

## Oklahoma Launches Tree Farm Program, Becomes 45th State to Join Movement

The industry-operated Tree Farm program has been launched in Oklahoma, making the Sooner State the 45th in the nation to join the movement to grow timber as a crop on privately owned, taxpaying forest land.

The state launched its program by dedicating 905,529 acres of well-managed timberland as Tree Farms, nearly one sixth of the state's commercial forest land. It was the largest initial dedication ever made and possibly the largest single dedication to date. The huge addition pushed national Tree Farm acreage past the 43 million-acre mark.

Amid the pageantry of the fifth annual Oklahoma Forest Festival at Broken Bow, Tree Farm signs and certificates were awarded to 13 woodland owners, charter members of the Oklahoma program.

Quintus Herron, Oklahoma Tree Farm Committee chairman, presented the awards as a climax of the three-day festival which commemorated 50 years of growth of the forest industries in the state.

Oklahoma thus became the last

southern state to join the industry-sponsored Tree Farm program.

The program in Oklahoma is being sponsored by the Oklahoma Forest



The queen of the Oklahoma Forest Festival, Miss Paula Hamilton, is congratulated by Quintus Herron, chairman of the Oklahoma Tree Farm Committee. Mr. Herron holds one of the signs given to 13 charter members of the state's new Tree Farm program.

Industries Committee with cooperation of the Division of Forestry of the Oklahoma Planning and Resources Board, the Oklahoma Agricultural Extension Service and the Soil Conservation Service.

### CALIFORNIA FORESTERS SEED CLOUDS TO 'DOUSE' LIGHTNING

Lightning, a leading cause of forest fires in some western states, has been successfully "washed out" of clouds in recent cloud-seeding experiments, according to the California Division of Forestry.

In some instances, the Division said, clouds began to break up within 10 minutes after aerial seeding, and within 20 minutes lightning bolts ended or jumped harmlessly from cloud to cloud.

Current experiments with the seeding technique are still underway.

### Top-Growth Chin Brush

