### NATURE'S OWN EFFORTS TO CONSERVE WATER IN SOUTHLAND ARE HAMPERED BY BRUSH FIRES



Trees and shrubs on mountain watersheds play an important part in conserving water. While refor-estation is difficult in Southern California, the Los Angeles County Forestry Department is planting a large number of trees each year. Above, left, suc-

cessful instance of reforestation; right, a year-old Coulter pine transplanted from County nurseries:

# Brush Cover Aids in Water Supply

Vegetation on Mountain Slopes Prevents Erosion and Loss of Rainfall

By GEORGE H. CECIL,

Los Angeles County

The trees and brush cover on mountain slopes of Los Anses County are fundamental to do control. On these precipitous, as, trees and brush perform in the trol of the precipitation that is upon them. This is patificate important since not only are mountain slopes steep but our lor storms are torrential in racter, several inches often ing within a few hours.

mains intact. Further, the run-off of water from such areas is from three to twenty times as great as on areas protected by leaf litter.

A further function of forest cover is through the mechanical and chemical action of the root system, which breaks down the membra added peroclation and also functions in the building up of the tsoil.



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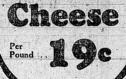
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