

# Veteran Arborists Organize National Consulting Service

A new consulting service is now available on a national basis. Veteran arborists in the industry have organized the American Society of Consulting Arborists. Eighteen charter members, located in 16 states, held their first annual meeting recently in Florida and put the new group on record officially.

New president, Consultant Henry Vaughn-Eames, Stockton, N. J., said that the group had been discussing such an organization for the past two years. The need for highly qualified, unbiased opinions for new developments, help in organizing shade

tree commissions, surveys, and for legal work has been evident for some time, Vaughn-Eames continued. He expects that more arborists, veterans in the business, will seek membership and official recognition by ASCA.

The new president in an interview with WTT, was careful to point out, however, that members are not being solicited. This group, apparently, is a highly selective and qualified group of individuals who are available for special consultant services. In instances where there might be a conflict of interest at the local level, a member consultant from

another area could be solicited for an unbiased and professional opinion.

Membership in the ASCA is based only on ability as an arborist. Rules do not require a veteran arborist to be a member of either the National Arborists Association or the International Shade Tree Conference. Vice-president of the new group, H. M. Van Wormer, Van Wormer Tree Service, 209 Seay Bldg., 3122 W. Clary St., Richmond, Va., is handling membership requests.

The original charter membership is made up of arborists with 20 to 40 years in the tree care business. Additional members will likely possess similar qualifications. Elected secretary-treasurer at the session was Ray Gustin, Jr., Gustin Gardens Tree Service, Inc., Gaithersburg, Md. Headquarters address for the new group is 700 Southern Bldg., Washington, D. C. 20005.

Charter members of the new American Society of Consulting Arborists are: seated, left to right, Hackett C. Wilson, Wilson Tree Company, Inc., Shelby, North Carolina; Riley R. Stevens, Stevens Tree Surgery, Portland, Oregon; James T. Turner, Turner Tree Service, Atlanta, Georgia; Henry Vaughn-Eames, President, Consultant, Stockton, New Jersey; H. M. Van Wormer, Vice President, Van Wormer Tree Service, Richmond, Virginia; Ray Gustin, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer, Gustin Gardens Tree Service, Inc., Gaithersburg, Maryland; F. L. Dinsmore, Dinsmore Tree Service, St. Louis, Missouri. Standing, left to right, Freeman L. Parr, Parr & Hanson, Hicksville, New York; George W. Goodall, Goodall Tree Expert Company, Inc., Portland, Maine; Walter P. Morrow, Morrow Tree Company, Sewickley, Pennsylvania; Winston E. Parker, New Jersey Certified Tree Expert, Moorestown, New Jersey; H. N. Engledow, Mid-Western Tree Experts, Indianapolis, Indiana; and Harry A. Morrison, Arborist, Wilmette, Illinois. Unable to be present for the picture were Ira F. Wickes, Ross Farrens, and C. L. Wachtel.

