This document begins a series of newsletters containing information about issues, programs, and news items that pertain to forest genetics, tree improvement, and related disciplines. Unless circumstances otherwise dictate, the newsletter will be distributed monthly.

At its November 20, 1984 meeting in Tallahassee the CFGRP Executive Committee suggested that the date for the Spring 1985 Advisory Council Meeting be set during the same week of the SAF-SFRC Annual Spring Symposium to reduce travel for those attending all the meetings. Together with the CRIFF staff the following schedule is proposed:

Meeting #1  SAF-SFRC Annual Spring Symposium  
1:00 pm on Tuesday, April 23, to Noon on Wednesday, April 24.

Meeting #2  CRIFF ADVISORY COUNCIL  
1:00 pm on Wednesday, April 24, to Noon on Thursday, April 25.

Meeting #3  CFGRP ADVISORY COUNCIL  
1:00 pm on Thursday, April 25, to Noon on Friday, April 26.

Please mark your calendar or let me know as soon as possible if these dates are not satisfactory.

The SAF-SFRC Annual Spring Symposium will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Gainesville on April 23-24, 1985. The topic for the symposium is Herbicides in Southern Forestry. General sessions will include presentations on the herbicides labeled for forestry uses, safety, and the increasing importance of herbicides to forestry in the South. Concurrent with presentations on silvicultural uses of herbicides, is a session on the present and future uses of herbicides in nurseries, progeny tests, and seed orchards. Contact Dr. Nancy Pywell, Forestry Extension, School of Forest Resources and Conservation for details.

Don't forget to read Harm Kok's memo of November 26 regarding lifting, distributing, bundling, and baling the 257 families of longleaf pine seedlings at Container's nursery in Brevton, AL. Each cooperator should have at least one person at the nursery to begin lifting at 8:00 am on Monday, January 7, 1985.
Among many interesting stops on the N.C. State University Tree Improvement Contact Meeting tour in Williamsburg was Chesapeake Corporation's greenhouse facilities. The free-standing greenhouse is a double-wall, poly-roof model, measuring 25' wide by 80' long and 12' to the center-peak. Chesapeake uses the facility for growing containerized seedlings, both for progeny tests and for operational plantings on a special need basis. It will also be a valuable facility for winter grafting and out-of-phase dormancy. The structure was ordered as a kit from:

Wetzel Seed Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 791
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

1983 costs were:

- Frame, blower, door vents, and poly-plastic........ $2,628.00
- Modine gas heater, fans, interior shutters and thermostats............ 1,564.00
  $4,192.00

If your company is one of the coop members interested in getting improved seed certified, specific information regarding the process and costs may be obtained from:

Division of Inspection
Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
3125 Conner Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32301

I would appreciate knowing which cooperators may be applying for seed certification since the Gainesville staff will be responsible for verifying the records and evaluating the parent populations.

Omnidata is planning a Polycorder Training Seminar on the University of Florida campus on January 22-23, 1985. The seminar is intended for a general audience of users and will have a registration fee of $125.00 (That is not a typo!). A second seminar specifically for forestry application is tentatively scheduled for May/June, 1985. This seminar would provide the background for using the Polycorder beyond its present application for measuring progeny tests. If you and other potential users in your company are interested in this training opportunity, notify Don Rockwood by January 16, 1985. A registration fee will also be charged for this seminar.
The Institute of Dendrology has just announced a symposium on "Flowering and Seed Bearing in Forest Seed Orchards" to be held in Kornik, Poland on September 2-8, 1985. Tentatively the program will consist of the following sessions:

2. Physiology of flowering: role of endogenous and exogenous hormones, treatment x endogenous hormonal balance, causes of not flowering.
3. Floral induction: promotion of flowering, sexual determination of primordia, clone x treatment interactions, and sex reversal.
5. Crop protection: anti-abortive treatments, biological and chemical protection against insects and other animals.

Out-of-country meetings are always difficult to attend due to budget restraints; however, I hope that someone will be able to represent our coop and that we will have access to the proceedings. The session topics appear to be timely and useful for many of our activities. I'll keep you informed of the particulars as they develop.

It was a pleasure to see two of our own, Carlton Windsor and Early McCall, and the ITT Rayonier Morgan Research Center featured in the Florida Times-Union-Jacksonville on November 13, 1984. The name of the article was "Pine clones: Researchers' work boggles the mind." I hope Carlton and Early's work impressed the general public as much as it appeared to have impressed Ms. Cianci, the staff writer.

The position announcement for Dr. Goddard's replacement has been approved. The announcement has been distributed to all institutions with agricultural experiment stations, all U.S. Forestry Schools, and it will be carried in the January-February issues of the Journal of Forestry. The position was approved at the associate or full professor level with a starting date of July 1, 1985. This date will allow the incumbent three months to work with Dr. Goddard prior to his September 30th retirement.

It may seem along time away but it isn't too early to begin thinking about our 1985 Contact Meeting. Please hold open the dates between October 14-25. With Dr. Goddard's retirement being September 30, it may be appropriate to plan a retirement celebration to coincide with our contact meeting. Let me know what you think.
BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON AND A SAFE AND PRODUCTIVE NEW YEAR!

The CFGRP Gainesville Staff

C. Atkins Jr.

'LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUED "IMPROVEMENT" IN 1985! MERRY XMAS MITCH

Hope all your trees grow straight and fast, and have no canker of any sort.

Ray

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a successful 1985 in planting, data collection and breeding.

MERRY CHRISTMAS! MERRY NEW YEAR

C.W.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

May your trees get taller, your work easier, your paycheck bigger! B.C.'s next Secretary

Best wishes for '85.

Don Rockwood

May all your diallels be filled in 1985.

Merry Christmas

Pat Dayton

Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Ray

MERRY CHRISTMAS

C.W.

BEST WISHES TO ALL

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Acting Department Chairman