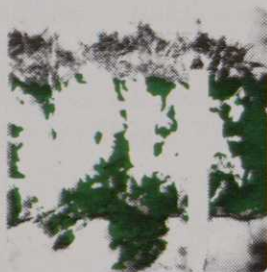


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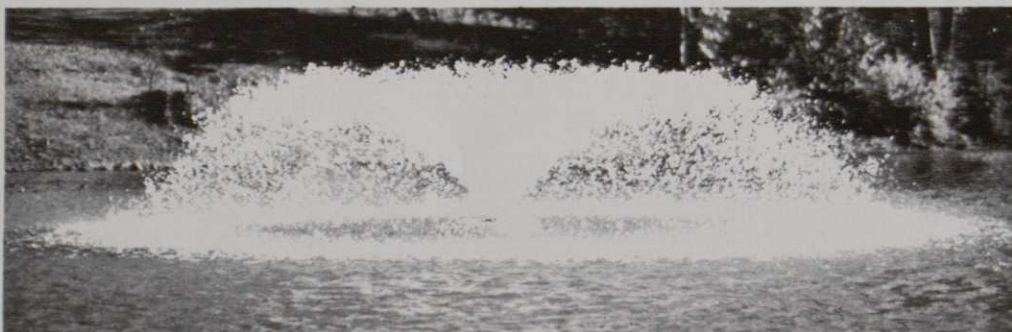
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## **Viewpoint**



Conserving energy is something that everyone must now consider. The crunch is already creating cutbacks on many courses. Superintendents are starting to react and some very good methods of coping are coming forward. One idea that is gaining in popularity is how to make alcohol from grass clippings. So far, we haven't run into anyone who knows how or is actually doing it. So I ask you: If you are successfully making alcohol fuel from grass clippings or know someone who is, or know someone who knows someone who is, please let us know. We do know of one superintendent who is going to experiment and we will follow his efforts closely, reporting on his successes.

If you skipped over the news page (6), go back and look at the item on 2,4-D. I knew it was coming. Though it doesn't seem too serious, remember that 2,4,5-T was lost under circumstances that began in a very similar vein. Chemicals have a way of disappearing once EPA gets ahold of them.

Farrell Higbee, in his editorial in the February issue of *The World of Agricultural Aviation* seems convinced that those against 2,4,5-T now have the backing of pro marijuana groups, who were losing their crops to the chemical. He also says that most of the 17 critiques of the Alsea II study recognize that it is only one statistical woman "who is the sole basis by which EPA scientists give Alsea II any credit at all!" So you see, all they need is a will. They'll find a way.

The Idea File on the Clippings page (4) is starting to take off. I have a couple for future issues, but need more to keep it up. It's an excellent way to help other superintendents and to put your name forward as a thinking superintendent.

*Lon Morris*