

YALE ESTABLISHES WILD-LIFE PRESERVE

**Sets Apart 200 Acres of the Ray
Tompkins Memorial for Native
Plants Also.**

NEW HAVEN, Oct. 11.—Dean Henry S. Graves of the Yale Forestry School has announced that the Yale Corporation, with the approval of the Athletic Association, has set aside 200 acres of the Ray Tompkins Memorial tract near the new Yale golf course as a preserve for the native plant and wild life of this region.

The preserve will serve as a sanctuary for animals and plants and will also be used for field studies and instruction by the departments of botany, zoology and forestry. For a long time this extensive tract of forest has been under excellent protection and care. Around a portion of it is still found the high woven wire fence which confined the deer and elk when its former owner, John M. Greist of New Haven, used the land as a deer park.

In commenting upon the project Dean Graves said:

"Characterized by a great variety of trees, shrubs and wild flowers, already a refuge for birds and animal life of interest to the zoologist, and within easy reach of the university, the preserve offers an unusual opportunity for research and for class work in the field."

The Ray Tompkins Memorial, of which the preserve is a part, comprises 750 acres west of the Yale Bowl. Yale received the property in 1923 through the gift of Mrs. Sarah Wey Tompkins of Elmira, whose husband was a distinguished Yale athlete in the class of 1884. The primary purpose of the gift was to provide room for the development of Yale's "athletics-for-all" policy, and the property is administered by a committee of the Board of Athletic Control, of which George T. Adey, '95, of New York, is Chairman.

On finding the western portion of the tract would not be needed for athletics, the Board of Athletic Control recommended that this area be devoted to educational purposes. In approving the plan the Yale Corporation appointed as a committee to develop the property Dean Graves, Professor George E. Nichols of the department of botany, and Professor Ross G. Harrison of the department of zoology.

Several graduates and friends of Yale have already interested themselves in the undertaking, and have contributed funds to begin the work of improvement. These include Starling W. Childs, '91, of New York, who has taken a leading part in the project; Edward S. Harkness, '97, of New York; Frederic C. Walcott, '91, of Norfolk, Conn.; Robert W. Pomeroy, '91, of Buffalo; Dr. Frank R. Oastler, '91, of New York; Mrs. Henry S. Graves of New Haven, and Charles A. Coffin of New York, former President of the General Electric Company.

Dean Graves stated that a field conference would be held on Oct. 30, at which the interested alumni would be present to go over with the university committee plans for the development of the preserve.