Virginia Hosts Dixie Arborists, Mar. 12-15

Arborists from throughout the South will gather at the John Marshall Hotel, Richmond, Va., for the '67 Southern Shade Tree Conference, Mar. 12 to 15. Equipment exhibits and educational sessions will get underway Monday morning, with the role of trees in recreation, problems in highway beautification, new insecticide developments, and safety in tree work among opening topics.

Conference participants will tour Richmond's Park System and see arborists' equipment demonstrated on Tuesday. Wednesday's activities will return to the host hotel, with discussions to include tree planting programs, economics of underground utility lines, and a forum on utility-municipality cooperation.

For more details, contact Gordon Scott, secretary, Southern Chapter, ISTC. Address: Director, Tennessee Botanical Gardens, Cheekwood, Nashville, Tenn.

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