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Preface

IN THE INTEREST OF STIMULATING STUDY AND PROMOTING discussions of important land problems facing the Nation, states, and rural communities, the Iowa State College held the Land Economics Institute during the summer of 1949. The central core of the Institute was the Land Problems and Policies Seminar consisting of an integrated series of lectures prepared and given by outstanding students of land problems and policies. The lectures at this Seminar, in revised form, are made available through this book for the use of all those interested in land problems and policies.

In addition to the Seminar lectures are Chapters 9, 10 and 11 which were originally given in the Land Problems Lecture series of the United States Department of Agriculture Graduate School at Washington, D.C. in 1949. These three chapters round out the scope of the book by including problems and policies of forest, recreational, and wildlife uses of land.

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