Consulting Arborists Name
Davis Executive Director

A full-time executive director has been named for the American Society of Consulting Arborists.

He is Dr. Spencer H. Davis, Jr., plant pathologist at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J. Davis succeeds Martha Jones, who had been acting on an interim basis.

Communications concerning ASCA activities should be directed to Davis. His address is: 12 Lakeview Ave., Milltown, N.J. 08850.

In announcing the executive director, ASCA president Ray Gustin, Jr., expressed the belief that Davis' experience with and knowledge of trees should provide valuable assistance to ASCA.

The consulting arborist association was formed three years ago by eight old-time tree men, said Gustin. ASCA now has more than 60 members in the U.S. and Canada, he added.

"What makes ASCA just a little bit different from the thousands of trade associations, and new ones being formed every day," noted Gustin, "is that its formation crystalized a new profession. An arboricultural consulting service fills a long needed service and it has added prestige to the arborist profession."

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insect report

TURF INSECTS

A MEALYBUG
(Phenacoccus eriogoni)

CALIFORNIA: Counts of 20 per stem on weeds in Elk Creek, Glenn County. This is a new county record.

OYSTERSHELL SCALE
(Lepidosaphes ulmi)

CALIFORNIA: Averaged 1,000 per limb on bitterbrush (Purshia tridentata) on scattered plants along Highway 99 north of Mt. Shasta.

SOD WEBWORMS
(Crambus spp.)

COLORADO: C. mutabilis larvae, 3-4 square yard, caused severe damage to lawns in Fort Collins area, Larimer County. ARIZONA: Treated 60 acres of Tifgreen Bermudagrass for Crambus sp. at Tolleson, Maricopa County.

INSECTS OF ORNAMENTALS

ASPEN BLotch MINER
(Lithocolletis tremuloidella)

MONTANA: Defoliated ornamental populars at various locations over state.

AN ERIOPHYID MITE
(Trisetaculus juniperinus)

WASHINGTON: Severely stunting and destroying buds and new growth of Juniperus procumbens. About 80% of buds infested at Tumwater, Thurston county.

TWO-SPOTTED SPIDER MITE
(Tetranychus urticae)

FLORIDA: All stages moderate on 1,000 dieffenbachia plants at Perrine, Dade county. Control not effective.

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Leadership for the American Society of Consulting Arborists: From the left, President Ray Gustin, Jr., Gustin Gardens, Gaithersburg, Md.; Executive Director Dr. Spencer Davis, Rutgers University; and President-elect George W. Goodall, Goodall Tree Expert Co., Portland, Me.