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**Magazine Article Tells About Studies At Coweeta**

**Reports Forest Cutting Not Determental To Water Yield**

At the Coweeta Forest Experiment station, near Franklin studies on the effects of forests and of forest-cutting are being made, and some of the results are described by Charles R. Hursh in an article published in the December issue of American Forests magazine.

Writing under the caption, "Where Little Waters Write Big Stories", Mr. Hursh tells how, with the use of scientific equipment permanently placed on the forest, it is possible for the streams and rains to produce

a minute-by-minute story which will help cities, industrialists and farmers solve their water problems.

"Many large municipal and industrial watersheds support valuable timber, not being harvested for fear of jeopardizing the yield and quality of the water," Mr. Hursh points out. Experiments on the forest, conducted by the Southeastern Forest Experiment station, where he is in charge of forest influence studies, show that timber cutting is not detrimental to water yield, if the soil is undisturbed; in fact, it is possible to remove timber so as to increase water yields.

"In all the tests where the soil

was not disturbed, there was no damage to water supplies and the removal of the vegetation has increased the streamflow," he says "but where the soil is disturbed, as in the case of logging, both the quality of the water and the uniformity of streamflow have been altered unfavorably."

It is important, Mr. Hursh points out, to devise a method whereby timber can be harvested on certain watersheds without damaging the water-saving qualities of the soil.

Another study on the Coweeta forest shows that steep-slope farming destroys the soil's ability to function as a regulator of water flow and water quality. Generally, the effects of land clearing for cultivation are not noticeable for two or three years, but by that time the soil texture is changed sufficiently to produce marked increases in storm runoff. Grazing, likewise, reduces the ability of the soil to retain storm water. Mr. Hursh's experiments show. Following six weeks of trampling by heavy grazing, the porosity of the soil on the study area was reduced 10 per cent.

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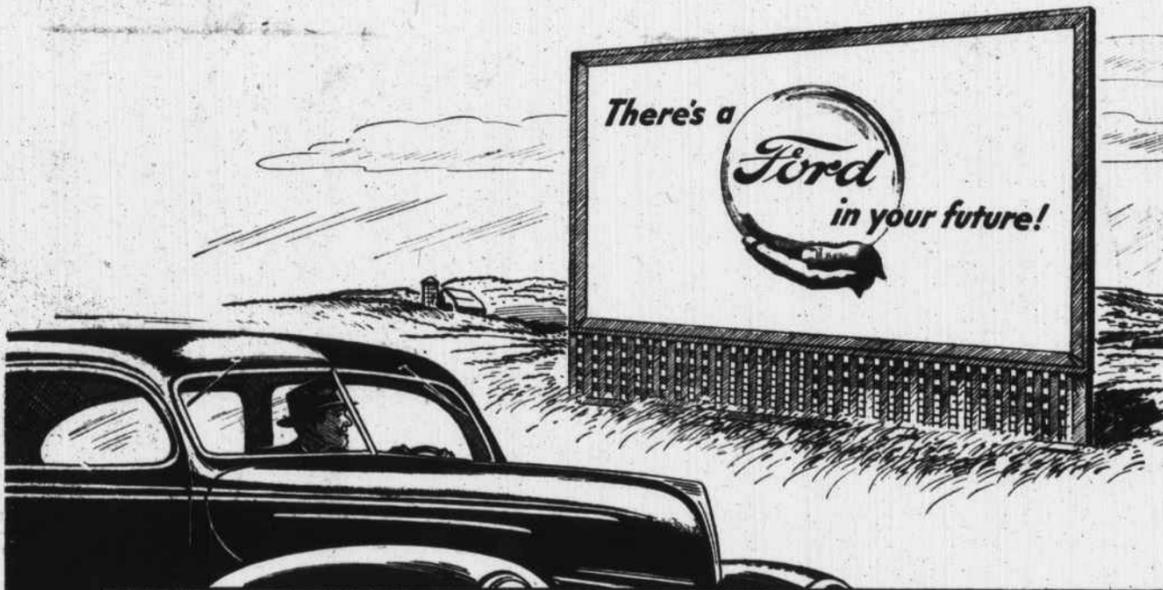
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