Vermont, Connecticut Become 41st, 42nd States to Join Tree Farm Program

Vermont and Connecticut became the 41st and 42nd states, respectively, to join the American Tree Farm System of good forest management at special launching ceremonies held during May.

At a dedication program on the Billings Farm near Woodstock, Vt., Gov. Joseph B. Johnson hailed the Tree Farm movement as "the nation's leading program for stimulating good forest management on privately owned forest lands."

Edgar W. Killian, chairman of the Vermont Tree Farm Committee, said that under good forest management Vermont could at least double the annual growth and greatly improve the quality of its forests.

Ten new tree farmers received Tree Farm awards at the Vermont dedication program.

In Connecticut, launching exercises were conducted at Great Pond Forest, West Simsbury, on May 26, when Tree Farm signs and certificates were awarded to nine charter members of the state's Tree Farm program. Timber holdings certified totaled 1,761 acres.

Awards were presented by Edward C. Childs, chairman of the Connecticut Tree Farm Committee.

Following the Connecticut program, guests were conducted on a tour of Great Pond Forest, an area managed for timber production, experimental forestry and wildlife development under Forester Harold Sweeton.

There are now more than 8,000 certified Tree Farms embracing nearly 39 million acres enrolled in the nationwide program.

James C. McClellan, chief forester for American Forest Products Industries, Inc., the national sponsor, said plans for launching additional state Tree Farm programs are being planned for New York and Indiana this summer. It is also anticipated that Delaware and Oklahoma will get programs into operation later this year, he said.

BEETLE-KILLED TRACT SOLD

A 275,000-acre tract of dead timber in western Colorado, killed by spruce beetles, has been purchased from the government on a bid of $9.75 million by J & J Rogers Co. of Ausable Forks, N. Y., book paper manufacturers. The firm plans to build a small newsprint plant near Glenwood Springs next year.

SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

Four high school seniors from Nekoosa and Port Edwards, Wis., have each won $500 college scholarships from the Nekoosa-Edwards Foundation, according to an announcement by Nekoosa-Edwards Paper Co., Port Edwards. A cost-of-education supplement of up to $500 will also be awarded to the university chosen by each winner.

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