

OPEN FORUM

Chairman: E. O. Ehrhart

Chairman The program calls for a discussion on "What do you suggest that NEFTIC might do to advance forest tree improvement in the North-eastern Region?" Mr. Meyer has already made a good suggestion in an earlier discussion.¹

Bond Some people have commented that they have suffered through some of these papers in a much as they are highly specialized and over our heads. Talking with one or two of our fellows I wondered if it would be possible for the researchers in genetics to have part of their time together, and those of us "in the woods" part of our profession have our time together. Later we could have a general session when we all get together and exchange ideas. Now we must recognize that research has to be done and these folks have to take time to do it so the forester in the woods can produce better trees.

Chairman I feel that in a meeting of this sort just once a year, we can listen to some noises over our heads. We go out to our section meetings, our pulpwood meetings and so forth, where everyone talks the same language. For me, I feel its been a big lift to come here even though I don't understand it all. Maybe here and there something is said I can pick up and make use of. It's something that doesn't come up from inside; it comes from outside and to me that's the advantage of this type of meeting.

¹See page 69.

Bond The fact that we would have a common meeting place and a general session just like the Society of American Foresters National Meeting where special groups meet but we still have something to pull them all in together. I'm not complaining, it's just something that strikes me as a way of making the meeting more interesting--to me at least.

Schreiner I think Pete Fond will agree that our two previous meetings had relatively little technical material that was over his head. I agree with him that we should not make our Conferences so technical that only researchers are interested. We should bring the researcher and the practitioner together. I think Ed Ehrhart has indicated today that we are on the right track when he said that management of his Company's lands had taken a new slant as a result of our Conferences.

Bramble There are requests from the Agricultural Experiment Stations for suggestions on projects on forest tree improvements at these Stations. In talking to our Director, and others, it seems that they never heard of this organization. I think it would help a lot in forest tree improvement research if this organization would make itself known to the Directors of the Agricultural Experiment Stations. There's a meeting coming up in September on Regional Project Development in which they may ask us whether we wouldn't like to have money for forest tree improvement. The Agricultural Experiment Stations would make a nice group to have working with us along with the Forest Service and all, other organizations represented here. I would like to suggest that this organization make itself known to the Northeastern Agricultural Experiment Station Directors.

Chairman That's a good suggestion and somewhere along the line somebody seems to have recognized that by the fact that they held this meeting here where we have a Station Director and some of the agriculture people with us.

Schreiner We've been sending our Newsletters and Proceedings to all of the Agricultural Experiment Stations and to the Extension Foresters; they are all working at agricultural experiment stations. Would it help to send these to each Station Director personally? I would suggest, Mr. Chairman, that we need a Publicity Committee to contact the Agricultural Research Stations, and since Bill Bramble has already started the ball rolling, and is located in the same town with the State Agricultural Experiment Station in Pennsylvania, I think he would make an excellent chairman for such a committee.

Chairman. Bill would make an excellent chairman. Will you accept the appointment as Chairman of a Publicity Committee to get the Agricultural Experiment Stations interested in working with us?

Bramble Well I talked myself into this so I'll accept.

Chairman We have a report of the Forest Tree Seed Certification Committee.