

OHIO JOINS TREE FARM MOVEMENT

With the certification of the 120-acre Izaak Walton Association Tree Farm in Cedar Valley, near Wooster, Ohio, September 16, that state became the 13th to join the nationwide tree-growing movement. Dedication of two additional tree farms, one that of author Louis Bromfield, brings the state's total certified tree farm area to 348 acres. Ohio becomes the first hardwood state and the first one of the Central States to inaugurate a tree farm program.

Dedication ceremonies were held on the woodlands certified and were marked by addresses by Ohio State Forester O. A. Alderman, Dr. George Lasher, President of the Ohio Forestry Association, and J. C. McClellan of the American Forest Products Industries, Inc., which is developing the national program. Award of the tree farm certificates was made in connection with the annual field meeting of the Ohio Forestry Association with more than 100 members and guests in attendance. The forestry association will co-sponsor the movement in Ohio with the state Division of Forestry.

The Izaak Walton Tree Farm is designed as a living memorial to those who died in World War II and will be maintained under sustained yield management by the Ohio Division of Forestry. Bromfield's Malabar Tree Farm is located at Lucas, Ohio, while the third area certified is a 128 acre stand owned by Harris H. Palmer of Millersburg.

In announcing inauguration of Ohio's program, McClellan stated that the tree farms area has now been increased by more than a million acres during the past year and now tops the 12 million acre mark. Sixteen additional states are now exploring the possibilities of entering the Tree Farm Movement, McClellan said.

MORE FLORIDA TREE FARMS . . .

Three more tree farms with 5,098 acres have been certified in Florida, raising that state's total to six farms and 84,045 acres. The new tree farmers are J. H. Faulk, Washington County, C. B. Waller of Youngstown and W. G. Hardy of Overstreet. All tracts are



W. G. Hardy (right) of Overstreet, Fla., who has qualified 465 acres of timberland under the Florida Tree Farm System, receives a sign from District Forester R. A. Bonninghausen.