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John Davey Tree Care Library-Museum will open to the public after formal dedication ceremonies planned for mid-1976. The home of one of the tree-care pioneers John Davey in Kent, Ohio has been acquired by the Davey Foundation and will become a library and museum dedicated to the tree-care industry. Davey, who resided in the home from 1904 until his death in 1923, was the first to assemble tree sciences of the time and build them into what he called "tree surgery." With his first book, "THE TREE DOCTOR" published in 1901, Davey sold the country the new idea that shade trees — wherever they were — could and should be saved and kept healthy by scientific processes. The success of the book eventually led to the founding of The Davey Tree Expert Company by his son, Martin L. Davey.

Joseph T. Myers, Davey president, said that the proposed library-museum will be a long over-due tribute to the tree-care industry. "It will commemorate the beginning of tree care as a vital industry and provide an authoritative reference library for writers, researchers and other interested individuals," he said.

Myers expressed hope that all companies and organizations associated with tree care and its development will contribute appropriate historical documents, photographs and other memorabilia to make the museum truly representative of an entire industry.

Kershaw Manufacturing Co., just released a 12-minute film on its right-of-way maintaining and land-clearing machine, the Klearway. The film shows the huge cutting and clearing machine in action in various applications around the country. It also contains the latest operating cost figures on the Klearway.

Film highlights include before and after shots, aerial shots and "instant replays" of the Klearway cutting down eight inch trees at ground level. The machine is even shown being intentionally "ditched" in a creek to emphasize its ability to pull itself out using a self-contained winch.

Arrangements to see the color/sound film may be made through Kershaw Manufacturing Co., 2205 West Fairview Ave., Montgomery, Alabama 36108.

"**Meet the Gypsy Moth,**" a new publication available free from Northwestern Forest Experiment Station, can make you more fully informed about the gypsy moth. The booklet shows the life history of the gypsy moth from egg mass to adult in full-color illustrations. It is designed as an identification guide. Free copies are available from: Information Services, Northeastern Forest Experiment Station, 6816 Market St., Upper Darby, PA 19082.

NASA has become interested in the water hyacinth because of its unique ability to clean up waste water. C. B. Wolverton, a NASA biochemist, has been keeping tabs on water hyacinths. He says the plant removes water pollutants by absorbing them through its roots. Among the chemicals it briskly extracts are such insidious killers as mercury, lead, strontium 90 and some complex organic chemicals scientists link

to cancer. Wolverton reports that the plants have such a voracious appetite for chemicals that he has measured toxic metals 10,000 times more concentrated in water hyacinths than in their surrounding water.

L. V. Guerra, past president of Hyacinth Control Society, was quoted in the Wall Street Journal as saying, "Theoretically the use of hyacinths to clean up pollution sounds great, but on a practical basis it isn't such a hot idea."

Donald Lee, head of Louisiana's water hyacinth eradication program, said that in 1972, some 442,000 acres of Louisiana water were choked with water hyacinths. More than \$3 million per year has been spent to clear them. But now they infest 1.2 million acres. "In no way can you keep up with water hyacinths," he says. "You can't keep up with reproduction."

At any rate, Wolverton intends to continue his project hoping not only to solve major water pollution problems but also to recover some of these heavy metals once absorbed by the plant.



New officers and directors of the American Association of Nurserymen are shown here standing left to right: Director of Region II, John B. Wight, Wight Nurseries, Inc., Cairo, GA; Director of Region I, Henry A. Weller, Congdon & Weller Wholesale Nursery, Inc., No. Collins, NY; Director of Region IV, Hugh Steavenson, Forest Keeling Nursery, Elsberry, MO; seated left to right: Vice President and Director of Region V, L. J. Hilscher, Hilscher Nursery and Garden Center, Ft. Worth, TX; President, Palmer W. Bigelow, Jr., Bigelow Nurseries, Inc., Northboro, MA; Director at Large, Louis Hillenmeyer, Jr., Hillenmeyer Nurseries, Lexington, KY; Director of Region VI, Itsuo Uenaka, Cupertino Nursery, Inc., Cupertino, CA; not pictured is Treasurer, Ernest A. Tosovsky, Home Nursery Greenhouses, Inc., Edwardsville, IL.