

## MIDWESTERN SHADE TREE CONFERENCE

The 11th annual meeting of the Midwestern Chapter of the National Shade Tree Conference will be held February 22, 23, 24, 1956, in the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. The purpose of the organization is to encourage the planting of more trees and ornamental shrubs, to raise the standards of tree care practices by dissemination of knowledge gained through laboratory research and field work and to promote more friendly cooperation among those engaged in arboriculture. Membership is composed of commercial arborists, city foresters, park personnel, nurserymen, educators, research scientists and others interested in the propagation and care of trees and shrubs.

The convention is open to all who wish to attend. Registration of delegates will start at 8:30 A.M., Wednesday, February 22, and the first paper on the educational program will be presented at 11:00 A.M. An attendance of more than 300 members and guests is expected.

The program is primarily directed to discussion of problems of concern to those who perform tree work in the midwest, but included also are topics of interest to arborists from all sections of the country. Following presentation of each paper there will be a period for discussion and questions. Additional opportunity for questions and discussion will be provided in the Plant Clinic session which will be held Friday morning. Various tools and supplies used in arboricultural work will be on display throughout the convention, with representatives on hand to explain their uses.

Included on the Educational Program are the following topics and speakers:

**ARBORICULTURE ON INDUSTRIAL GROUNDS** by Richard C. Sherman, Caterpillar Tractor Company, Peoria, Illinois; **DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAM—SANITATION** by Dr. Richard Campana, Illinois Natural History Survey, Urbana, Illinois; **DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAM—SPRAYING** by Ernie F. Herrbach, Horticulturist, Standard Oil Company, Chicago, Illinois; **INSECT PROBLEMS OF THE ARBORIST** by Dr. Donald L. Schuder, Assistant Entomologist, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana; **STREET TREE WORK BY CONTRACT AND CITY EMPLOYEES** by Thomas F. Greeley, Jr., Village Forester, Oak Park, Illinois; **USE OF LIQUID FERTILIZERS** by Dr. Paul E. Tilford, executive secretary of the National Arborist Association, Wooster, Ohio; **REGULATORY MEASURES TO PREVENT SPREAD OF TREE DISEASES** by C. A. Boyer, Chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry, Michigan Dept. of Agriculture, Lansing, Michigan; **THE USE OF HERBICIDES NEAR ORNAMENTALS** by Dr. L. C. Chadwick, Dept. of Horticulture, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio; **ANTHRACNOSE ON SHADE TREES AND CONTROL MEASURES** by Dr. J. C. Carter, Head of the Section of Applied Botany and Plant Pathology, Illinois Natural History Survey, Urbana, Illinois.

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome William August Miller as a regular member and George Weaver as an associate member of our Association.

## DELEGATES APPOINTED

President Williams has appointed Geroge Roloff to be our delegate at the National meeting in Long Beach and appointed Amos Lapp to be his alternate.

## SEES DROUGHT ENDING BY 1957

A former secretary of the Smithsonian Institution predicts that the drought which has plagued the Midwest since 1952 will be all over by 1957.

Dr. Charles G. Abbot, in the October issue of Science Digest, says that long-range weather forecasts are possible for areas which have detailed-enough local records.

Dr. Abbot has predicted, both backward and forward from the year 1897, the rainfall in St. Louis for a century in checking his findings with the actual weather bureau records, he says, he came quite close to actual conditions for 70 out of 100 years.

He bases his predictions for the end of the Midwest drought on studies like the St. Louis experiment.

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