

EXPERTS MAP FIGHT ON DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Experts on Dutch elm disease asserted that the fungus ailment which is ravaging elm trees in Illinois and other states can be effectively controlled by determined community effort.

Causes of the disease and ways to control it were subjects of a one day conference in the Blackstone hotel sponsored by the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce. Attending the conference were more than 500 park and local government officials representing 135 cities in 18 states.

Measures Outlined

The conference brought out these points:

1. There is no cure for elm trees once they become infected with Dutch elm disease.

2. Sanitation—pruning dead and dying wood from healthy trees, destroying dead and weakened trees and elm debris, including firewood—will reduce populations of the tiny bark beetle that transmits the disease.

3. Spraying healthy elms with DDT is an effective and necessary supplement to sanitation in controling the disease.

4. Sustained cooperation of public officials and private property owners is necessary to an effective control program.

Lauded for Control Work

One of the speakers at the conference, Dr. Curtis May, who is in charge of shade tree research for the United States department of agriculture, complimented Doctors J. C. Carter and Rchard Campana and other staff members at the Illinois natural history survey, Urbana, for their work in connection with Dutch elm disease control.

In addition to these three, other speakers at the conference were Dr. Russel R. Whitten, acting chief of the division of forest insect research at the agriculture department's central states forest experiment station, Columbus, O.; Dr. Donald S. Welch, professor of plant pathology at Cornell university, Ithaca, N. Y., and Joseph A. Dietrich, park superintendent of Greenwich, Conn.

Red Sellers is the new Superintendent at Mauh-Nah-Tee-See Country Club, Rockford, Illinois. Red started on his new job on January 1.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Fred Halloran on December 22. The late Fred Halloran was well known among the Superintendents of this area.

Oscar Borgmeier will not make the trip to California, but Chuck Daughtery will represent his firm at the meeting.

It has been a fine open winter for many jobs on the courses, much different from the prediction of weather forecasters. Joe Dinelli is being kept very busy overhauling the drainage system at Evanston Country Club.

As we go to press, we note the headlines in the papers about the flood in Long Beach and Los Angeles. We certainly hope we don't get out there and find the place flooded out.

Mr. and Mrs. Dom Grotti and Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Rossett are driving together to Long Beach.



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