

NC-51 COMMITTEE MEETING

On September 8 and 9 the Forest Tree Improvement Committee of the North Central Region land grant colleges (NC-51) met at Grand Rapids. They discussed the current status of cooperative regional tree improvement studies, new methods of allotting funds for such projects, requirements for project reports, and plans for new studies and the continuation of those already established.

Members of the Committee present were as follows: Clair Merritt (Indiana), J. J. Jokela (Illinois), G. E. Gatherum (Iowa), Paul Roth (Kansas), Maurice Day (for Jonathan Wright - Michigan), Scott S. Pauley (Minnesota), R. Brooks Polk (Missouri), Walter J. Bagley (for Ralph Read - Nebraska), Donald T. Lester (Wisconsin), Robert W. Hougas, Adviser (Wisconsin), Philip N. Joranson (Cooperative State Experiment Stations Service), and Paul O. Rudolf (Lake States Forest Experiment Station).

CONFERENCE BANQUET

On the evening of September 9, the conference banquet was held at the Rainbow Club in Grand Rapids. The skillful and effective master of ceremonies was Roger Bay of the Lake States Forest Experiment Station, Grand Rapids. The feature of the evening was a well-delivered, thought-provoking address by Ernest F. Swift now functioning as Conservation Advisor to the National Wildlife Federation which he formerly served as Executive Secretary. Mr. Swift previously headed the Wisconsin Conservation Department and held high positions in the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.