to be around when the wind starts stirring those leaves on the trees—the picture shimmy's all over the place." Well, this is another one of the many things we don't know about. If we were to crawl out on a limb and speculate, we would say that in some unexplainable manner the growing leaves are creating an electronic disturbance in the atmosphere which seems to be intensified when the wind shakes the leaves up a bit.

And while we are on the subject of trees and television. Several months ago they had one of those devastating forest fires in which Southern California is so often subjected. Hundreds of fire fighters were needed. Forest Rangers found out that the quickest and most effective way to get volunteer forest fire fighters quick was to go on a Los Angeles television station and make an appeal to the people. The response was excellent.

And out in Australia, as a forest fire prevention stunt, they televised a going forest fire from a plane. The reaction of folks sitting in the security of their homes while they watched a forest fire race through the trees was one that left a lasting impression.

Every once in a while a tragedy strikes in the District. Several days ago, C. O. Ray,

who is one of our National Forest neighbors living at Celso, lost his home and everything it contained in a fire of undetermined origin. With the help of his friends and neighbors, Mr. Ray, who has a family of seven, hopes to rebuild.

Last Friday we attended a joint meeting of North Carolina and Tennessee citizens at Spruce Pine, to discuss plans for the coming Roan Mountain Rhododendron Festival, scheduled for June 21st. At that time, not only the festival with its beauty contest and other events will be held, but the newly built North Carolina and Tennessee highways to the top of Roan will be dedicated. We have been attending these meetings for three years and are very much impressed with the sky-rocketing interest in the Roan Mountain development. The cities of Newland, Burnsville, Bakersville, Spruce Pine, Elk Park and Banner Elk all had from 4 to 23 representatives at the meeting. A total of 71 attended.

### TOBACCO SPECIALIST GATHERS DATA IN COUNTY

S. N. Hawks, tobacco specialist, visited chemically treated tobacco bed demonstrations in the county recently and collected data on plant beds in this area.

The specialist recommended that when weather is dry, tobacco beds should be watered. He said blue mold should be treated with FERMATE or DITHANE, either dust or spray material, according to the manufacturer's directions. A treatment of 5 percent DDT dust, was recommended where flea beetle infection is noted.

"If a grower has a shortage of plants," said Mr. Hawks, "don't go out of the state to get plants because of the danger of black shank, the disease that has almost put some growers out of business in other burley belt states."

### PASTURE WILL HELP LOWER DAIRY COSTS

If Tar Heel dairymen are to compete with other sections of the country, they must lower their milk production costs and increase their net income.

This is the opinion of A. C. Kimrey, dairy specialist for State College Extension Service.

"The greatest single thing that can be done," says Kimrey, "is to provide enough pasture for at least seven months of profitable grazing during the year. Also, there must be an abundance of high-quality legume roughage for winter feeding."

Kimrey asserts that the cheapest source of nutrients for milk production is grass, which can be produced anywhere in North Carolina when the dairyman is willing to devote good land to pasture building.

"Profitable pasture can no more be built on poor soil than can a profitable corn crop be produced on such soil," declares the specialist.

This doesn't necessarily mean that the most desirable

### RIVERSIDE NEWS

Mrs. Ernest Byrd and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Naff Whitson here last Sunday. Reed Hall and room mate,

tillage land must be put in pasture. Instead, on many farms there is good rolling land that will wash badly if fit cultivated and that might much more profitably be put into permanent pasture, together with the adjacent branch and creek bottoms. If this is done, plant food washed from the more level fields will be captured and converted into grass, and the fertility will be returned to the fields of the farm through the medium of the dairy cow, if she is allowed to graze.

"The great grazing sections of the country," says Kimrey, "take the same dairy blood that we have and consistently develop from it larger and better cows that produce more milk. The difference is not blood but pasture—not just fenced land but good soil that has been properly prepared and seeded to suitable grasses."

Jim Hall, of Mars Hill College spent last week end with Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hall.

Mrs. Ernie Wilson and Mrs. Glenn Brooks have returned home after having visited their brothers, James D. John and Warren McKinney of Washington, D. C., and Baltimore, Md., for the past week.



SOME ONE ONCE described resentment as "a union of sorrow with malignity." One cannot help being hurt by injuries or injustices suffered at another's hands. Nor is it unusual for a wronged person to want to "get even." Revenge the fruit of resentment, is sweet or, at least, it appears to be.

Resentment is one of the most easily aroused human emotions. An unkind word or an unfair criticism instantly causes it to flare up. Serious wrongs cause a more intense, violent and prolonged reaction. Resentment sometimes grows into a cancer of hate. It can be a two-edged weapon, menacing the vindictive person as well as his victim.

Suppose that a man has been dealt with atrociously by another. He is not simply angry. He considers he has a perfect right to make the other person pay for his actions. Soon, however, the injured party's good sense begins to assert itself. He says to himself: If I am mean to this person, surely God has a right to be a million times meaner to me?

