

Says Forestry Is Aid To Nation's Prosperity

America's forests, if they are to do their part in maintaining permanent, prosperous communities, must be so handled that a continuous supply of timber is assured for each community dependent upon forest industries, according to R. F. Hammatt, assistant to the chief of the forest service, U. S. department of agriculture.

In a bulletin just published—"Forestry and Permanent Prosperity" (U. S. Department of Agriculture Miscellaneous Publication No. 247)—Mr. Hammatt cites the history of land management in the United States as a "record of land misuse . . . almost unparalleled." He explains that on lands in private ownership, which constitutes three-fourths of our total forest area, more than 41 million acres are burned annually.

For more than a century previous to 1900, forest lands were "literally forced from public to private ownership," the bulletin says. Such ownership failed to bring economic prosperity, for instead of owners harvesting forest crops regularly, as they grew, the capital stock in growing trees was cut and the source of income destroyed on millions of acres.

"Another, a more vital aspect," it says, "is the human one. For as the timber disappeared and sawmills shut down, hundreds of thousands of workers were thrown out of their jobs. Many, looking for work, found it in prosperous times, but were forced to migrate. In dull times, others, without the means to move, were more unfortunate, for no longer was there any market for their labor or for the products of local agriculture. In community after community, taxes became delinquent.

"In this way, forest exploitation has laid its blight on individuals and communities. It has been responsible for ghost towns and rural slums throughout the Lake States, the South and on the Pacific Coast.

Indeed, its effects have eaten more deeply into the national fabric. For with forests cleared from hillsides, rains have run off quickly and floods have increased, topsoil has eroded from fertile areas; streams, dams and harbors have loaded up with silt; property has been damaged and destroyed."

It was not until the close of the last century that the movement for forestry really started, Mr. Hammatt said. Real progress has been made largely since 1900.

Pointing out that the administration of the national-forest system—composing a total land area of some 170 million acres—has been a conspicuous effort in the development of American forestry, the bulletin shows how these Federal properties offered, during the past economic depression, emergency employment on a national scale, which, aside from furnishing necessary work, resulted in substantial physical improvements to the forests themselves.

How the national forests function to stabilize the economic welfare of hundreds of communities is cited as an example of the manner in which forestry can lay the foundations of a permanent prosperity throughout wide areas. Extension of sound forestry practice to other large areas under private ownership is advocated.

"In the continental United States there are some 615,000,000 acres of land which are more valuable for forest and allied uses than for any other purpose," Mr. Hammatt said.

"They make up almost one-third of our total land surface. And since forests are products of the soil, they are susceptible of renewal and management in accordance with known sciences and practices. Treated thus, forest lands need not be devastated; need not create ghost towns or rural slums. They may, instead, be kept productive and be so managed that they will always contribute to the permanent support of their fair share of the country's population."

Town and Country Cooperation Essential

Both farmers and merchants benefit from mutual understanding and cooperation. Lack of this understanding and cooperation encourages antipathy and avarice. An article in The Progressive Farmer suggests the establishment of community improvement organizations, composed of both city and farm residents, to analyze the shortcomings in community welfare and provide for remedying them. Says M. R. Bedsole, the writer of this article:—

"While teaching in a small rural school recently, I sat in a small store and watched a merchant render real service to his farmer patrons. He ordered the best available poultry feeds for them. He bought their eggs by reference to daily market quotations furnished by the state marketing service. As a real friend to his farmer customers, he offered valuable criticisms and suggestions. This man, by keeping abreast of agricultural progress, thus rendered great service to his community. He realized that his future success depended on those who traded with him. He not only provided farm equipment and other supplies of superior quality, but arranged to purchase the daily production of surrounding farmers and send by truck to distant markets so as to secure highest prices for fresh eggs.

"In some towns local citizens have formed helpful committees for marketing farm produce. Some have contacted distant markets and shipped by consignment to reputable wholesale dealers. Others have effected similar results through competitive bidding in auction sales, members of the board of trade bidding in competition with purchasers from other places. This has generally brought about higher prices for farm produce and a more satisfied understanding between producer and buyer.

"In conclusion, it appears that the white-collared town resident and the overworked farmer should consider first and last the welfare of the whole community, rural and

urban. Does your community possess this kind of business men? Does your town provide all possible advantages and conveniences for farmer customers? For one thing, many towns do not have suitable facilities for metal construction and repair or suitable woodworking establishments for farm implements and devices. Progress in other sections is held back by the grasping short-sightedness of business men in importing inferior work animals and failing to help farmers to buy purebred swine and cattle sires and so develop a livestock industry. The communities are indeed fortunate which have town leaders continually interested in helping farmers prosper as the surest guarantee of prosperity for the town also."

A Crisis for Private Charity

(An editorial from the Rotarian Magazine)

Community-minded citizens in the United States are uneasy about the future of private charities. Government aid occupies an increasingly important role in humanitarian service, but there remains as great or perhaps a greater demand upon private charitable organizations to render the special forms of help they are equipped to give.

A review of the support accorded to Community Chests make the picture clearer. They were first organized in 1914, in 12 cities, to pool the causes represented by various charitable groups. That year, they raised \$14,225,000, according to "The Index," published by the New York Trust company. By 1931, the number of chests had grown to 377, which raised \$82,213,000. Despite the increase in chests, now in excess of 400, contributions have declined: 1933—\$77,645,000; 1935—\$70,640,000 1936—\$70,000,000 (estimated).

The problem such figures tell is one to which all citizens will no doubt give special attention in the months to come.



