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## TRENDS IN FIRE PROTECTION

The Society of Wood Science and Technology sponsored a symposium on Trends in Fire Protection in April 1977 at Madison, WI. The objective of this symposium was to provide a communication medium for the current status and future of fire protection engineering as it specifically relates to wood used in construction. Information presented should be of value to design engineers, architects, wood engineers, wood technologists, wood processors, code officials, and researchers. The program was designed to provide a broad overview of the subject, covering the present situation and the outlook for the future. The symposium was designed to provide data leading to action by industry, government, code agencies, universities, and institutions.

The Society of Wood Science and Technology (SWST) is undertaking the important task of holding a series of symposia on important subjects that have immediate ramifications to the wise and judicious use of wood. These symposia are designed to present pertinent and important information according to predetermined outlines. Gaps in knowledge are to be pinpointed and corrective actions to be suggested. Such information should be useful in stimulating research, in discussions with agency and legislative leaders, and in industrial endeavors.

The chairman of this symposium wishes to express his great appreciation to the pro-

gram committee of Dr. Erwin L. Schaffer, U.S. Forest Products Laboratory; Roderick Buchan, P. E., National Forest Products Association; Kenneth R. Peterson, Georgia-Pacific Corporation; Ramon R. McNeil, Weyerhaeuser Company; Dr. Edward G. King, National Forest Products Association; and B. H. Skunk, Koppers Company, Inc. Their dedicated efforts made the program a success.

Others contributing to the success of the meeting were the session moderators Erwin L. Schaffer, U.S. Forest Products Laboratory; F. C. Beall, University of Toronto; Herbert W. Eickner, Products Fabrication Service; the SWST Executive Secretary, Dr. William F. Lehmann; the SWST secretary, Vicki L. Fraley; and the tour committee of Romie Link and Carlton Holmes of the U.S. Forest Products Laboratory.

The Proceedings of the Trends in Fire Protection are being published as two special issues of *Wood and Fiber*. It is hoped that this method of publication will lead to the broadest possible dissemination within the forest products community of information presented at the symposium.

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