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SUBJECT: "A Living Memorial" - information from Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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Long before V E Day...we began to think about war memorials.

And now...all of us are asking... "How shall we commemorate the sacrifices... the deeds of valor...the service to humanity of our war dead?"

Why not a living memorial...a community forest?

That's the suggestion of Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture.

A memorial forest may serve many purposes.

First...it may beautify the environs of the town...and eliminate unsightly or problem areas.

Then...it will provide a recreation area...a place for training in nature lore and citizenship. A forest may be a wildlife sanctuary. Certainly....it helps to conserve natural resources. And in a number of years, the forest will supply wood products.

A forest...like a race of people...is lasting. Given care...a forest reproduces itself and lives on indefinitely. With age...it grows in beauty.

In other words...a community forest is beautiful...useful...and lasting. Those are the specifications of a fitting memorial to honor our war dead.

Many communities are already making plans to establish municipal forests in memory of their sons and daughters who have died in the war.

Forest Service has prepared some suggestions for the establishment and maintenance of a community forest. If your club or civic group is interested ...you may get a copy of this free by writing...Forest Service...U. S. Department of Agriculture...Washington 25...D. C. Just ask for packet C-1...That's packet C-1.5-15-45

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