



This quartet of tree experts paused to examine results of the severe midwestern winter while attending the International Shade Tree Conference Ohio Chapter meeting in Cleveland. Left to right are John Michalko, Cleveland Commissioner of Shade Trees; Dr. L. C. Chadwick, group secretary-treasurer; Dr. Paul E. Tilford, executive secretary of the National Arborists Association; and George Kase, Cincinnati Park Board, president of the Ohio organization.

Ohio Shade Tree Conference Laments Severe Winter and Hot, Dry Summer

"Because of a tough winter, which caused us to lose a lot of young trees, and the current drought in the Midwest, we're having a hard time of it," John Michalko, Commissioner of Shade Trees for the City of Cleveland, told delegates to the Ohio Chapter of the International Shade Tree Conference.

Nearly 80 arborists, tree company supervisors, and utility foresters gathered July 10 at the Cleveland Municipal Shade Tree Headquarters for the annual meeting, which featured tours of outstanding tree plantings in the Cleveland area, and a demonstration of some new tree maintenance equipment.

Michalko's remarks preceded a report from Dr. L. C. Chadwick, secretary of the Ohio group, who reported that the Buckeye tree organization, with a membership of 191, is now second in size only to the California chapter.

During the business session, chaired by president George Kase, of the Cincinnati Park Board, delegates voted to incorporate the Ohio chapter.

After the equipment show, the Ohio treemen moved to the Cleveland Museum of Art for additional talks on the role of tree personnel in urban redevelopment.

"There used to be a conflict between municipalities and electric companies over trees," Lee Howley, vice president and general counsel of the Cleveland Electric

Illuminating Company, told the assembly.

This conflict is being resolved, however, through such programs as CEI's Master Tree Plan, which helps municipalities plan tree plantings which will not interfere with utility lines, traffic, or sidewalks and sewers, and which will still enhance the esthetic character of a city's neighborhoods.

Next meeting of the Ohio Chapter will be in the last week of January in Columbus. Exact dates will be announced later, Dr. Chadwick told *Weeds and Turf*.

Meeting Dates

Alabama Nurserymen/Southern Nurserymen Annual Convention, Hotel Admiral Semmes, Mobile, Aug. 4-6.

International Shade Tree Conference, Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Aug 4-9.

Rutgers Turfgrass Field Days, Rutgers University College of Agriculture, New Brunswick, N.J., Aug. 7-9.

11th Annual University of Florida Turfgrass Management Conference, University of Florida, Gainesville, Aug. 27-29.

Nurserymen and Growers Annual Short Course, University of Florida, Gainesville, August 28-30.

Midwest Turf Field Day, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., Sept. 9 (repeated Sept. 10).

70th Annual Farm Equipment Institute Convention, Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans, La., Sept. 29-Oct. 2.

International Shade Tree Group Has Varied Convention Program

A program designed to satisfy tree specialists from all phases of the industry highlights the 39th Annual International Shade Tree Conference this month in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Nearly 800 delegates are expected to register during the 6-day tree seminar which runs from August 4 to 9 at Toronto's Royal York Hotel.

Much of the program is devoted to discussions of tree pest control, including talks on non-infectious tree diseases. Moderated by Dr. Spencer H. Davis, ISTC vice president, these tree ailment talks include "Ash Dieback in the Northeast," "Maple Decline in the Northeast," and "Sweet Gum Blight."

Role of tree surgery in modern arboriculture is the subject of an address by C. L. Wachtel, Wachtel Tree Science and Service Co., Wauwatosa, Wis.

Concepts of soil aeration and the relationship of this process to tree growth are being examined Monday by George Yelenosky from the Department of Botany, Duke University, Durham, N. C.

Split sessions are scheduled for Tuesday to better accommodate the varied interests of conference delegates. In the series of talks geared to members of the National Arborists Association, markets and public relations are covered.

"Shade Tree Spraying—the Tree, the Public, the Arborist" is the title of a talk by Henry F. Davis, Lowden Tree Specialists, Inc., Needham, Mass. "New Markets for Tree Service" is being presented by Robert Felix, Harder Tree Service, Inc., Hempstead, N. Y.

Also on Tuesday, those interested in municipal arboriculture may attend discussions chaired by John G. Michalko, chairman of the ISTC's Municipal Arborists Committee.

A significant talk on the real facts behind pesticide usage, presented by Dr. George C. Decker, distinguished entomologist of the Illinois Natural History Survey, Urbana, is in the offing Thursday.

A detailed report of the conference will appear in *W&T* next month.