

GVERNOR LANE DEDICATES MARYLAND'S FIRST TREE FARM

1,278 ACRE TRACT DEDICATED
JULY 30 IS OWNED BY THE
GLATFELTER PULPWOOD CO.

At simple, yet impressive ceremonies staged on the grounds of historic Old Durham Church, Maryland became the nation's twenty-first "Tree Farm" state July 30.

Occasion for the ceremonies was the dedication of a 1,278-acre tract in Southern Maryland's Charles county owned by the Glatfelter Pulpwood Co., of Spring Grove, Pa. The first Maryland "Tree Farm", which extends on two sides of the church grounds where dedication ceremonies were held, is producing pine and hardwood for industrial use.

Governor William Preston Lane, Jr., presented the state's first "Tree Farm" certificate to P. H. Glatfelter, president of the Glatfelter Pulpwood Co.

"I hope that this proves to be the first of many Maryland Tree Farms," declared the Governor, as he handed the gold seal certificate to the paper company executive.

The Maryland Governor praised work done by county forestry boards during the five years they have been in operation. These boards are joint sponsors with the Department of State Forests and Parks of the "Tree Farm" movement in Maryland.

Other speakers at the "Tree Farm" dedication included Rep. Lansdale Sasscer, Md.; State



Gov. William Preston Lane, Jr., (left) hands Maryland's first "Tree Farm" certificate to P.H. Glatfelter. From left to right participants are Governor Lane, the Rev. R.B. Stevenson, Mr. Glatfelter, Congressman Sasscer and State Senator J.B. Monroe.

Senator James B. Monroe; James Mitchell, editor of the LaPlata Times-Crescent; and the Rev. R. B. Stevenson, rector of Durham Episcopal Church.

The 1,278-acre tract dedicated July 30 has had only one forest fire since 1920, the owners say. That blaze, which started from a trash fire, was confined to three acres. In

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commenting on this excellent record, Governor Lane pointed out that Maryland's forest fire losses during 1947 were held to an all time low for the state.

The dedication of the Charles county acreage gives the Glatfelter Pulpwood Co., "Tree Farms" in three different states. In October 1947 a 600-acre Glatfelter tract at Iron Springs was certified as Pennsylvania's first "Tree Farm." The company also owns a 524-acre "Tree Farm" located near Hanover, Va., dedicated in July of this year.
