Suppliers Personnel Changes

O. M. Scott & Sons, Marysville, Ohio, has acquired the services of Brian Finger and Harry Fries, both of whom will serve as professional turf consultants. Finger, formerly with the extension service, University of Maryland, will serve Scott clients in Maryland, Washington, D. C., and northern counties of Virginia. Fries resigned from the state agricultural extension service serving Nassau County New York, to serve Scott clients in Pennsylvania.

V-C Chemical Co. has named Robert O. Carlson its new Midwest agronomist. Carlson, who formerly held soil science positions with companies in Des Moines, Iowa, and Minneapolis, Minn., is assigned to the regional sales office in Hinsdale, Ill. V-C, a division of Socony Mobil Oil Co., Inc., is headquartered in Richmond, Va.

Trimmings

Nobody home? Treemen, lawn care specialists and contract applicators with monthly accounts frequently find there’s nobody home when they make their regular service call. “The Gardener’s Friend Insect Spraying Service” in Monterey, Calif. has come up with the answer to this problem. This contractor uses a 3½ x 7½” green printed card, with a slitted inch-and-a-half round hole at the top so a small card is hung on a doorknob, to report what’s been done and when. The company name, address, and phone number is beneath the hole, followed by “Has performed the following checked items today . . . (time) for Name . . . ; Address . . . of the customer. Under this, these items are listed to be checked off to tell what contractor did: General Garden Clean-up Spray; Slug and Snail Spraying; Trees . . . Oak or . . . ; Sprayed . . . Trees . . . ; Feeding; Lawn Feeding; Lawn Moth Control; Ants and Earwigs; Poison Oak; Weeds. There are a few blank lines for comments, and a place for the service man to sign his name. At the very bottom are the two words THANK YOU. How do other readers handle the Nobody Home problem?

Off to the woods. After months of planning and detail-following leaving little time for business, Jack Daniels, host for the recent Seattle Spraying Assn. of Ground Sprayers, was privately happy the affair was over. In fact, right after the successful event closed, he went up north for some hunting, away from telephones and business altogether. But he’s right in the thick of things again, now that he’s back, hunting for new ways to better Northwest spraymen.

Accent on youth. Penn State’s energetic associate professor of agronomy, Dr. Joseph M. Duich is actively engaged in keeping the industry supplied with promising young men. He takes a group to the International Turfgrass Conference at times, and to other industry meetings to let both his students and prospective employers get to know each other better. He runs refresher courses and seminars for young men in the field and acts as a clearinghouse to bring employee and employer together. Most college pros are instrumental in this way, but this month we want to give Jack Daniels his due. It’s a tough battle keeping the supply in tune with the demand, especially with our country’s stepped-up military activity.

In all fairness. A few months ago, we plugged the Southern Weed Control Conference (Jan. 18-20) in these columns, but an equally important one which predates the Jacksonville, Fla. meet, is the Northeastern Weed Control Conference at New York City’s Astor Hotel, Jan. 5-7. Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. John Meade, of the University of Maryland, has been lining up papers on industrial weed control, aquatic weed control, turfgrass, new products from industry, and on other topics. Over 775 attended the affair this year.

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