LOOK! AND SEE THE LAND

Look about you, and "see the land." As you look at it, you come to realize the greatness of nature, and how small and insignificant a human being is, in comparison.

Think of the thousands of years that were required to make this earth fit for people to live on; of the many earthquakes, glaciations, and floods that formed and molded the variations in the crust of the earth, of the growth and decomposition of plant life which was required to give us "one" inch of good top soil, and of how this soil was held in place by its very source, the plants. Just think of the wonderful, luxuriant covering this earth of ours would have, if Mother Nature were allowed to take care of herself.

You should be proud of your inheritance, and try to preserve it as much as possible; but have you?

Where did those deep gullies and ravines originate? What are those black and brittle stumps doing in that vast territory of desolation, where not even the song of a bird can be heard? What has happened? Who is the cause of all this wanton destruction and waste of what was once so great and beautiful?

That profligate creature called man. It is he who is to blame for all this destruction. And, now that the damage has been done, he frantically begins to repair by reforestation and soil conservation. Now he begins to realize how long it takes to make one inch of top soil, and how difficult it is to hold that soil in place. It was simple for Mother Nature.

However, the land is still beautiful, and still very great. Let us keep it so that we, and those to come, may say "Look! and see the land"; that we, and they, have that feeling of awe at the greatness of what we call the earth.

- Loyal Villwock - '39