Evergreen Diseases
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should be removed and the wounds treated with wound dressing.

Ice storms which cause thick deposits of ice to form on branches occur occasionally in the Midwest. The ice itself does not usually cause damage, but the extra weight can result in twig or branch breakage. Fortunately, ice damage is rare for little can be done to prevent it. Ice injury should be treated like any mechanical injury on evergreens. Injured plants should be pruned, watered, and fertilized; and wounds should be painted with wound dressing.

In addition to the diseases and other types of damage already mentioned, there are many troubles of evergreens for which the causes are unknown; and other problems are continually arising. Evergreen diseases have not received the attention that diseases of other plants have had; and much research is needed to solve not only the new problems which arise, but also some of the problems which have been with us for many years.

Aquatic Vegetation Control
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at commercial use of water hyacinths have had little success to date, he reported.

Officers elected for the new year by the Society which met June 18-21 are: Robert D. Blackburn, research botanist for the Pennsylvania Agriculture Experiment Station, Erie, Pa., president; Paul R. Cohee, technical sales representative for Hercules Incorporated, Orlando, Fla., secretary-treasurer; and Dr. Lyle Weldon, research agronomist, Crops Research Division, USDA, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., president-elect. Branches trimmed, and the 100,000 evergreen trees have been pruned, watered, and fertilized; and wounds should be painted with wound dressing.

Irrigation Protects Against Hot and Cold Weather. Researchers now tell us irrigation can protect crops from frost damage. Seems that in the freezing process, water releases heat. A pound of water gives off 144 BTU's of heat. The increased moisture in the air serves as a blanket and reduces the amount of heat given off by the crop through radiation. Crops can be protected down to 20° temperatures by irrigating. During light irrigation can be used to cool crops when temperatures are above 85° F. And all the time we thought irrigation just guaranteed the proper transpiration rate.

Grass Contract to Monsanto. We hear that Monsanto Chemical Company was just awarded a $174,468 contract to install synthetic grass on the Memorial High School football field at Seattle, Wash. Monsanto's bid was accepted over a lower bid of $162,000 by virtual of a 3-year guarantee. Gate receipts and stadium parking and rental fees will finance the installation. At the price, it has to be superior to Kentucky blue.

Customer Credit. J. R. Stiffler of Borden Chemical offered his company's dealers a bit of timely advice in a recent newsletter. He urged them to remove customers for purchases in order to increase sales. Stiffler says a number of dealers don't like the idea of the collection fee, but feel that customers understand that the merchant has to be reimbursed by a direct charge or markup. Stiffler points to bank credit cards as a popular type aimed at practically every type of business. Seems to us it might be a good step for the service segments of the vegetation control industry.