This is a thought that should destroy the spirit of resentment in any man's soul. Who has not offended God at one time or another? How many times has God forgiven some creature who may even yet be committing faults against Him? Is there a human being who can behave as badly toward me as I have toward God?

Scripture says we must do good to those that hate or injure us. This is Christian love. It is the love exemplified by God, who treats all with unfailing generosity, who never turns His face from even the most sinful of His children.



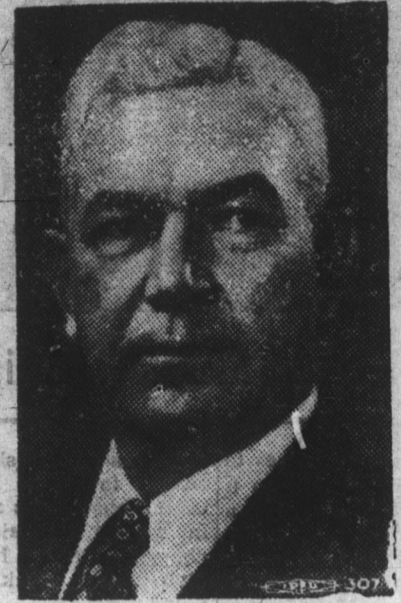
This is "bug time" as well as garden time and garden fruits, vegetables and flowers seem to have more than their share of pests. It is not possible to give specific control information in a short column such as this, but certain principles of control can be mentioned. Spray materials and labor are expensive and unless used properly and intelligently may be a waste of time and money.

In order to carry on a successful spray program you should first know or determine what pest you are trying to control. Is it a disease, is it a chewing insect like a bean beetle or a sucking insect like an aphid, and what sort of damage does it do? Second, you should know what spray material to use to control the pest and how to apply it to be effective. For example, it would require a fungicide to control plant diseases, and this spray would have no effect on insects. Insect sprays would not control diseases. It is often necessary to know how to apply the spray. For example, the Mexican bean beetle feeds mostly on the under side of

the bean leaf. Therefore, the spray must be directed against the under side of the leaf in order to effectively control it. Third, the spray must be applied at the right time. This is very important, especially for control of plant diseases as well as certain insects. Fourth do a thorough job. Good coverage is necessary for effective control.

Your county agent can help you identify the specific pests that are giving you trouble and can furnish you information for controls. Or you may obtain bulletins from the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, Raleigh, N. C.

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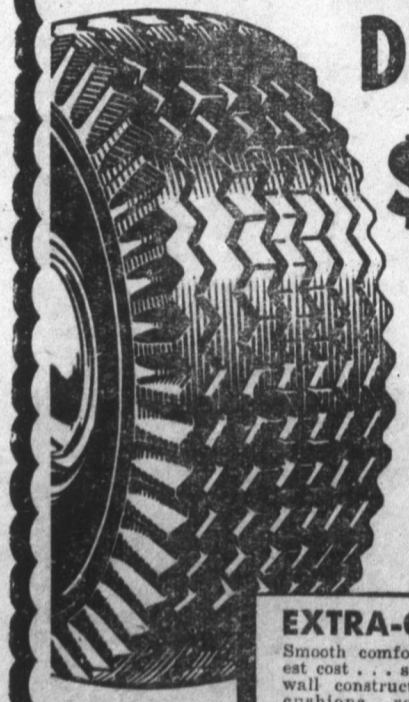
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### "I REMEMBER" BY THE OLD TIMERS

From Kay McIntosh, Montrose, Mich.: I remember the many nice things at Grandma's house, such as the big, black Dutch oven that stood on three legs on the hearth, filled with sweet potatoes baked to a turn, soft and sweet and good eating on winter evenings. I remember the small "pattie" of bee's wax on the ironing board to smooth Grandma's iron fresh-hot from the kitchen range top.

From Mrs. W. T. Cox, Big Lake, Texas: I remember when a pinch of this, a pinch of that and a dash of something else made the best apple pie you ever ate. Cooking schools and exact recipes didn't interfere with a woman's natural knack for cooking. Women had the feel for mixing things.

From Mrs. Mary Roth Bonnell, Parrish, N.D.: I remember when a child the great events we looked forward to. Once a year Mother took us four children on a pleasure boat excursion down the river and back—these are known as show boats today. On the Fourth of July, she piled us in a springy buggy and we drove to town to celebrate. In the fall, we attended the old soldiers' reunion.

From Mrs. Christ Karconickala, Perryville, Mo.: Well I remember as a little girl I attended Sunday school with my four sisters. As we had only one pair of Sunday shoes a year, we walked barefooted to church and back all summer, carrying our shoes to keep them clean, wearing them only when in the church.

From the Old Cuss, Chicago: I remember the bathing beauties of Mack Sennett days. Their swim suits would keep a modern gal as warm as a mink coat, they were so capacious. Modern gals' swim suits keep the men warm, except me—I'm too old.

(Mail your memories to THE OLD TIMER, BOX 340, FRANKFURT, KY.)

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