

"If Everyone Would Carry His Share Of The Problem..."

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Something has gone wrong with our country over a period of 50 years. We live continually with a sickening frustration which goes beyond racial problems, pot, pollution and etc. This sickness is a national problem. It is like a cancer that feeds on

itself. We have forgotten who our fellow man is. Everyone lives for himself. We could care less about someone else's river, small stream, lake or mountain. Some people think the world owes them a living or that Uncle Sam pays for the mess. Attitudes of this nature can

ruin a nation and individuals. Who is it that loads his garbage up and throws it over the road bank or in streams, dumps raw sewage in streams and pollutes the air? Most times the biggest problem is the person himself and not his neighbor. In the good old days we all burned leaves, wastepa-

per and fed garbage to pigs and chickens. Things were simple then, but there were not 200 million of us around then to burden the nation with the waste of our affluence. In a single year we pile up 30 billion empty bottles, 60 billion cans, 20 million tons of paper, 4 million tons of plastic, 7 million

junked cars, 100 million old tires and more than a million burned-out TV sets, according to Better Homes and Gardens magazine. By the use of technology our solid waste could be used as fuel, fertilizer or raw material reducing our pollution problem. If we could recycle our waste paper several

million trees could be saved each year. Technology is the answer. If everyone would carry his share of the problem, change his attitude and realize that his problem is everybody's problem then our society could lick the problem regardless of what it is.



YOUTH GROUP AND CLEAN-UP PROJECT—Conservation of natural resources and the quality of the environment has become an increasing concern of Yancey County people. Tourists, as well as those of us who live here, notice the increasing amount of litter on our roadsides and landscape. While efforts are being made in the area of solid waste disposal trash continues to scar the land from passing cars and unauthorized dumping areas. Pictured here, a youth group and their clean-up project sponsored by White Oak Creek Community Development Club. The club holds a clean-up campaign to rid their community of trash as need arises.



Forest Service Aids Wildlife

Management of the National Forest for wildlife improvement is a vital part of the U.S. Forest Service Program.

Over the years the Forest Service in cooperation with the State Wildlife Commission has sought to improve the wildlife and fish habitat by providing browsing areas, planting of fruit bearing shrubs, construction of watering ponds and stream improvement devices for fish.

Several examples of the habitat improvement work can be seen along the South Toe River in the old Mount Mitchell Wildlife Area. At various locations along the river small rock dams have been constructed. These dams were placed in areas where the river runs shallow for long distances and there are few places for fish to feed and seek cover. A pool of water is formed above and below each dam creating feeding and nesting areas.

A number of wildlife openings, from 1-3 acres in size, have also been constructed in the South Toe Area. Some of these openings are along the road and others are located in more remote areas. These openings were constructed to provide browse for deer and

bugging areas for grouse and turkey. Apple trees, Autumn Olive and other fruit bearing trees planted in these openings also provide food for bear and deer.

Although wildlife pond construction is seldom needed in this area, there are a few dry ridges that need a source of water in order to properly disperse deer herds. An example of this is on top of Flat Top Mountain. One such pond was constructed in this area last summer and wildlife personnel report heavy use of the pond by deer.

There are a number of other areas that Forest Service

is striving to improve wildlife habitat. Timber cuttings are dispersed and kept small to provide a continuous supply of browse over large areas. After logging roads are closed they are seeded with grasses that will provide game food. Utility companies are also encouraged to plant wildlife foods along powerlines right-of-way when crossing National Forest Land.

There has been considerable wildlife habitat work done but this is only the beginning. With the new Game Lands Program now underway a great deal of habitat improvement work is planned for the future.

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In each of us a bit of soul that makes us kin to God,
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