Iowa Becomes 38th Tree Farm State as Six Woodlot Owners Honored

Iowa became the 38th Tree Farm state May 30 with formal launching ceremonies at Garnavillo, Clayton County.

Gov. Leo A. Hoegh presented Tree Farm signs and certificates to six Corn State landowners who have demonstrated ability to manage their woodlots in accordance with principles of the fast-growing American Tree Farm System.

Locale of the launching ceremonies was a 55-acre woodlot owned by Mrs. Theodore Meyer of Garnavillo, a mile east of the town, and managed by her son, Gerald Meyer. In the presence of the tree farmers themselves, foresters, industry representatives and special guests was born a program which will give Iowa a new source of wealth as tree farms yield repeated crops of timber.

"You may well be proud of the excellent job you are doing in the protection and management of your woodlands," said James C. McClellan, chief forester for AFPI and one of the dedication speakers.

"I know that it will be an incentive to others to follow in your example so that many more Iowa woodland acres will be placed under Tree Farm management which will bring continuing benefits to the owners and better forest products and services to the American people. There are 60,228 farmers with woodlots in this state and every one of them should be a tree farmer."

In charge of the launching arrangements was Clyde M. Frudden, chairman of the Iowa Tree Farm Committee. Tree Farm sponsor is the Iowa Retail Lumbermen's Assn., in cooperation with the State Conservation Commission and the State Banker's Assn.

The Meyer Tree Farm itself typifies that high type of management that will come to thousands of woodlands in the state under the program.

Gerald Meyer, left, checks circumference of native hardwood with Bill Ritter, district forester, Iowa State Conservation Commission.

Prior to the dedication ceremonies, foresters representing the sponsors conducted a tour of the Meyer farm.

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