

## THE RETIREMENT OF A NURSERYMAN

### C. INGERSOLL "INGY" ARNOLD

In June of 1981, Ingy Arnold retired as Director of the New Hampshire State Forest Nursery. Ingy has had a long and productive career in forestry. He attended Bowdoin College from which he received a B.A. degree in 1939. He then earned a Master of Forestry degree from Yale Forestry School in 1941. Ingy began his career by working for the USDA Forest Service on the San Bernardino N.F. in California and for two paper companies in the south. His career was interrupted when he entered the armed forces in the fall of 1942. He served in a field artillery unit and later as an infantry officer. He was awarded a Purple Heart in Germany before the end of his service in July of 1946.

After his discharge, Ingy worked as a logging operator for the New England Forestry Foundation. He handled a number of logging jobs in central New Hampshire hiring his own crews and providing his own logging equipment. During the winter of 1947-48 he worked for the NH Highway Department and taught botany at New England College in Henniker.

In 1948 he moved his family to Michigan where he taught at the Michigan State University Forestry Summer Camp. That fall he accepted a position as director of the State University's Russ Forest in southwestern Michigan. This forest contained some open area on which Ingy began a forest nursery. Once he had established the nursery he continued expansion from its original 400,000 trees per year to 3,500,000 trees per year. This effort was just a part of his duties. He also conducted management and research activities on the rest of the forest tract.

In 1957 Ingy returned to New England as director of the New Hampshire State Forest Nursery. He pushed for mechanization of the nursery and originated several ideas and devices himself including a machine for bundling seedlings for shipment. Once again, managing a nursery did not require all of this energetic individual's time and stamina. He continued conducting research projects and was especially active in tree improvement efforts.

Now that Ingy has retired, he plans to devote more time to his wife and daughter, fix up his new home, take trips to sunnier climes, make fine hardwood furniture and occasionally take a trip back to one of his seed orchards.

We wish you well in your new endeavors, Ingy. May your days be many and all happy and healthy.