

# Louisiana Certifies First Tree Farms

Louisiana became the Nation's 30th Tree Farm state Oct. 24 in ceremonies at Urania, La. The Urania Lumber Co., Ltd., owner of one of the new Tree Farms, was host.

Five Tree Farms were certified. Four ranged in size from five acres to 120, but the fifth unit, owned by Urania, was 122,700 acres, for a total acreage certified of 122,935.

Louisiana's dedications brought to 3,372 the number of tree farmers throughout the Nation, and 23,945, - 250 the number of acres certified.

A principal speaker was Col. W. B. Greeley, chairman of the board of American Forest Products Industries, national coordinator of the Tree Farm system.

"Looking back over 40 years of southern forestry," said Colonel Greeley, "this dedication of the first Tree Farm in Louisiana to me is a memorial to a very great man. Henry E. Hardtner, founder of the Urania Lumber Co., was the father of southern pine forestry."

Colonel Greeley told how many years ago he had come to Urania to learn about piney woods forestry from Mr. Hardtner.

"There is nothing in the history of forestry so impressive as the recovery of the southern pineries and their industrial progress during the past thirty years," the colonel continued.

The former chief of the U. S. Forest Service pointed out that the Nation was practicing forestry long before the name "Tree Farm" was heard of. "But the Tree Farm movement has added something. It is a sort of compact between the land owner and the public. It is a pledge by the wood using industries of their sincerity in regrowing the forests which they have cut."

H. C. Berckes, secretary-manager of the Southern Pine Assn., pointed out that the "men of southern forests have played a big part in the Tree Farm program." More than half of the Nation's tree farmers, he said, live in the South.

Sponsor of the Tree Farm program in Louisiana is the Louisiana Forestry Assn., with the cooperation of the Southern Pine Assn. Louisiana is the South's 11th Tree Farm state.



Col. W. B. Greeley awards certificates to Louisiana's first tree farmers during launching ceremonies at Urania. Left to right: Q. T. Hardtner, Colonel Greeley, Geely R. Russell and Riley C. Melton. The Urania Lumber Co. sign shown in the picture was unveiled on the grounds of the Henry E. Hardtner Memorial Park.



J. H. Kitchens, Jr. (left), executive secretary of the Louisiana Forestry Assn., records a description of the Tree Farm ceremonies for later broadcast over Radio Station KALB in Alexandria, La. Announcer is Tom Journey.

Charles H. Jeter, president of the forestry association, welcomed the crowd of more than 400 persons. Other speakers included Lloyd P. Blackwell, chairman of the Tree Farms committee; James E. Mixon, state forester; and Q. T. Hardtner, president of the Urania Lumber Co.

Geely R. Russell, owner of one of the smaller woodlots dedicated, spoke for the tree farmers.

## SOUTH CAROLINA HOLDS FOREST INDUSTRY MEETING

A greater effort should be made to acquaint the small landowner with the many forestry services available to him, in the opinion of Walter Jaenicke, conservation forester for International Paper Co., who spoke at a recent meeting in Columbia, S. C., of forest industry representatives and forest landowners.

Other speakers were E. O. Lightsey, Lightsey Brothers, who presided over the state-wide forestry meeting; J. E. McCaffrey, International Paper Co.; H. J. Malsberger, general manager and forester, Southern Pulpwood Conservation Assn.; W. C. Hammerle, forester, and Bruce MacGregor, assistant forester, Southern Pine Assn.; J. H. Keener, woods department manager, Champion Paper & Fibre Co.; and William Ernst, Jr., forester, West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co.

Several staff members of American Forest Products Industries were present to outline the work of the national industry-sponsored organization.