

BUSINESS MEETINGS

SAF Tree Improvement Committee Affairs

The SAF Committee on Forest Tree Improvement met on the evening of October 21. The group was informed that the Lake States Forest Experiment Station (now North Central Forest Experiment Station) had agreed to publish the Proceedings.

It was also agreed that the Committee would proceed with the development of a new directory of workers in forest genetics. The two previous directories (for foreign workers and for U.S. workers) will be combined in the revision.

The Committee discussed the desirability of developing reports that would summarize briefly all that is known about the genetic characteristics of important forest tree species. It was agreed that such reports should be limited only to those species for which there was a considerable body of information, and that all sources of information, both published and unpublished, would be tapped insofar as possible. It was not decided whether the Committee would attempt this as a publication project or would act only as the stimulating group

and ask the U.S. Forest Service to publish these reports as it did those on silvical characteristics of important tree species of the United States.

As a subgroup, those at the conference especially interested in population genetics conducted seminars on this topic under the direction of Gene Namkoong of the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station and William Libby of the University of California.

Nominations were made for new members to the Committee to replace those whose terms would expire at the end of 1965. These will be transmitted to the Chairman of the Division of Silviculture, Society of American Foresters.

Lake States Forest Tree Improvement Committee Affairs

by Paul O. Rudolf

On the evening of October 21, 1965, the Lake States Forest Tree Improvement Committee met at the W. K. Kellogg Biological Station, Hickory Corners, Michigan, in conjunction with the Society of

American Foresters Committee on Forest Tree Improvement. Members present were Scott Pauley (Chairman), Jonathan Wright (Vice Chairman), Paul O. Rudolf (Executive Secretary), Burton Barnes, W. H. Brener, Dean Einspahr, F. J. Hodge, Gene Meyer, and Donald Lester (for R. F. Patton). Present at the Conference, but not at the meeting were Max Pillow (for H. L. Mitchell) and J. A. Pitcher (for E. N. Lee).

The meeting briefly covered the following four items: Subcommittee activities; new officers; new members; and the next newsletter (Trebredinews).

Subcommittee reports. — W. H. Brener, Chairman of the Seed Certification Subcommittee, reported no direct activities by his group. The Executive Secretary did report that an amendment to the Minnesota seed law, to extend coverage to seeds of woody plants, had failed to pass because of delaying tactics (not directed at the tree seed provisions) in the Senate.

Paul O. Rudolf, Chairman of the RECAP (Research Evaluation, Coordination, and Planning) Subcommittee reported that the new survey of forest tree improvement activities in the Lake States was now in rough-draft stage and made comparisons with the results of the 1959 survey.

Election of officers. — Results of the balloting by mail gave the following slate of officers for 1966-67:

Chairman — Jonathan W. Wright, Michigan State University

Vice Chairman — Dean Einspahr, Institute of Paper Chemistry

A change of the representative for the Lake States Forest Experiment Station brings in Hans Nienstaedt as Executive Secretary.

New members to serve 1966-1969. — Members of the Lake States Forest Tree Improvement Committee serve 4-year overlapping terms. Consequently half the 14 members are replaced or re-appointed every 2 years at the time of the biennial conferences. Replies received by Chairman Pauley from the heads of member organizations indicate that the following will be members of the Committee from January 1, 1966, through December 31, 1969:

W. H. Brener, Wisconsin Conservation Department

Gene Meyer, Lake States Council of Industrial Foresters

Hans Nienstaedt, Lake States Forest Experiment Station

Scott Pauley, University of Minnesota

Jonathan W. Wright, Michigan State University

In addition, the Regional Forester, U.S. Forest Service, North Central (now Eastern) Region, has appointed John A. Pitcher to replace E. N. Lee. His term will extend through 1967.

Next newsletter. — The next issue of the Lake States Trebredinews will be due this fall or winter. The various member organizations take turns in assembling, processing, and distributing the newsletter. Jonathan Wright accepted this responsibility for Michigan State University. This completes the rotation; all member organizations will now have put out at least one issue of Trebredinews.

Next meeting. — The Lake States Forest Tree Improvement Committee tentatively agreed to meet in the summer or early fall of 1966 to discuss preliminary plans for the next biennial conference. In the normal rotation this conference will be held in Wisconsin in 1967, and Dean Einspahr will act as Program Chairman.