

Producers get best return from their woodlands

and now best it can be utilized for supplementary crop income.



Helping his orchards

Lerew orchard stands immediately next to woodland being managed under Tree Farm Program. Improvement cutting in woodland will reduce shade on orchard and openness will help discourage deer from entering orchard. Lloyd E. Lerew holds doctorate in ag engineering from Michigan State.



American Tree Farm

Tree Farm sign is presented by Glatfelter forester Tom Wieland, right, to Lloyd M. Lerew, left, and Lloyd E., father and son of Lerew's Farm Market.



completing these goals of getting his maximum return from the woodland is a Forest Management Plan prepared by Tom Wieland, Tree Farm Family Forester for the Glatfelter Pulp Wood Co., Spring Grove.

The Lerew farm officially is Glatfelter Tree Farm Family No. 57. This past winter, Lerew and his orchard crews selectively harvested the first seven-acre section of those 103 acres of woodland. It contained good quality hickory, ash, yellow poplar and mixed oak.

But before the work actually began, forester Wieland inventoried the entire woodland, dividing it into 10 different stands, preparing a management plan that told Lerew actually what he had in the way of types of timber and steps that should be followed in its management to get the most out of it.

"In this first area, we've selectively cut and thinned out the weed trees and the less desirable timber, retaining the genetically best trees with the most potential value," Wieland said.

"The thinning lets in the sunlight and removes the competition for nutrients, permitting the remaining better trees to grow even faster, increasing their value, and allow space and conditions for regrowth."

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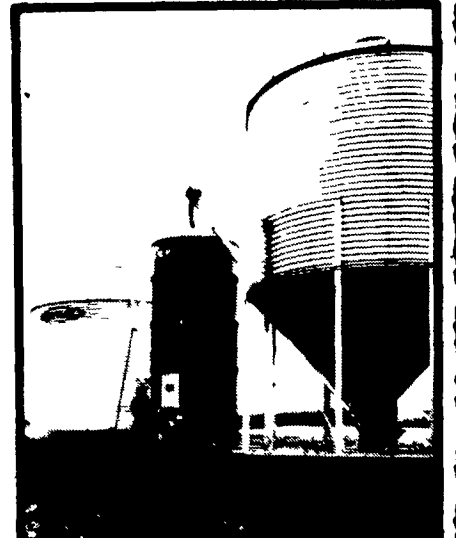
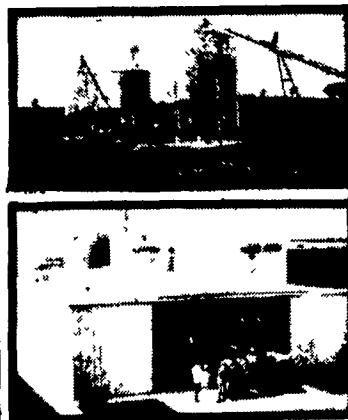
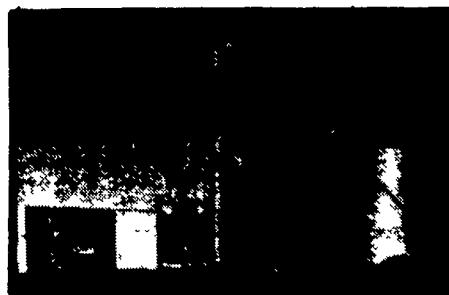
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