

Virginia, Pennsylvania Launch Their Tree Farm Programs

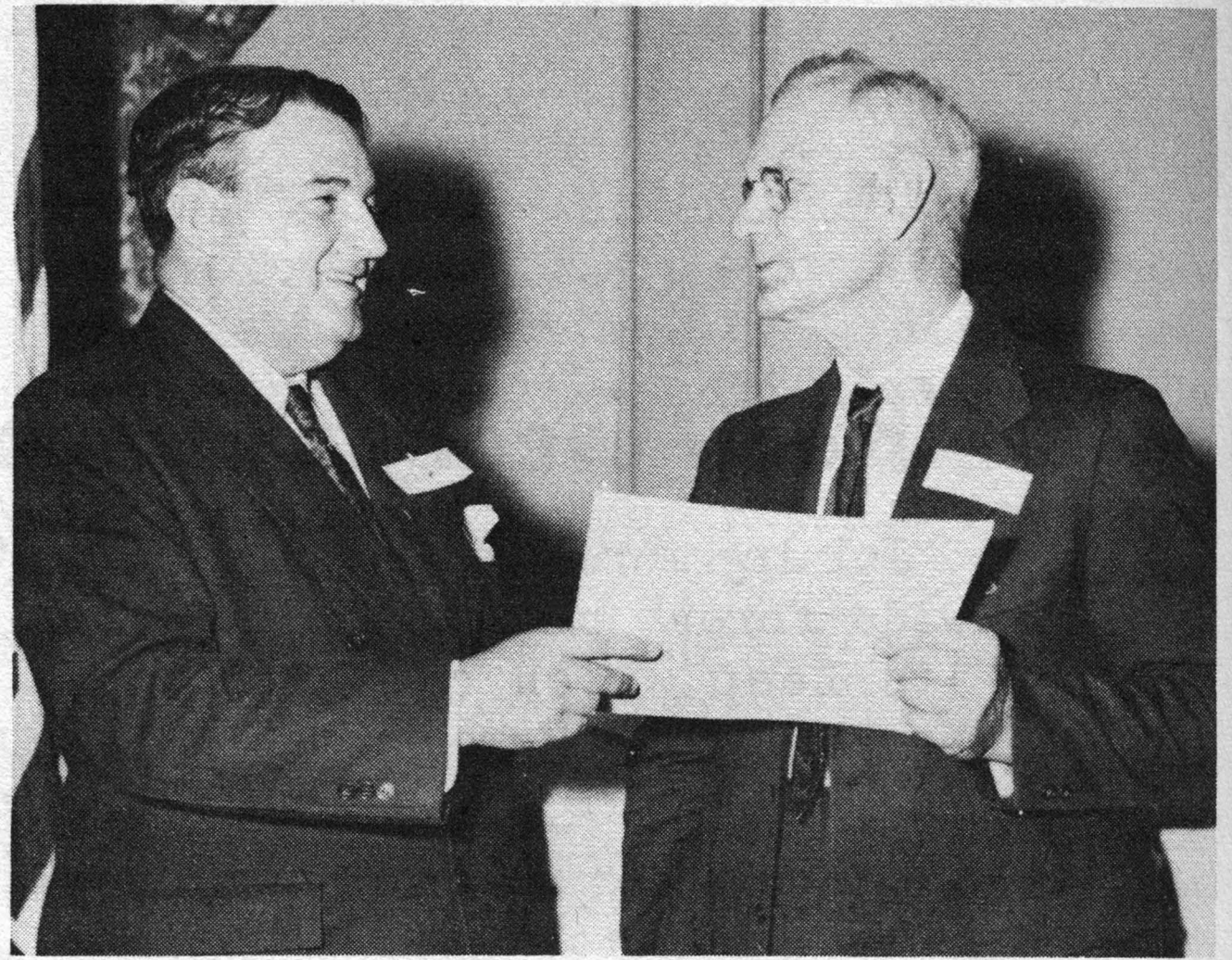
VIRGINIA BECOMES EIGHTEENTH TREE FARM STATE

Virginia became the eighteenth state to join the nation-wide tree farm movement when twelve units with nearly 42,000 tree-growing acres were certified on October 24. Official inauguration of the plan in the Old Dominion took place when Governor Wm. M. Tuck presented "Tree Farm" certificates at a luncheon meeting of Virginia Forests, Inc., at Hotel John Marshall.

The first certificate went to M. M. Jones, of Purdy, owner of 471 acres of woodland in Greenville County. Then, with brief reports of the owners' records of forest management, utilization, fire control and reforestation methods, the Governor presented the awards to the following additional individual owners or their representatives: W.H. Walker, of Wan, for land in Gloucester County; R. E. Horne, of Jarratt, land in Greenville County; Mrs. Susanne C. Williams and George D. Williams, manager, of Sealston, land in King George County; P. N. Stoneman, of Columbia, land in Goochland County; R. Bland Beverly, of Caret, land in Essex County; R. E. Clifford, of Shipman, land in Nelson County; Hartzell Spence, of Somerset, land in Orange County; Jack Sheppard, of Troy, land in Fluvanna County; and W. J. O'Brien, of Bremo Bluff, land in Fluvanna County.

Two larger landowners received the other two certificates. One is Southern Johns Manville Products Corporation, of Jarratt, recognized for its practices on 27,460 acres in five Southside Virginia counties, and the other, the Newport News Water Works Commission, on 9,000 acres for the protection of its public water supply.

Earlier, Virginia Forests Inc., composed of individuals, clubs and industries interested in the conservation, development and protection of the State's forest resources, re-elected Victor M. Stewart, of Petersburg, as president. Horace Gray, of Waverly, was elected first vice-president; W. M. Camp, of Franklin, re-elected second vice-president, and Frank G. Louthan of Richmond, renamed secretary-treasurer.



Virginia's first Tree Farm award is presented. M. M. Jones (right) gets certificate from Governor Wm. M. Tuck.

The association offered its support for the proposed budget of the Virginia Forest Service, calling for 1948-50 expenditure of \$730,056, of which \$513,532 is marked for fire control, \$104,524 for management, \$85,000 for reforestation, and \$27,000 for general activities. Of the total amount, the proposal calls for State appropriation of \$384,406, an increase of \$201,906 from the 1947-48 figure. The remainder would come from the Federal government, counties and private sources.

Virginia tree farms are sponsored by Virginia Forests Inc., in cooperation with the Virginia Forest Service, the VPI Extension Service and the Soil Conservation Service. The Southern Pine Association at New Orleans contributes to the support of the program by furnishing funds for certificates, reports, records, signs, and leaflets, as a part of its program to encourage the establishment and operation of tree farm systems in the southern states.

PENNSYLVANIA BECOMES 19th TREE FARM STATE

Pennsylvania was added to the growing list of tree farm states when nine tree farms with 1174 acres were certified on