Vermont Victor

PUTNEY, Vt. . . Here's farmer George D. Alken of this place, elected Governor of Vermont in the November election. He has been given the title "most victorious Republican." He carried 9 of 14 counties. He will commute to the capital.



"Queen of Clubs"

MIAMI . . . Miss Travis Lee Harris, 23 (above), of Louisville, Ky., and Senior at the University of Miami, is the new "Queen of Clubs," elected at a convention of sororities here.

Macon Students Listed On W.C.T.C. Honor Roll

Six Macon county students made the honor roll for the fall quarter at Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee. Two of them, Esther Seay and Norman West, were on the Alpha list, and four—Jack Carpenter, VanBuren Carter, Eula Mae Potts and Ruby Kimsey, were on the Beta list.

Chevrolet Sales Reflect Increased Buying Power

DETROIT, MICH., Jan. 13.—Chevrolet's new car sales totaled 101,286 units in December, it was announced by W. E. Holler, general sales manager. This figure represents an increase over the same month in 1935 of more than 21,000 units, as the record for a year ago was 80,189 new car sales.

Sales of new trucks included in the total unit sales figure, were 17,516. Used car sales during the month were 148,163.

Mr. Holler cited these figures as added proof of the fact that American buying power is on a decided upswing and that a general increase in the potential market for new cars exists.

Does Poverty Frighten You?

I am not arguing for a general condition of poverty for the human race, but I do think the human race everlastingly needs to be reminded that the lack of things is not in itself a curse. . . . What fools we folks are—those of us who have deficiency of wealth—when we refuse to enrich ourselves from a universe that offers us riches that cannot be bought. Every day should be a day of thanksgiving for the multitude of things in this world that belong to us all.—Charles M. Sheldon, in the Rotarian Magazine.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to friends for the kindness shown us during the illness and death of our husband and father. MRS. CHARLES H. McCURE AND FAMILY. ltp (adv.)

"I never feed tramps," the housewife informed Weary Willie. "I ain't askin' ye ter, lady," he replied. "Just gimme the grub an' I'll feed myself."

Home Demonstration Club News

BY MRS. T. J. O'NEIL

Macon County Home Demonstration Agent

COUNTY COUNCIL

A meeting of the county council was held Saturday, January 9, and the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Carl Slagle; vice president, Mrs. Robert Bennett; secretary, Mrs. Wade Woody. The following leaders were appointed to take care of their individual projects for the coming year: Recreation, Mrs. Purnell Bryson; clothing, Mrs. Leona Duncan; foods, Mrs. C. B. Kinsland; curb market, Mrs. Wade Moody; home improvement, Mrs. Ed. Byrd. These leaders will send information monthly to the club members, who in turn will pass the information along to the individual club members at club meetings. They will also keep a record of work done during the year.

The projects selected for the coming year were: Major project, home improvement; minor project, nutrition. Each woman is to make a five-year plan for the improvement of her home inside and out. She is also to start some improvements during the coming year. The first things to be done are cleaning up, underpinning the house, screening, then moving buildings, painting, etc. The work done during the past year is to be reviewed and additional information given. A record of work done in nutrition by club members is to be kept.

It was decided that the council should meet quarterly during the coming year.

The council voted to start a circulating library composed of books which will be of benefit to women in their club work.

It was also decided that the Macon county clubs should join the state federation and contribute to the Jane S. McKimmon loan fund, from which farm girls may borrow money to attend college and engage in the study of home economics.

CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

Schedule of club meetings for the coming year for Home Demonstration clubs:

First Tuesday, Pine Grove; Wednesday, Holly Springs; Friday, Higdonville.

Second Tuesday, Stiles; Thursday, Oak Grove; Friday, Cartoogechaye.

Third Tuesday, Iotla; Thursday, Otter Creek; Friday, West's Mill.

Fourth Tuesday, Patton; Thursday, Hickory Knoll; Friday, Highlands.

Schedule of 4-H club meetings for the following year:

First Thursday, Sealy; Friday, Higdonville.

Second Monday, Cartoogechaye; Wednesday, Oak Grove; Saturday, Holly Springs.

Third Monday, West's Mill; Thursday, Otter Creek.

Fourth Monday, Iotla; Wednesday, Hickory Knoll; Friday, Highlands.

Good Careers After Forty

The chance of a good career, or even a job, after 40 is now better than ever. Change makes the chance. The greater the change, the greater the chance, as a rule. Today vaster changes impend than ever before in all man's history. Many of them favor older people. But how few older people see them! They are beclouded by the mists of memory.—Walter B. Pitkin in the Rotarian Magazine.

DOGS TO AID PATROLMEN ON PHILADELPHIA BEATS

PHILADELPHIA. — Mayor S. Davis Wilson has ordered the immediate purchase of eight German shepherd dogs, to accompany patrolmen on dangerous beats.

The mayor ordered that the dogs be trained for police work in outlying sections of the city. His action followed the killing of Patrolman James T. Morrow on a lonely road in northeast Philadelphia. The patrolman was looking for a robber who had committed a series of holdups, ordered a suspect to halt and was shot before he could draw his service pistol.

The lady—"Did you notice that pile of wood in the yard?"

Tramp—"Yes'h, I seen it."

Lady—"You should mind your grammar. You mean you saw it."

Tramp—"No'm. You see me see it, but you ain't seen me saw it."

LEGAL ADVERTISING

ADMINISTRATRIX' NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of George Miller Bulgin, deceased, late of Macon county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 14th day of January, 1938, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 14th day of January, 1937. BLANCHE B. BULGIN, Administratrix

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