

First Tree Farms Certified In South Carolina

Five South Carolina landowners have been certified as tree farmers by the South Carolina State Commission of Forestry and the Clemson College Extension Service, sponsors of the South Carolina Tree Farms System. South Carolina became the 16th state to join the nation-wide movement when certificates were awarded in December to Mrs. Walter C. White of Statesburg, McBride Dabbs of Mayesville, J. T. Johnson of Lynchburg, all of Sumter County; C. M. Leonard of Camden, Kershaw County, and D. G. Lesslie of Rock Hill, York County. The five certificates covered 14,265 acres.

Tree Farms committees have now been organized in each of South Carolina's counties. They are composed of the district forester of the Commission of Forestry, the county farm agent and an interested woodland owner. Applications for membership in the Tree Farm System are received by the committees which also make inspections of woodland areas and recommendations to the state tree farms committee. Members of the state committee are: Tom Moore Craig, Moore, S. C.; Jas. H. Graham, Charleston, S. C.; C. P. Key, Lodge, S. C.; Oswald Lightsey, Miley, S. C., and D. W. Watkins, Clemson, S. C. Assistant State Forester J. R. Tiller of the State Commission of Forestry is secretary to the state committee.

At December dedications, certificates were awarded the five tree farmers by Forester Tiller, Extension Forester W. J. Barker, District Forester Albin Lehockey of Camden, and the farm agents in counties in which the farms were located. Tree farm signs were erected on each of the woodlands designated by the certification committee. "These tree farmers are to be

congratulated for the business-like manner in which they manage their woodlands", said D. W. Watkins, Director of Extension and state committee member. "Each has studied and carried out good forestry practices on his woodlands for a sufficient time to make them an established policy for managing his woodland areas."

L-to-R: Ass't State Forester J. R. Tiller; Ext. Forester Barker, Tree Farmer Johnson, and County Farm Agent T. O. Bowen.

