



Conservation Corner

Wildlife, forests, fertile topsoil, minerals, pure air, and pure water are major resources important to man's welfare. None of these can be taken for granted! Natural resources can be ruined or destroyed by overhunting, forest fires, wearing away of topsoil, automobile exhaust fumes, and untreated sewage.

Man must use natural resources wisely.

Soil Conservation is very important to us at this particular time.

It takes 500 to 1000 years of weathering to produce one inch of topsoil.

Erosion can wear away more topsoil in a day than can be produced by weathering in 1000 years.

People must start to conserve soil. Some conservation methods are: contour plowing, crop rotation, planting cover crops, planting shelter belts, fertilizing the land, and strip cropping.

Forests provide natural beauty, prevent erosion, and furnish food and cover for wildlife. Forests supply many commercial products such as lumber, turpentine, and wood pulp for making paper.

Lighted cigarettes, burning debris, lightning, and incendiaries are responsible for most forest fires.

Forests are protected by destroying diseased trees. Chemicals are used to kill harmful insects.

Restoration improvement, selective, and block cutting also help in forest conservation.

Destruction of wildlife has come about largely through changes in natural surroundings and unwise hunting practices. Clearing forests, plowing grasslands, burning brush, draining swamps, water pollution, and overhunting have reduced the numbers of plants and animals.

Reforestation aids wildlife conservation. Trees and shrubs not only provide cover and protection but also food for wildlife. Fish and game laws aid wildlife conservation by restricting the number of fish and game that may be taken. Further, game laws usually prevent hunting an animal during its breeding season. Wildlife refuges are another means of protecting wildlife.

Water is required by all plant and animal life. Towns and cities must have vast amounts of

drinking water. Bathing, washing, watering lawns and gardens, sewage disposal, boating, swimming, fishing, and generating electric power all make demands on water. In spite of these demands, water must be conserved and above all non-polluted. Modern sewage treatment plants, the control of oil pollution, the stoppage of heated waters from electric power generating plants could be the answer. Seawater, too could be changed to fresh by distillation.

Polluted air contributes to respiratory infections, lung cancer, and many allergies. It also harms plants and reduces crop yields. Carbon monoxide and sulfur dioxide account for 80 percent of all air pollution in the United States. 95 percent of all carbon monoxide comes from motor vehicles.

Photochemical smog results from the action of sunlight on waste materials released from burning fuels. When a mixture of air and waste fuel gases are acted upon by sunlight, a chemical change occurs, one of the products of this chemical change is ozone, which causes irritation to the linings of the nose and throat producing the watery eyes and stinging feeling a person may experience when he breathes smog.

One method of reducing air pollution is the filtration of the unburned particles that result when fuels are burned. Another method is to reduce the amount of waste gases through more complete burning of fuels.

A willful failure to heed nature's warning signs will lead to chaos! Soil must be conserved, streams protected, streams and air purified, and wildlife closely guarded. Nature will not be mocked - we will pay a terrible price if we don't learn to conform. -Diane Kraeger

Fitzgerald Reunion

Fitzgerald family reunion was held Sunday, July 8, at Whiststone Gulf. There were seventy-five in attendance, coming from Carthage R.D., Black River R.D., Port Leyden, Boonville, Brantingham, Glenfield, Lyons Falls, Turin, Lowville R.D., Calais, Me., Lake Worth, Fla., and Indiana.

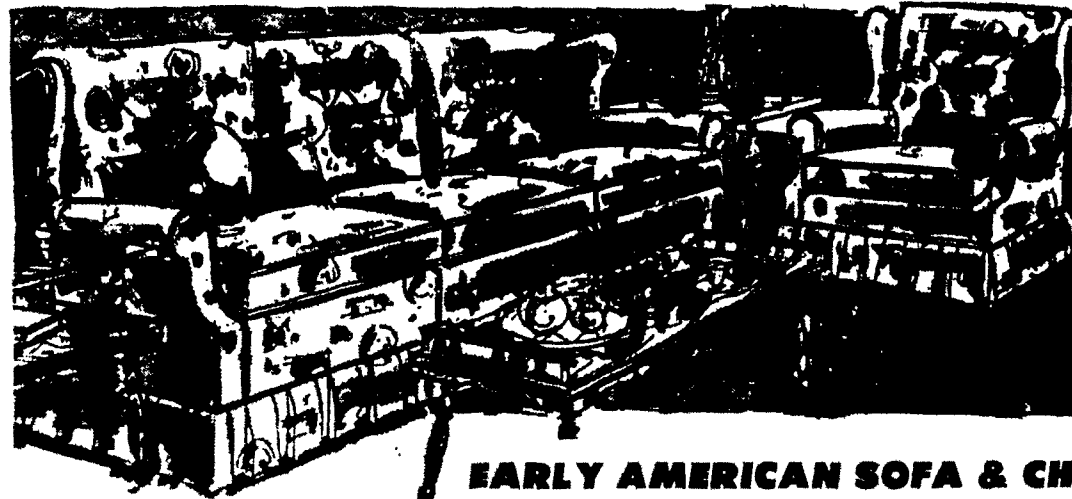
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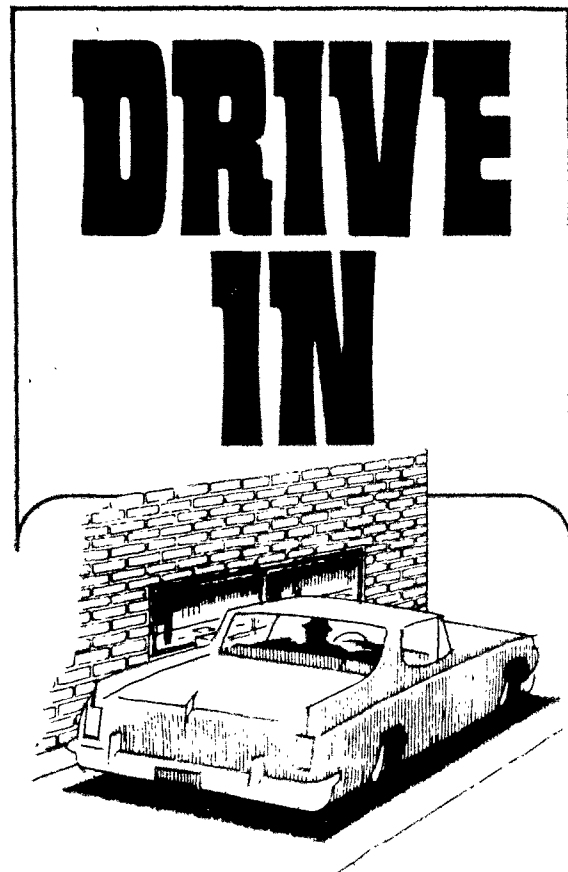
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