

not appear to be in harmony with the avowed Forest Service... policy of the use of forest lands for the most good to the greatest number of citizens.

The upper Nantahala alone, at the conservative estimate of men who have observed ranging conditions for years, would carry at least one hundred thousand dollars worth of livestock through the grazing season.

There are certain of our citizens, mostly small farmers, who in the past and for many years derived an appreciable part of their income from the grazing privileges they enjoyed when W. M. Ritter Lumber company owned the upper Nantahala watershed and later under the, at that time, liberal grazing policy of the Forest Service.

It is obvious that the present policy of attrition in regard to the issuing of grazing permits is aimed at the ultimate prohibition of all grazing and if continued will work a great and unnecessary hardship on a number of the people living adjacent to the Nantahala area, also robbing the counties of Macon and Clay of the benefits they would derive from the contribution to their prosperity that the addition to the income of a number of its citizens would cause.

The grazing of this area within its stock carrying capacity would in no way detract from its value for other uses except for the possible exception of its exclusive use as a game management area, for which, for two reasons, it is not suitable.

If the State feels there is need in this section for a game management area, there are government owned lands adjacent to both the Wayah refuge and the Experimental forest that are not suited for open range grazing but are highly suitable for game and need additional protection because of their accessibility.

Why set aside for a game management area, the only area that is, because of its physical characteristics and location, an ideal open grazing range when other areas can be had that as a game refuge would be of more benefit to the hunter? I do not believe any of our citizens would care to see grazing restricted on the Standing Indian Refuge for the dubious benefit of the hunter, when it deprives the people as a whole of a much greater benefit.

Franklin, Route 1, May 29, 1948.

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Others' Opinions

WHAT WE REALLY NEED

Secretary of State Thad Eure provided food for thought and needed and timely warning in his address to the Dunn Club Friday night.

He admonished that it is not at all impossible for the minorities to band together and to take control of the government by destroying both political parties.

"We're gone—we're sunk," he warned, "if there is not an awakening on the subject of government." He pointed out that only one person out of six bothers to vote.

It is indeed an unhealthy situation in which only a sixth of the people exercise their constitutional right.

Likewise, it is an unhealthy situation when a man who has served as Vice-President of the United States breaks away from his party and becomes the "tool" of the Communists to head a Third Party.

It is further an unhealthy situation when a big New York district, traditionally Democratic, kicks the traces and votes for the Communist-supported candidate.

"A few years ago who would have paid any attention to the formation of a Third Party?" asked Secretary Eure.

But the Third Party won in New York.

Those things have happened. And still, as Mr. Eure points out, there is a complacency among the people, a tendency to

pay no attention to government—the thing that affects our every-day life.

Though his words were pessimistic and somewhat alarming, Secretary Eure still has hope.

"I'm not afraid of any committee's report to the President," he said. "I'm not afraid of the Communists, and I'm not afraid of the Third Party if the people will exercise the right to vote for the kind of people and kind of measures they want."

The Rotarians have been enlightened by Secretary Eure's address.

Thad Eure is one of our best state officials. He is the second oldest member of the Council of State and the only one who originally was elected and not appointed to office.

He has made an outstanding record. He has proven that he is the sort of official who recognizes that his office belongs to the people. His services have greatly benefitted the state and he has brought honor and recognition to North Carolina.

Thad Eure is right. We need no Third Party, we need no Communists; we can get along without Henry Wallace and his cohorts.

What we do need is more people voting, as he says. And we also need more officials like Thad Eure.—Dunn Dispatch.

WHO WILL CONTROL?

We Americans have a way of complaining a lot about our politics as well as our weather, the end result being about the same in both cases. We have a careless habit of blaming most of our government and economic troubles on "politics" without really knowing what we're talking about.

Politics, as all people of experience in the complexities of public affairs, government and business should know, is absolutely essential in our free way of life. The important thing is to see to it that it is used for good rather than for evil.

James V. Forrestal, America's first Secretary of Defense, is a product of big business who has learned much about politics since the war drew him into government service. In a recent article in the New York Times Sunday Magazine Mr. Forrestal wrote that this nation's future depended on getting our top-grade men into politics and public service.

"Some of my friends," he wrote, "have frequently said to me that they were glad to see me in the service of the government because I was not a politician. I have always replied that you can no more separate politics from government than you can separate sex from creation."

"For politics, as Webster defines it, is the art and science of government. To try to separate it entirely from the administration of public affairs is impossible—just as it is impossible to separate foreign policy from practical affairs like ships and fuel and tariffs and air bases. Or, for that matter, to separate it entirely from domestic politics."

So, those good citizens who proudly boast that they will have "nothing to do with politics" couldn't really mean what they say. Intelligent participation in the affairs of our community, state and nation is definitely "politics". Now politics is just like business, or any other activity dealing with the public—if good people don't run it, the evil ones will.

—Asheville Times.

No virtue is higher than love to all men, and there is no loftier aim in life than to do good to all men.—Confucius.

FARM SAFETY WEEK PLANNED

Period Of July 25 To 31 Set Aside To Make Farms Safer

In proclaiming the period July 25-31 as National Farm Safety Week, President Truman points out that "needless hazards on the farms of our nation continue to cause thousands of accidents each year which could be prevented by a positive safety program."

Goal for the 1948 observance, which is sponsored by the National Safety Council and the U. S. Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with a number of other organizations, is the elimination of at least 30 million farm hazards. Each farm family is being asked to accept responsibility for eliminating at least one hazard for every member of the family.

The long-range purposes of National Farm Safety Week are to make every American farm and every American farm resident as safe as possible, to cut the annual toll of needless deaths and injuries to a minimum, and to make farm life safer, happier, and more prosperous.

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cent increase in motor vehicle deaths to farm residents from 1944 to 1947. In other types of accidents, about 4,300 workers were killed and approximately 300,000 workers were injured in 1947. If the 1947 non-work toll was similar to that of 1946, the National Safety Council believes

the final figures will show 14,000 non-work deaths and 1,400,000 non-work injuries to farm residents.

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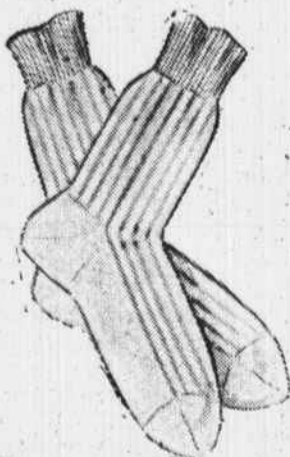
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