

MINNESOTA NEW TREE FARM STATE

Minnesota became the nation's 28th Tree Farm state on June 17 with the dedication of 76 privately-owned forest areas covering 4413 acres of tree-growing land.

Ceremonies were held at Boy Scout Camp Lawrie in Carlton County, 63 miles west of Duluth, and were attended by 200 persons, including a large group of Boy Scouts. Judge C. R. Magney, associate justice of the state supreme court, presented the first Tree Farm certificate to officials of the North Star Council, Boy Scouts of America, owners of the 150-acre Camp Lawrie property.

Hugh D. Bennett, executive secretary of Keep Minnesota Green and secretary of the state's Tree Farm program, hailed the project as the start of a revival of timber production in the North Star State. He pointed out that the new Tree Farms will serve as demonstration areas where landowners can observe the latest techniques on growing trees as a cash crop.

Others on the program included Carl Wells, Carlton County farmer and chairman of the Keep Minnesota Green Institute; L. A. Furlong, chairman of the finance committee for KMG; and Jack Rottier, Lake States manager for American For-



George Atmore (far left), vice president of the North Star Council, Boy Scouts of America, accepts a Tree Farm certificate from Judge C. R. Magney (fourth from left) while Harold S. Olson, Wood Conversion Co.; Carl W. Wells, farmer; and Clarence Prout, state forester, look on.

est Products Industries, national coordinator of the Tree Farm System. Minnesota's program is sponsored by the Department of Conservation in cooperation with Minnesota Forest Industries and Keep Minnesota Green.

Sponsors of the Tree Farm pro-

gram say the productivity of Minnesota's more than 17 million acres of forestland can be increased two or three fold through proper management. At least 50,000 Minnesota residents are regularly employed in logging and wood processing businesses.