

**NORTH DAKOTA LAUNCHES TREE FARM PROGRAM**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Special) North Dakota is the Nation's twenty-seventh Tree Farm state and the first to certify shelterbelt woodlots.

The North Dakota Tree Farm program, launched in Bismarck November 29, is sponsored by the School of Forestry and the State Farm Forestry Committee. Already 17 different ownerships, totalling 1536 acres, have been certified as Tree Farms.

"Trees are our only renewable natural resource," Governor Fred G. Aandahl declared, "and it is our duty as good citizens to develop this resource, not only for the present, but for future generations as well." The North Dakota governor was principal speaker at the Tree Farm launching ceremony held in Bismarck's War Memorial Building.

"Without an active forestry program in North Dakota, the development of the state will be retarded. The result will be a tremendous loss not only in timber but, in addition, the resulting loss of soil from wind erosion and other damages will be almost incalculable," Governor Aandahl said.

Other speakers included Leo Bodine, Weyerhaeuser Sales Company of St. Paul; A. E. McClymonds, regional conservator of Lincoln, Nebr.; E. J. Haselrude, state director of Extension Service of Fargo; and C. N. Nelson, North Dakota School of Forestry, Bottineau.

Under provisions of the North Dakota program, owners of shelterbelts having a total area of three or more acres can qualify as Tree Farmers. Minimum acreage for qualification under the native woodland section of the North Dakota Tree Farm program is 15.

The initial list of North Dakota Tree farmers and their acreages follows: J. P. Hemmingson, McCanna, 20; Leonard McMahon, Niagara, 12; Perry Holland, Hannaford, 10; Harvey Lyman, Grace City, 10; W. D. Anderson, Walcott, 15; A. B. Burvee, Fairmount, 7; Alfred Williamson, Milnor, 22; Alf Larson, Enderlin, 10; E. B. Lichty, Cando, 15; Arthur Vollmer, 15, and D. H. Miller, 10, both of Willow City; Art A. Larson, 20, Elmer Lindberg, 300, Louis Sivertson, 150, William Scully, 600, Martin Vinje, 160, and S. H. Wilson, 160, all of Bottineau.

Addition of the North Dakota farms brings to 19,950,000 the total acreage certified in the American Tree Farm System. According to James McClellan, chief forester for American Forest Products Industries, national program sponsor, this certified acreage represents 2200 individual Tree Farms.