

FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

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50,000 ACRES DENUDED LANDS IN LA SALLE, CALDWELL & WINN PARISHES
NOW BEING REFORESTED WITH PINE AND HARDWOODS
A CROP OF TIMBER CAN BE GROWN IN 40 YEARS
SIMPLE - EASY - PREVENT FIRES

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I am convinced that there can be grown to the acre 40,000 to 50,000 feet of short leaf or loblolly pine during a period of sixty years. We have demonstration plots on which there are trees ten to twenty five years old that will prove this statement.

Long Leaf, the gem of all the pines, has had very little attention even by the Forest Service of the U.S. It was thought that the growth was too slow to make it a profitable crop. After years of study and experiments I am convinced that it can be grown profitably and fully 50,000 feet to the acre harvested in eighty years and of a grade 50% better than Short Leaf or Loblolly. Timber culture is something new to the people and they must be shown. I would suggest that at least 500 acres on which there are now young Long Leaf seedlings be fenced and a record kept of the growth of the trees. Hogs are more destructive to Long Leaf pine seedlings than fire--hence the necessity for fencing. The cost would not be great and the benefits lasting. There are several million acres of denuded forest lands in this state which will be planted to timber as soon as the owners realize that growing trees is not a fad or an experiment, but a good safe business proposition which will yield reasonable returns on an investment. The utilization of such lands means large revenues to the state and the people in general.

We now have nearly 2000 acres fenced which will be used as a pasture for the 500 Elk which Your Commission has secured from the U.S. Government. This fenced acreage also keeps out the hogs which are so destructive to longleaf pine seedlings and enables us to make

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