State Nursery On Crab Creek Road Provides Conservation Needs



HOLMES STATE FORESTRY NURSERY, located just past the Transylvania-Henderson line on the Crab Creek road, is making a major contribution to conservation in the state by annually providing millions of seedlings. At upper right Leon McCall and Ansey Anders are replanting a bed of two year old white pine seedlings that have been counted into bundles. They will be spaded from the bed when needed to fill orders throughout the state. Homer Orr, right, foreman at the nursery, is examining a bed of year-old pines mulched for the winter to see that Thursday morning's low of 18 degrees did no damage. Below is the bundling room, where the small trees are sorted, graded and tied into bundles of 50 ready for shipment. Dwight Brinamann, superintendent of the nursery, was in Raleigh when the pictures were taken. (Times Staff Photos)

Holmes Nursery On Crab Creek Highway **Contributing To Reforestation Program**



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tant in the conservation practices carried out in the state that few of the taxpayers who are paying for it realize they are really getting their money's worth. Until this year there were only

Joyce Kilmer would have had a

two such state-owned tree nurseries, but because of the increased demand for seedlings a third is now in the process of being constructed. Charles C. Pettit, state forester for this district said: "The demand has so far exceeded the supply we are planning now to increase the seed beds planted this spring."

In addition to the Holmes Nursery, which specializes in seedlings suitable for the western section of the state, there is another serving the Piedmont area at Clayton. The new nursery is located near Goldsboro and will grow pines and other trees peculiar to the eastern and coastal plains.

Holmes nursery was the "baby" of the man for whom it was named. J. S. Holmes, now retired, was one of North Carolina's bestknown and loved foresters. He has lived in Raleigh since his retirement 10 or 12 years ago.

It was Mr. Holmes' idea to establish a nursery for the growth of his beloved trees that were so fast being cut and burned over. The site was selected after careful consideration. County Agent Julian Glazener was one of several called in on this consultation and he attempted to locate the nursery in this county. Much of the work of starting the

project and the actual construction of the buildings and elaborate irrigation system was done by labor from the local CCC camp. Since its beginnings, however, the nursery has expanded considerably in acreage. The beds now stretch for nearly a quarter mile. The clear -Turn Te Page Ten



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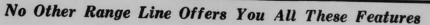
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