Society of Municipal Arborists Holds First Meet

City foresters, tree wardens and shade tree commissioners representing cities from many sections of the country, converged Oct. 1-2 on Philadelphia to attend the first meeting of the recently organized Society of Municipal Arborists. The event took place in the Hotel Sheraton.

Principal speakers at the sessions were Dr. P. P. Pirone, senior plant pathologist of the New York Botanical Garden, Dr. Henry T. Skinner, director of the United States National Arboretum, Washington, D. C., and Dr. Russell R. Whitten, research entomologist at the USDA Shade Tree Laboratory, Delaware, Ohio.

President of the association is Frank E. Karpick, of Buffalo, N. Y., with Edward H. Scanlon, Olmsted Falls, O., secretary.

Membership in the new organization is available to full-time arborists, and their assistants, directly involved with street tree planning and management.

Attending Ohio Nurserymen's Association conclave in Cincinnati, Aug. 24-26 were (l. to r.) Bernard Decker, of Paul Offenberg Nursery, Columbus; A. K. Manbeck, A. K. Manbeck & Son Nurseries, New Knoxville; James Tornes, The Burwell Nurseries, Columbus; Merton Natorp, The Wm. A. Natorp Co., Cincinnati; John Horton, Horton Nursery Sales, Rocky River; Bob Richart, Elmer Holtmeyer Nurseries, Cincinnati; Bob Cole, Cole Nursery Co., Circleville; Merlin Pump, Pump Nurseries, Fremont; Morris Allton, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Columbus; and Harold Barnes, Barnes Roses, Huron.

Tax Victory for Nurserymen Announced at Ohio Meeting

A victory for Ohio nurserymen was realized in a decision of the Ohio Court of Tax Appeals which reversed an order of the tax department, ruling in favor of Warner Nursery, of Willoughby.

This information was included in a speech given by Morris Allton at the Ohio Nurserymen's Assn. meeting, held Aug. 24-26 in Cincinnati. Allton, director of public affairs for the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, presented other facts, including the recently enacted laws requiring licensing of landscape architects and pesticide formulators.

The original tax order required Warner Nursery to pay a 70% personal property tax on implements and other equipment, rather than the 50% level used for agriculture.

Over 200 nurserymen and their families attended the annual event.

Thiodan Receives Register

Thiodan (endosulfan) insecticide has received U.S. Dept. of Agriculture registration for control of dogwood and lilac borers, it was announced recently by Niagara Chemical Div., FMC Corp.

Recommended application of the material is one-half to one pound actual Thiodan per 100 gallons of water. The bark areas of plants should be drenched with the solution in early June and repeated again in 10 to 14 days.

Niagara markets the product in two formulations—Thiodan Miscible and Thiodan 50 WP. It has already been registered for control of aphids, whitefly, cyclamen mite, and rose chafer beetles on bushes, shrubs and flowers.

Complete data on Thiodan can be obtained by writing to the company at 100 Niagara St., Middleport, N. Y.