

ACTIVITIES OF THE LAKE STATES FOREST
TREE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

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Subcommittees

An important part of the Lake States Forest Tree Improvement Committee's work in encouraging and coordinating forest tree improvement activities in the region is done by a series of subcommittees, three of which are active now. Their accomplishments can be reported briefly as follows:

1. The Subcommittee on Registering and Marking Selections in the Lake States has prepared and distributed a report 2/ which includes a list of registers of superior trees and stands in the region, directions for establishing a regional register of unique or unusual trees, and recommendations for marking and registering selections in the field. The subcommittee consisted of H. E. Ochsner, Chairman, Earl Adams, Scott S. Pauley, A. J. Riker, and Jonathan W. Wright. With the publication of its report the subcommittee has been discharged.
2. The Subcommittee on Research Evaluation, Coordination, and Planning also has prepared a report^{3/} which has received initial distribution at this conference. This report contains brief summaries of all active, formal forest tree improvement projects in the Lake States. It also includes a classification of projects by species and subject-matter categories, a list of research workers, and a list of cooperators. The subcommittee consists of Paul O. Rudolf, Chairman, R. A. Brink, H. L. Mitchell, Scott S. Pauley, and Stephen H. Spurr. It is a continuing subcommittee.

1/ Executive Secretary, Lake States Forest Tree Improvement Committee.

2/ Copies were sent to all those on the Committee mailing list. Additional copies can be obtained from the Executive Secretary.

3/ Copies can be obtained by requesting Station Paper No. 74, from the Lake States Forest Experiment Station, St. Paul Campus, St. Paul 1, Minn.

3. The Subcommittee on Forest Tree Seed Certification presented a report at this conference. It summarizes present forest tree seed certification activities in the United States and recommends that a set of certification standards be developed suitable for use in the Lake States. Copies of the report will be sent to all those on the Committee mailing list. This subcommittee, which is still active, consists of J. W. Macon, Chairman, W. H. Brener, R. A. Brink, F. J. Hodge, A. C. Hodson, and P. O. Rudolf. (Since October 1959 W. H. Brener has been chairman.)

Committee Affairs

Members of the Lake States Forest Tree Improvement Committee serve 4-year terms. At each biennial conference, terms of half the members are completed and an equal number of new appointments or reappointments are made. At that time new officers also are elected. At the close of the Ann Arbor conference, therefore, Committee membership and officers were as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Appointment expires</u>
Stephen H. Spurr (Chairman)	University of Michigan	1961
John Macon (Vice-Chairman)	Lake States Council of Industrial Foresters	1961
Paul O. Rudolf (Executive Secretary)	Lake States Forest Experiment Station	1961
Earl J. Adams	Minnesota Conservation Department	1961
W. H. Brener	Wisconsin Conservation Department	1961
R. A. Brink	University of Wisconsin	1961
D. W. French	Central International Conference on Forest Insects and Diseases (Pathology)	1963
F. J. Hodge	Michigan Conservation Department	1963
P. N. Joranson	Institute of Paper Chemistry	1963
E. N. Lee	North Central Region, U. S. Forest Service	1963

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H. L. Mitchell	Forest Products Laboratory	1963
Scott S. Pauley	University of Minnesota	1963
Donald W. Renlund	Central International Conference on Forest Insects and Diseases (Entomology)	1963
Jonathan W. Wright	Michigan State University	1961

The next biennial tree improvement conference in the Lake States will take place in 1961. In the normal order of rotation, it should be held in Wisconsin. The group agreed, therefore, to accept the invitation of Director M. B. Dickerman of the Lake States Forest Experiment Station to hold the next conference at the Northern Institute of Forest Genetics near Rhinelander, Wis. By 1961 facilities now under construction and development at the Institute will be ready for use and inspection. Furthermore, interesting field trips can be arranged in the general vicinity to cover tree improvement work of several agencies. John Macon, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, will be in charge of arrangements for the 1961 conference.