

WELCOME

Donald E. Stauffer, State Forester  
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"I'm very pleased to welcome all of you to the largest city in the world, and I mean that actually. You are now in the town that covers more square miles than any other town--Los Angeles or any of them. There are around 700 square miles in the city limits of this town. This, of course, includes farms and dairies and everything else within these city limits, but anyway, the city limits cover that much territory."

With these words State Forester Stauffer opened his address of welcome to the nurserymen and guests attending the Western Regional Forest Nurserymen's Conference. He then expressed the hope that the much needed rain which was falling would not interfere with the scheduled program. He wished the group a very pleasant stay in Oklahoma City and re-emphasized his hope that the visit to their State Forest Nursery near Norman would be interesting and profitable.