

New Hampshire Adopts Tree Farm Plan

New Hampshire became the nation's 29th Tree Farm state October 6 during ceremonies at Andorra Forest, Stoddard, where 10 owners of timberlands received certificates in recognition of their outstanding forest management work.

Addressing farmers, conservationists and community leaders, New Hampshire's Gov. Sherman Adams pointed out that the newly-adopted program is another step in the Granite State's campaign to improve its forest resources. "New Hampshire's forests deserve good management," the governor declared.

The Andorra Forest is a 7000-acre tract owned by Dr. and Mrs. James M. Faulkner. For the past 13 years it has produced continuous crops of pulpwood, sawlogs, posts, poles and fuel. Four field trips through the forest were made during the day so that those attending the meeting could see first-hand the results of a management plan.

Presiding at the dedication, which was also the annual forestry conference of the Society for the Protection

of New Hampshire's Forests, sponsor of the Tree Farm program in the state, was Edgar C. Hirst, president of the First National Bank of Concord and secretary of the society. Nathan Tufts, vice president and general manager of the New England Box Co., spoke on "How We Can Secure the Timber Industry Needs."

James C. McClellan, chief forester for American Forest Products Industries, outlined the history of the American Tree Farm System and described industry's interest and part in the program. Mr. McClellan announced that the nation now has more than 21 million acres of privately-owned forestland certified as Tree Farms.

"Persons receiving Tree Farm certificates in recognition of their forest management activities must continue to harvest their woodlands on a sustained yield basis," the forester warned, "or certification is revoked." He pointed out that since the program was launched in 1941, 121 Tree Farms totalling a quarter

of a million acres have been dropped either because owners failed to maintain required management standards or because of a change of ownership.

In New Hampshire some 65,000 persons are employed in the forest industries and earn about \$80 million in wages annually. According to Lawrance W. Rathbun, forester for the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, eight out of every ten acres in the state are best suited for growing trees.

The Society appointed the following men to serve on the Tree Farm committee: Henry Waldo, forester, Franconia Paper Co.; Wayne Lewison, resident manager, Draper Corp.; Maurice A. Mansell, forester, Andorra Forest; Kenneth E. Barraclough, extension forester; John Foster, state forester; Charles R. Eastman, State Grange master; Alfred E. French, secretary, New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation; Arthur G. Davis, president, Davis and Symonds Lumber Co.; and Mr. Rathbun.