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### ABSTRACTS

**Further Indiana Background To The National Plant Board.** JOHN J. FAVINGER, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.—Further research has revealed additional Indiana contributions that led to the establishment of the National Plant Board in 1925. The introduction of the serious fruit and ornamental pest, San José scale, into the eastern part of the United States led Indiana and many other states to enact specific plant regulatory legislation to slow down spread of the pest by nursery stock and other material. C. M. Hobbs, a Bridgeport nurseryman and President of the Indiana Horticultural Society, was an active delegate to a national convention in 1897 which made recommendations for both national and state legislation to deal with the problem. Later Professor James Troop, first State Entomologist of Indiana was one of the organizers of the American Association of Official Horticultural Inspectors in 1901. He later served as secretary of this organization which eventually merged with the American Association of Economic Entomologists as the Section of Horticultural Inspection. It was the activities of this section, largely under the leadership of a native Hoosier, T. J. Headlee, State Entomologist of New Jersey, that led to the formation in 1925 of the Regional and National Plant Boards as they are still constituted today. Frank N. Wallace, State Entomologist of Indiana 1915-1958, helped draw up recommendations of nursery inspection officials in 1924 that reflect much of the thought that was expressed in the National Plant Board's Principles of Plant Quarantine seven years later.