



Leadership for ASCA during the coming year, reading from the left: president-elect, Dr. L. C. Chadwick; immediate past-president, Ray Gustin, Jr.; president, George W. Goodall; executive director, Dr. Spencer H. Davis, Jr.; vice-president, George P. Morrow. The new secretary-treasurer, W. Roland Shannon was not present.



Dr. Donald A. Spencer, Ecologist for the National Agricultural Chemicals Association.

Consulting Arborists Plan For '72 Annual

Some bird and animal populations have increased 10- to 50-fold in recent years despite the use of pesticides. So reported Dr. Donald A. Spencer at the recent annual meet-

ing of the American Society of Consulting Arborists at Washington, D.C.

Dr. Spencer, who spent more than 30 years working as a staff member of the Fish and Wildlife Service for the United States Department of Agriculture is now an ecologist for the National Agricultural Chemicals Association.

Some birds and animals which were close to extinction earlier in the century are now at the point of nearly over-populating some areas, Spencer said. This picture is in sharp contrast to much of the current furor relating to ecology and its destruction.

Dr. Spencer presented data to support his claims that in one state the grouse harvest has climbed from 5,000 to 43,000 in the last 25 years. Quail harvest is up to 110,000 from 21,000 during the same period, and the pheasant harvest has doubled.

Members of the ASCA, held both educational and business meetings during the Washington, D.C. session, and made plans for their 1972 annual meeting. It will be held at Tampa, Fla., during February.

Dr. L. C. Chadwick, the new President-elect of ASCA, chaired a panel with Henry Vaughn-Eames, Walter Ritchie and Freeman Parr on use of the recently revised Shade Tree Evaluation Formula as developed by the International Shade Tree Conference. The panel pursued the theme that any formula is of value only when used in conjunction with years of experience with trees and an understanding of their past and present care. Members were urged to be extremely careful in preparing a disposition before the court that only facts are presented because later questioning by the opposition could turn an unqualified statement into a point against their own case.

To continue the theme of tree evaluation, Fred Micha, as Chairman of the Case Histories committee reviewed case histories on file with ASCA. Payment of claims, as re-



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lated to case histories, were discussed by participating members. Micha's committee is in the process of developing a more standardized form for reporting on tree surveys and appraisals.

At the final business session, new officers and directors were elected. Ray Gustin, Jr., handed over his gavel to incoming President George W. Goodall, Maine, and welcomed President-Elect Dr. L. C. Chadwick, Ohio; Vice-President Walter P. Morrow, Pennsylvania and Secretary-Treasurer W. Roland Shannon, Pennsylvania. The directors named for the coming year were O. J. Andersen, Texas; A. Murray Swanson, Arizona; F. L. Dinsmore, Missouri; F. Earle Martin, Toronto, Canada, and Ray Gustin, Jr., Maryland. Dr. Spencer H. Davis, Jr., New Jersey will continue as Executive Director.

ASCA members will meet next in conjunction with the International Shade Tree Conference in Montreal, Canada in mid-August.

Plans Underway for I.S.T.C. At Montreal, August 7-14

The 47th annual meeting of the International Shade Tree Conference is set for August 7-14 at Montreal, Quebec. Headquarters will be the Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

Executive Secretary E. C. "Cal" Bundy (P.O. Box 71, Urbana, Ill. 61801) is equipped to furnish details for members, exhibitors, and others interested in tree care who wish to attend.

Dr. E. B. Himelick, executive director of the I.S.T.C., is program committee chairman and Dr. Yves Desmarais, the Montreal local committee chairman. Four special events in addition to the regular educational program have been scheduled. These are: (1) A special "Exhibitors Nite" rather than field demonstrations. Purpose is to allow exhibitors to display their products in addition to entertaining via prizes, games, etc.; (2) An evening break-away event. This will include an afternoon trip to the site of the Montreal World's Fair, and an I.S.T.C. street dance in Old Montreal in the evening; (3) A second evening is set aside for two special presentations, one by Clarence Lewis of Michigan State University, and the other by Stauffer Chemical Company; and (4) Post-convention trips are planned for Europe (2 weeks), Quebec City (overnight), and for Ottawa (1 day).

Special programs are also on the agenda for wives and youngsters.

Both are steeped with French enchantment and the Montreal atmosphere.

National Attention Focused On Aquatic Weed Meeting

Featured speaker for the Hyacinth Control Society's '71 annual meeting will be the Environmental Protection Agency's regional coordinator for Region IV, Mr. John R. Thoman. Thoman will appear July 12 and will present EPA's procedure for determining pesticide use in the months ahead.

Every company producing equipment and chemicals for aquatic weed control will have representatives on hand for this conference at Tampa, Fla., this coming month. Besides company representatives, the membership consists of contract applicators, research scientists, and all types of supervisory personnel responsible for keeping waterways and surface reservoirs free of all types of noxious aquatic weeds.

The national session is set for July 11-14. Headquarters will be the Manger Motor Inn (details available from Stanley Abramson, president of the Society, P.O. Box 1096, Tampa or tel. (813) 626-2111).

Abramson reports the Society board is inviting anyone with an interest in aquatic weed control. Registration is well ahead of last year's session at Huntsville, Ala. Abramson says the current reservation list indicates that representatives from some 35 states and 6 foreign countries will be on hand.

Papers are submitted each year by the membership as well as field men and scientists outside the organization. Among those featured this year will be Dr. Alva P. Burkhalter, Director of Aquatic Weed Control for Florida. His paper is entitled, "Policy and Plans of the Department of Natural Resources Related to Aquatic Weed Control and Research." This is especially appropos in light of proposed legislation in Florida to ban all use of pesticides in that state's waters by 1973.

L. V. Guerra, project leader for statewide noxious weed control in Texas, will discuss "Reclamation of Lost Recreation Areas." These are only two of some 40 papers to be presented.

Besides the educational program and field demonstrations, a full program is planned for families. Special rates have been arranged at the headquarters hotel (\$12 single and \$17 double or twin).



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