The International Shade Tree Conference, meeting in Portland this year, is going into a dynamic growth change of chapter regional meetings.

All chapters have enthusiastically developed extra meetings during 1969, and are planning many more to give local conference activity.

Dr. L. C. Chadwick, our retiring executive director, backed by the active executive committee has strengthened our international leadership by the establishment of a new office headquarters at Lincoln Square Center, Urbana, Ill., with two full-time executives.

Lincoln Square Center not only will give added space and improve facilities but in addition give ISTC a modern headquarters worth visiting.

Dr. Eugene B. Himilick, Illinois Natural History Survey, one of the conference's better known academic members, will become International Director.

Mr. Ervin C. Bundy will assume the duties of International Secretary and be directly in charge of our new office. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bundy will give this office their full attention. They have outstanding talent and will put new blood into our Chapter-International activities, especially to back the chapter membership drives.

The Portland conference is unique in having a very high percentage of academic speakers and papers covering timely subjects of importance to our commercial, municipal and utility arborists. Field trips for municipal arborists and commercial exhibitor sessions will show the development in their respective fields.

Numerous local trips to the many beautiful spots of this hospitable state will be enjoyed by the members through the special events for the family. In this way, ISTC continues its policy of emphasizing the importance of the family.

—Keith L. Davey
ISTC President

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Takes Parks to People

If there is one overriding philosophy behind the entire 'Topeka park program, it is the idea of locating parks where the people are, then tailoring them to the people's needs.

The newest park to join the roster, the small one near the Capitol grounds and the senior citizens' home, is Showalter's idea of a people-located park. That park is just now in the process of being equipped and planted. But the plans reveal that the Capitol employees who will enjoy coffee breaks and luncheon periods in the park, and the residents of the senior citizens' home, are both being considered.