



CLINCH COUNTY'S LARGEST TIMBER TRACT IS CERTIFIED  
 Arthur Wimpenny Congratulates Mrs. Edna S. Sessoms

51,000 Acres

# Clinch Tree Farm Joins U.S. System

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 HOMERVILLE — Clinch County's largest single tract of locally owned and controlled timberlands has been certified as being in the American Tree Farm System, according to Arthur Wimpenny, inspecting forester.

Over 51,000 acres of land in the northern part of the county, consisting of two large parcels — one of 34,600 acres belonging to Timber Products Co., the other of 16,925 acres belonging to Mrs. Edna S. Sessoms — now have the familiar Tree Farm emblem posted.

Timber Products Co. is the Sessoms family land-holding corporation, created by the late Alex K. Sessoms, now managed by his son, Alexander. The other tract in the timberland is personally owned by Mrs. Edna S. Sessoms, the widow.

Most of Clinch County's forest lands are in the Tree System, which is an area of privately owned, tax-paying forest land dedicated by its owners to the growing and harvesting of repeated crops.

Membership in the Tree Farm System is recognition that the landowner is using good forest management practices in such a way that the forests bring continuing benefits to the owner and produce more and better forest products and services for the American people. The are re-inspected periodically for high management standards.

Wimpenny said in his report that the Sessoms family has been a pioneer in Southern forestry, and were one of the original charter members of the Consolidated Timber Protective Organization. The land is managed to provide continuous turpentine operations. With 30 crops at the present time, two-faced trees are cut out for the highest value

product, for such items as poles, sawlogs, and pulpwood.

The family owns a saw mill and supplies the mill with saw logs. Thinning are carried out as needed. Planting is done each year, and an extensive drainage program is pursued.

Alexander Sessoms, manager of the lands, is a member of the Georgia Forestry Commission, as was his father who was a pioneer in better forestry practices and research.