

## PENNSYLVANIA BECOMES 19th TREE FARM STATE

Pennsylvania was added to the growing list of tree farm states when nine tree farms with 1174 acres were certified on

October 29. In a colorful woodland setting on the Glatfelter Pulpwood Company tree farm about ten miles west of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, nearly 150 guests and tree farmers witnessed the awarding of Pennsylvania's first tree farm certificates by M. F. Draemel, Secretary of the Pennsylvania department of forests and waters.

The new Pennsylvania tree farmers and their acreages are: Glatfelter Pulpwood Co., Spring Grove, 600; Old Forge Farm, Spring Grove, 84; John McIlvaine, Chambersburg, 85; Mrs. K. L. McGeorge, Orrtanna, 150; Olmer Spence, Orrtanna, 60; Chauncy Blubaugh, Tomstown, 35; B. Leshner, Waynesboro, 10; Henry Yohe, Spring Grove, 100; and William G. Hoke, Spring Grove, 50.

Addressing the tree growers and guests, Secretary Draemel stated, "The tree farm movement offers the road back to restoring Pennsylvania to the forest prosperity which it enjoyed in 1860. I hope that the movement will soon spread through the entire state."

Following brief talks by Secretary Draemel, O. Ben Gipple, director of the Pennsylvania bureau of forests; Chapin Collins, director of American Forest Products Industries; H. Gleason Mattoon, president of the Pennsylvania forestry association, and R. E. Chamberlin, chairman of the Pennsylvania tree farm committee, D. E. Hess, forester for the Glatfelter Co., led the group on a tour of the Glatco tree farm. Composed largely of hardwoods with a high percentage of yellow poplar, the Glatco unit is to be used as a demonstration forest to show farmers how to manage their woodlands for perpetual harvests and thereby reap the greatest benefits. Not only good management practices, but also new developments in the mechanized logging field which are applicable to farmers' use will be demonstrated on this unique tree farm. For a number of years the Glatfelter company, through leaflets and other media, has encouraged its wood producers to follow sound forestry practices. Now they will be able to demonstrate profitable tree growing on the ground.

Paul Koenig, executive vice-president of the Glatfelter Company was the host for the meeting.



Pennsylvania's first tree farmers, whose woodlands were the first to be certified as tree farms in a ceremony near Gettysburg on October 29, are (left to right) John McIlvaine, Chambersburg; Paul Koenig, Spring Grove; D. G. H. Leshner, Waynesboro; Olmer Spence, Orrtanna; Emerson Tower, Henry Yohe, Richard Dolton, representing Chauncy Blubaugh, Tomstown; and William G. Hoke.

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