

ACTIVITIES OF THE LAKE STATES
FOREST TREE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE 1/

Chairman Earl Adams conducted a brief business meeting of the Lake States Forest Tree Improvement Committee on the evening of September 17. Reports of subcommittees, announcements of new appointments, and election of officers were the principal items of business.

Reports of Subcommittees

Chairman Adams reported that the subcommittees on Bibliography, Superior Tree and Stand Selection, and Seed Collection Zones have completed their assignments, published reports (see back cover) and been discharged. The subcommittee on Projects for Study has been discharged and its functions absorbed by a new subcommittee on Research Evaluation, Coordination, and Planning.

Paul Rudolf reported that the latter subcommittee has canvassed the entire Committee for suggestions on the desirability of and best means for preparing project summary statements covering all forest tree improvement research in the region. The survey will be done in cooperation with the Forest Genetics Research Foundation.

Two recently formed subcommittees on Forest Tree Seed Certification and on Register and Marking of Selections do not yet have any activities to report.

Report on Northeastern Forest Tree Improvement Conference

Paul Rudolf represented the Lake States Committee at the Fifth Northeastern Forest Tree Improvement Conference held at Orono Me., on August 22 and 23. He reported a well-planned, well-attended, and well-conducted conference with a registered attendance of 91. A number of very interesting papers were presented and an instructive field trip conducted. Because the Proceedings of the Northeastern Conference will be published, no further details will be included here.

New Committee Appointments

Members of the Lake State Forest Tree Improvement Committee are appointed for 4-year terms by the agencies they represent. At each biennial conference appointments are made of 7 members, half of the Committee. At this Conference members appointed to serve until 1961 were as follows:

1/ This material was summarized by Paul O. Rudolf, Executive Secretary, Lake States Forest Tree Improvement Committee.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Earl Adams	Minnesota Conservation Department
W. H. Brener	Wisconsin Conservation Department
R. A. Brink	University of Wisconsin
John Macon	Lake States Council of Industrial Foresters
Paul O. Rudolf	Lake States Forest Experiment Station
S. H. Spurr	University of Michigan
J. W. Wright	Michigan State University

All these represent reappointments except Macon and Wright who replace respectively Bruno Berkland and P. W. Robbins. The latter two men have been members of the Committee since its inception in 1953. Their active participation in Committee projects is much appreciated.

The other members of the Committee, whose terms extend to 1959, are as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Representing</u>
F. J. Hodge	Michigan Conservation Department
A. C. Hodson	Central International Forest <u>Insect</u> and Disease Conference
P. N. Joranson	Institute of Paper Chemistry
H. L. Mitchell	Forest Products Laboratory
H. E. Ochsner	North Central Region, U. S. Forest Service
S. S. Pauley	University of Minnesota
A. J. Riker	Central International Forest Insect and <u>Disease</u> Conference

Nomination and Election of Officers

The nominating committee (B. L. Berklund and P. N. Joranson) offered the following nominees: W. H. Brener (Wisconsin Conservation Department) for Chairman, and S. H. Spurr (University of Michigan) for Vice-Chairman. They were elected unanimously. The office of Executive Secretary is continuing, so the present incumbent remains on the job.

The 1959 Lake States Forest Tree Improvement Conference is planned for Michigan. The Vice-Chairman will be in charge of planning and arranging the Conference and will be assisted by the other Committee members from Michigan.

Other Business

Discussion of publishing the proceedings of this Conference were resolved by arranging to have the officers work out details with agencies that have indicated a willingness to do the job.

The report of the Resolutions Committee (appended) was read and adopted unanimously.

Report of the Resolutions Committee

(Adopted unanimously 9/17/57)

1. We wish to thank Supt. Matalamaki and his staff of the North Central School and Experiment Station for providing the facilities and services that have done so much to make our meeting a success.
2. We wish to thank Mr. Z. A. Zasada of the Lake States Station, Dr. Scott Pauley of the University of Minnesota, and Mr. M. J. Latimer of the Blandin Paper Co. for making arrangements for the fine field trip - scheduled for this Conference
3. We recommend to the Society of American Foresters that another special issue of the Journal of Forestry be devoted to forest tree improvement, probably some time during 1958.
4. We wish to express our appreciation to Paul Rudolf, our Executive Secretary and first Chairman, for faithful and efficient service to the Committee, for systematically reminding the rest of us of our assignments and responsibilities, and for otherwise keeping our Committee alive and functioning.

H. L. Mitchell, Chairman
H.E. Ochsner
J. W. Wright

Slide Show

On the evening of September 17 approximately 100 kodachrome and black-and-white slides were shown. They illustrated such tree improvement items as unusual trees, selections, progeny tests, vegetative propagation techniques and results, bark inversion, and hybrids. The following showed and described slides: C. E. Ahlgren of the Quetico-Superior Wilderness Research Center, S. S. Pauley of the University of Minnesota, H. B. Kriebel of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, Hans Nienstaedt of the Lake States Forest Experiment Station, A. L. McComb of Iowa State College, A. G. Johnson of the University of Minnesota, R. G. Hitt of the University of Wisconsin, W. J. Gabriel of the Northeastern Forest Experiment Station, and T. O. Perry of the University of Florida.

This slide show was one of the most interesting and popular parts of the Conference.