

BRIEF REVIEW OF NURSERY CONFERENCE

On September 28, 29, and 30, 1965, the Region 7 Nurserymen and interested foresters gathered at the State Forest Nursery in Gerrish, New Hampshire, for their annual meeting.

After a welcome by the Director of Resources Development (State Forester) William Messeck, Jr. , the meeting got under way with the first of several technical sessions. (While the men were performing their duties at the meeting, the ladies were guests of the state for a trip up Mt. Sunapee). Around 4:00 PM of the first day, groups trickled to their motel to change to duds more suitable for social rather than field gatherings, returned shortly to partake of liquid refreshments, courtesy of Franconia Paper Company, Groveton Paper Company, and the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests at the Arnold abode, prior to the informal banquet at the Kettle and Crane. After a sumptuous repast, Mr. John Rowe, Commissioner of the Department of Resources and Economics Development, spoke a few words following which movies, slides, and an illustrated lecture on seed testing by Claude Heit, Seed Technologist, New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva, New York, were enjoyed.

Wednesday, September 29, members of the meeting gathered at the base lodge at Cannon Mountain after viewing the Basin and the Old Man of the Mountain in Franconia, New Hampshire, from whence all departed for the top or summit, lodge of Cannon Mountain via the aerial tramway, as guests of the Park Department. After a welcome and short history of Cannon Mountain by Assistant Director Newton Avery, Austin Macaulay, Director of the ski patrol and trail maintenance, discussed some of the problems involved in ski trail management. There followed a technical session after which most attendees climbed to the observation fire tower at the top of the mountain to admire the view. The "oohs" and "ohs" at the grand vista would have warmed the heart of the Park Director (visual site distance 10'). Upon questioning, Newt Avery stated that it was not written in his (nor anyone else's) job specification to blow away fog. After lunch at the summit lodge, another socked-in technical session took place, followed by an organizational meeting. Dave Nace was acclaimed temporary chairman; Robert Evans, the temporary recording secretary; and these two men and John Olsen formed the temporary executive committee. All present assured skeptics that this organizational move was not designed to exclude any groups' participation. Ink Arnold was appointed "temporary gavel manufacturer for temporary chairman" but as yet has not found a "temporary" piece of wood suitable for such an instrument. After adjournment, most of the members (and their wives) enjoyed a trip up the Flume gorge.

On Thursday, September 30, those on hand gathered at the Caroline A. Fox Forest for a tour of that installation guided by Dr. H. I. Baldwin, past Director, and Dr. Peter H. Allen, present Director. At the culmination of the tour, the meeting adjourned.

Region 7 Nurserymen and the attending interested foresters are grateful to Mr. Russell Tobey, Director, Division of Parks; Mr. Richard Parker, Director of Mt. Sunapee State Park; Mr. William Norton, Director; Mr. Newton Avery, Assistant Director; Mr. Austin Macaulay, trail director; their staffs; and Mr. Richard Donovan, resident manager A.R.A. , Cannon Mountain State Park; for their assistance, cooperation, and courtesy in making the meeting a success.

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