Don Mock, owner of Shamrock, sprays freeway right-of-way near Seattle, Wash. This type contract accounts for a large share of his business and his equipment is customized to do this specific job. For more about Mock and his operation, see page 6.

Michigan State Expands Park/Recreation Program

Michigan State University recently announced the creation of a Department of Park and Recreation Resources in its College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

The new department is intended to prepare students for career positions in parks and recreation at state, federal and local levels of government. Its doctorate program will emphasize preparation for careers as researchers and college-level instructors.

Prior to his appointment as head of the newly created department, Professor Louis F. Twardzik was an associate professor in the university’s Department of Resource Development and recreation specialist for the Cooperative Extension Service. Twardzik is the author of a book entitled “The Park and Recreation Commissioner” plus numerous papers on various subjects in his field.

“Current research projects are funded by state and federal agencies, and are expected to increase because of the demand for additional park areas and recreational opportunities in Michigan and throughout the nation,” he noted. “The recently approved $100 million state bond issue (Michigan) for recreation is just one indication of this demand.”