

tions, trades, and professions these absentee owners more frequently classed themselves as teachers, housewives, farmers, merchants, manufacturers, salesmen; clerks, secretaries, accountants; architects, contractors, builders; engineers—civil, mechanical, electrical or chemical; ministers, missionaries; doctors, nurses; lawyers, bankers, brokers, realtors; superintendents, machinists, printers; and railroad engineers, conductors, agents, firemen. Among those less frequently given were general managers, executives, capitalists, editors; artists, musicians, photographers; electricians, engravers, metal workers, pattern makers, riggers; plumbers, carpenters, painters, weavers, barbers, bakers, and blacksmiths.

#### **MANY ABSENTEE OWNERS VISIT THEIR GROVES OCCASIONALLY**

Of the absentee owners whose replies form the basis of this report, 382 have visited their groves, 50 have never visited their groves, and 42 did not reply to this question. Of the 382 who have visited their groves, 298 visit every year, leaving only 84 who visit their groves less frequently than once per year. Of the 298 who visited their groves every year, 182 made only one visit annually, while the other 116 made more than one visit; 38 reported two visits per year; 20, three visits; 12, four visits; 11, five visits; and the remaining 35 made more than five visits per year.

Approximately one-fourth of those who visited their groves were there for only a day or less at a time. About one-fifth of them spent a few days to a week at their groves; another one-fifth from 8 days to a month; and another one-fifth spent more than one month annually at the groves. Less than one in ten were at their groves for three or more months per year. About two-thirds of those who visited their groves reported that they did so for the purpose of inspection. Less than one-sixth of them reported for pleasure, vacation, visit, rest, or spending the winter; and almost another one-sixth, for business or work. Occasional purposes reported were for health, comfort, climate, and for satisfying curiosity.

#### **SOME ABSENTEE OWNERS CHANGE CARETAKERS**

Of the 422 absentee owners who reported on the number of caretakers they have had since purchasing their groves, 224, or slightly more than one-half, reported but one caretaker; 112, or more than one-fourth, reported having had two caretakers, and 44, or more than one-tenth, reported having had three caretakers. The others each reported four or more caretakers.