

cost of removal has been greater than the sum spent on the tree during its entire life. If we followed Grandfather's reasoning and agreed with him that a solution will arise as soon as the problem is defined, then we might seriously consider the following steps, especially if we wish to keep shade trees in our cities and towns. First of all, it will be necessary to begin selecting trees for disease resistance, as well as discovering those with suitable habit and character for the place in which they are to grow. Secondly, we should spend much time experimenting with new varieties and species to insure diversification of plantings, so that no one disease will rob us of all our trees. And last, but not least, we must bear in mind that the same species which does so well in the east may not be at home on the prairies and it may be completely out of place on the streets of a town in the Rockies. We need a lot of imagination, a clear statement of the problem and a willingness to appropriate money for research. These are the basic requirements and they must be accepted by home owners, by city fathers whose purse strings too often control tree selection, and the nurseryman who will have to use a little imagination and must be willing to risk a bit of time, effort, and money to find trees for his locality.

### TREE CLIMBING CONTEST

#### (Correction)

In the report given in last month's Arborist's News of the tree climbing contest held at Cincinnati at the 27th National Shade Tree Conference an error was made. Joe Arsenault, winner of the contest, represented the Massa-

chusetts Tree Wardens' and Foresters' Association and not the Massachusetts Arborists' Association as stated.

After having won the elimination contest sponsored by the Massachusetts Tree Wardens' and Foresters' Association, Joe was sent to Cincinnati by the Association with all expenses paid and a \$35.00 spending allowance in his pocket.

We are sorry for this error in the report and trust that the Massachusetts Tree Wardens' and Foresters' Association will forgive us. With so much going on at the Conference in such a short time and with so many organizations it is a wonder we aren't confused more often.

### N. S. T. C. COMMITTEES

At the business meeting, August 29, at Cincinnati, the following members were elected to the Executive Committee for 2-year terms: Orville Spicer, Bartlett Tree Expert Co., Stamford, Conn.; Herbert O. Drennan, Carolina Power & Light Co., Raleigh, N. C.; L. R. Tehon, Illinois Natural History Survey, Urbana, Ill.; and Harry R. Shaver, Quebec Hydroelectric Commission, Montreal, Que., Canada.

Elected to the membership committee for 3-year terms were Joseph A. Dietrich, park superintendent, Greenwich, Conn.; Kenneth B. Flaig, Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., Fort Wayne, Ind., and Gordon J. Herron, Canadian Shade Tree Service, Ltd., Lachine, Que., Canada. Ray R. Hirt, New York State College of Forestry, Syracuse, was elected to the nomenclature and standards committee for a 3-year term.