

COMMERCIAL FORESTRY AND THE COMMUNITY

AMERICAN business is on the threshold of a new industry—Commercial Forestry—the business of growing crops of trees by private enterprise. It will in time represent a forest investment of many billions of dollars.

It is peculiarly within the province of the National Chamber, the advocate of private enterprise in industry, to direct attention to the importance of this new industry which will rest primarily on private initiative.

After a thorough study, a committee of the National Chamber agreed that the task of developing forests to assure ample supplies of wood products for the Nation is one for private enterprise, and this principle was approved by the Chamber's membership in Referendum No. 42 on a National Forestry Policy.

The committee stated that the extensive national forests on which the government is growing crops of trees can supply only a small part of our forest requirements; and that in strict harmony with American principles of government and business by far the greater part of the future industry of growing forest trees should be carried on by private initiative as a private business.

The purpose of this pamphlet is to show the value of commercial forestry, both to the Nation and to local communities, what progress it has made to date, the nature of the obstacles to be overcome, its possibilities, and the aid that has been and can be rendered by chambers of commerce and trade associations throughout the Nation.

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