

65 Years (Cont'd)

Mr. S. Pitcher at this point called for a round-robin and a get acquainted by asking each member to stand, call his name and the Golf Course he represented.

Mr. Stanley Pitcher called upon our first speaker of the meeting, Mr. Noble of the Pacific Guana Co.

Mr. Noble let us know of the future shortage of fertilizers caused by the great demand by Europe and Asia for food crops. He emphasized that about 6 to 8 million tons would be shipped to the South Pacific and that much or more to Europe. He told us to buy our fertilizer as soon as possible. As the supply is very short, to buy any kind we could get.

Question Out of the Box. Question: When and how often should you fertilize greens? Answer: Greens should be fertilized in spring and fall with a good organic fertilizer, and fed with a good commercial fertilizer in the summer. Ammonium Sulphate can be applied as needed to keep an even growth throughout the year. Too much Ammonium Sulphate is not so good as it causes a toxic condition in the soil. Also too much will

make the grass courser.

Mr. Pitcher brought out the point of having samples of turf sent to the U.C. Laboratory for analysis.

Next speaker, Mr. Davis of the California Pest Control Company.

There is not much change in the insecticide business. DDT is very limited in its use. They have not used it on greens as they are using it on flies, bugs and the such. Mr. Davis also told us that they are getting a little more pyrethrum and rotenone which are the basic material of our insecticide and fungicide sprays.

Mr. Farrell was the next speaker. He told us how he has been experiencing 2-4-D all over the country. A man by the name of Mr. Jones invented it in 1942. The government has used a good deal of it during the war. Mr. Farrell stresses the use of 2-4-D in the spring. The kill is not so good after July. The results are better when the grass is growing vigorously. Its the penetration that does the trick. Mr. Farrell's experience is that you can't use the same amount in all states due to the climatic conditions. Even the dew will dilute the ingredients. If

properly used, it will not even discolor your grass. "The use of uniform Products is more important that the proper label mixture." If mixed right it will kill Poison Oak in one application and Poison Ivy in two. The cost is about 6 to 8 dollars per acre on turf at this time.

It does not matter after an hour if you water the emulsifying product. Fertilizer does not enter the pitcher after applying 2-4-D. Clean sprayers with sal-soda and hot water. There will be no danger in the use for other material.

Mr. P. M. Jones of the California Toro Company was our next speaker. Mr. Jones told us that due to the lack of steel, our lawn mowing equipment will be very scarce and that he did not know how soon or what change in the new equipment will be. He also mentions he is limited as to the number of lawn mower parts his company gets.

Mr. G. F. Lineer of the C.M. Volkman Co. was our last speaker. Mr. Lineer let us all know the shortage of grass seed and that some are not available. If you need nay grass seed you had better get your order in as the situation is getting desperate. /

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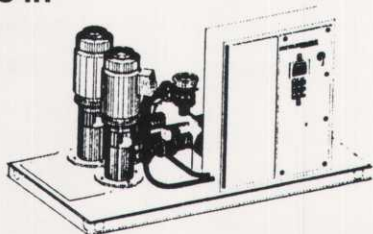


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