The nation's forestry spotlight focused on New York June 30 when the Empire State formally joined the American Tree Farm System at ceremonies near Speculator, in the Adirondacks.

The dedication was held on land of International Paper Co., one of 38 timberland owners who became charter members of the state's Tree Farm program.

Principal speaker at the launching exercises was State Sen. Wheeler Milmoe of Canastota, chairman of New York's Joint Legislative Committee on National Resources.

G. A. Pesez, Glens Falls, chairman of the New York Tree Farm Committee, said woodland owners who were presented with Tree Farm signs and certificates at the meeting are "practicing conservation in the finest sense by fully utilizing our most valuable renewable natural resource, thus best serving their own interest and that of the economy of the state."

Entry of New York into the Tree Farm program brings to 43 the number of states participating.

The program is sponsored in New York by the New York Forest Industries Committee, headed by H. V. Hart of Deferiet. Cooperating with the industries group are the Conservation Department, the College of Forestry at Syracuse, the State Forest Practices Board, and the College of Agriculture at Cornell.

A woodland tour and demonstration of forestry practices were conducted for guests following the dedication.

Owen Boyd, manager of the Chauncey Tillman Tree Farm, Amenia, N. Y., inspects a residual stand where timber has been selectively harvested. The property is one of the 38 charter New York Tree Farms.

SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

Three engineering scholarships and college grants valued at $10,800 have been announced by Bowaters Southern Paper Corp., Calhoun, Tenn. Payments of $600 will be made annually to each winner, subject to renewal for a total of four years, and yearly grants of $300 will be made to each winner's college.