

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



Iowa Tree Farm Committee. Seated, left to right, Clyde M. Frudden, chairman, Greene, Iowa; Kenneth Benda, Hartwick State Bank, Hartwick, Iowa. Standing, left to right, Richard B. Campbell, extension forester, Iowa State College, Ames; Mans A. Ellerhoff, superintendent of forestry, State Conservation Commission, Des Moines; Robert B. Grau, lumberman, Elkader, Iowa. Absent when picture taken, James E. Toepel, Des Moines.

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, Frudden Bridge Lumber & Supply Co., Greene, who is 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 woodland acres in the state under the program. As forest manager for his mother, Gerald Meyer last year harvested 22,000 bd. ft. of lumber and veneer logs, 763 railroad ties and 21 cords of fuelwood for a total value of \$1,100. The exceptionally good harvest was due in part to the fact that no grazing had been allowed in 15 years and there had been no fires on the land in 25 years. Growth estimates by technical foresters are

estimated to be better than 10,000 bd. ft. per year on the 55 acres.

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

MANDO CONTINUES FOREST PLANTING IN MINNESOTA

For the 19th year the Minnesota and Ontario Paper Company continues its reforestation program this spring with the planting of 300,000 trees on 250 acres of unproductive land in northern Minnesota.

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The name of the Everett (Wash.) Pulp and Paper Co., has been changed to the Simpson Paper Co., according to announcement made recently by the parent organization, Simpson Logging Co. The Everett operations were acquired by Simpson in 1952.



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