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STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN!

All people who are interested in the future of the growing of forest in the counties of Harnett, Moore and Lee come to Lillington on the second day of January, 1922, and hear the discussion on the subject of forest protection, etc. We are right on the apex of a national forest asset and forest liability; which step do readers of this paper intend to take. Either step you take a picture awaits you:—one is that of nature beauty, a forest of evergreen in full uniform; the other is that of the broken and charred members of young forest trees which, with some protection, in after years might have been giants. A picture of the trees in No-Mans-Land would be a comparison of the sight which would meet your view. The report compiled by the United States Forest Service and other sources estimates that with the beginning of the upward trend of the large population of human souls in this country was the beginning point of the downward trend of the national timber supply, or the growth of young timber. It is estimated in DOLLARS that \$20,000,000 worth of timber goes up in smoke in the United States annually. When one stops to reason this matter it seems unbelievable, but such is true of the state of the forest supply. In plain United States language we are trifling with our industrial underpinning. Without timber or wood products, in time of war we would be at the mercy of an enemy. In time of war or peace we would be at the mercy of climatic conditions.

Since everybody needs wood or its product we need to organize to protect what we have, and to further plans to grow it on our idle lands. It is a problem not easily solved, and what we need to help solve it is co-operation by our governments of the Nation, State, County and Township: then last, but not least, the individuals who live in this country of ours. No chain is stronger than the weakest link, so without co-operation of us all we cannot stop forest fires. If our neighbor does not co-operate with us we cannot succeed in this problem; if our neighboring counties do not co-operate we cannot succeed along the county lines.

Without co-operation we might just as well throw our energy, good-will and money to the waves of the air as to try this. If one would just stop to think how fast the timber supply is vanishing we would be able to bring things to light so that we might take a broader view of the matter. We must begin right now to protect what timber supply we have, or something will have the supply by the throat, with a down-hill pull. The first step is to stop forest fires, protect what we already have, and the problem of reforestation will take care of itself.

It is estimated that the timber large enough for manufacturing at present time, together with what will make growth for the next few years, will last the nation's needs for sixty years. With some protection, beginning right now, it will last forty years to fifty years longer, and with the right attention given to reforestation an indefinite period will be the answer to it.

Let's not forget the date of this county and country-wide meeting on the second day of January at Lillington. Come one and all. Some interesting speakers on the subject will be heard, among them Mr. G. C. Backus of Asheville, national forest inspector; Mr. W. D. Clark, state forest

fire warden of this state; Mr. M. A. Wicker, chief of fire department at Pinehurst, and others who have experienced no little work along this line.

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