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PROTECTION OR DESTRUCTION?

Under the title "Forest Protection or Devastation" there has just been issued from the office of the secretary of the North Carolina Forestry Association a pamphlet containing some of the addresses made at the annual meeting of the association, held in June. These include "Timber Depletion and its Remedy," by E. E. Carter, assistant United States forester; "The Recreational Development of the National Forest of North Carolina," by Verne Rhoades, supervisor of Pisgah and Boone national forests; an address made by Frank S. Lambeth, of the Southern Furniture Manufacturers association; "A Lesson from French Forestry," Theodore S. Woolsey, Jr., assistant district forester; and "French Forestry Practice for North Carolina," by Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt. The volume also contains the resolutions adopted which embody the program of the Forestry association.

The association will continue to urge on the people of the state the enactment of legislation for establishment of an adequate forest fire protection force; also, it now urges on Congress the appropriation of sufficient funds to furnish reasonable co-operation with the states for the same purpose. Congress is petitioned to renew the \$2,000,000 appropriation for purchase of forest lands, and to establish a forest experiment station in the state. The general assembly will be asked to provide funds for the protection, administration and improvement of Mt. Mitchell park.

The national forest service, Mr. Carter stated, recommends federal action jointly with state to prevent the continuation of fire losses, the proposal being that the amount of federal funds expended in any one state during any year shall in no case exceed the expenditures of the state government for the same purposes, and further that the secretary of agriculture shall be authorized, in making such expenditure, to require that reasonable standards be made effective by state legislation in preventing the establishment of fire menaces or the handling of forest land in such a manner as to prevent future production on it, and to withhold co-operation in whole or in part from states which do not comply with these standards in their legislative and administrative methods. North Carolina, he pointed out, has about 18 million acres of forest. On this the state spends less than \$4,000 per year for fire protection and gets between \$2,000 and \$3,000 assistance from the federal government. Oregon is spending \$40,000 for the same purpose and requires its forest land owners to protect their forest on an acceptable standard, or pay the state for doing so. It appears that really adequate fire protection costs on the average not less than a cent and a half per acre.

The federal government has purchased, under the Weeks law, the entire appropriation of which now has been exhausted, 350,000 acres, or somewhat less than 2 percent of the forest area, and the purchases made within the decade, the federal expert declares already to have justified themselves. Even with a fire

protection organization that is "stretched to the breaking point at times" we are getting real timber growth.

Pennsylvania has more than a million acres of state forest. The purchase by states of forest areas is increasing, but the really effective forestry policy must be directed mainly towards privately-owned areas, since the nation and the states will never own more than a fraction of the whole.

The federal department is with North Carolina in its efforts to have a federal experiment station located in the west, which will be all the while developing, in a systematic way, information about growing and using forest.

"There are today communes in France," said Mr. Woolsey, "which have no local taxation because the revenues from forest property secured by their forefathers pay the communal bills. At the same time these forests form a link in the national timber bearing areas so vital for economic production and soil production." Said he:

"The Appalachian mountains are suited for forest production and for a great national playground. If 70,000 people daily visit the Wienerwold near Vienna then 10 years from now there will be a million or more in these hills, seeking health and recreation. Will these people countenance forest destruction?"

The people of North Carolina must be foresighted. You must insist on liberal appropriations for fire protection, for technical cooperation, and for the forestry measures advocated by the state forester, and Colonel Pratt. It is a civic duty to urge your representatives in Congress to secure large federal appropriations for co-operative fire protection and for the establishment of experiment stations, for if our forest production is to be permanent we must base our silvical management on sound technique. Those who invest in forestry must be given even more accurate and detailed advice than the farmer secures today from the farm experiment stations. For the errors of a forester may not be discovered until the crop is harvested a century later."

It would be well if every thoughtful citizen in the state could read these addresses. The idea of systematic federal aid in forest protection we have no doubt appeals to the Forestry association. It was only in this way that a real start was made toward spending money on an adequate scale on highway construction. Highway construction and forest protection mean the same things; they are means of conserving and developing, for this generation and for posterity the natural wealth of the soil. They are alike, even, in having each an incidental but highly valuable recreation aspect.

The time may be unpropitious for securing the renewal of the national appropriation for purchase of forest lands, and for securing large-scale assistance to the states in fire protection. But the federal forest policy is so soundly based that surely these things will be done sooner or later.

The time is not going to be propitious for asking the general assembly to furnish funds for the proper care of the forests, or for the purchase of additional areas; but the conservationist will simply do their duty, as they always do, by presenting the powerful facts on which their appeal is based, as urgently as possible.—Greensboro Daily News.

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