Plant Growth Regulator
May Work on Johnsongrass

Gibberellic acid, a natural growth regulator in plants, may offer a way to control Johnsongrass.

Dr. G. W. Burt, University of Maryland agronomy researcher, reported at the 25th meeting of the Northeastern Weed Science Society that large doses of gibberellic acid prevented flowering (thus seed production) in three varieties of Johnsongrass tested.

Smaller and economically practical doses also proved effective against a Johnsongrass selection from Mississippi, but failed to inhibit flowering in Johnsongrass selections from the "cool and intermediate" climates of western and southern Maryland.

Dr. Burt believes the acid may be a useful control agent for warm climates and that perhaps a way can be found to trigger the same effect in cooler regions, such as combining the acid with other chemicals.

IH Dealers Announce
Rent-a-Rig System

International Harvester Company industrial equipment dealers now offer the International Rent-a-Rig System—a program that provides on a rental or lease basis the productive machines and services the user needs to make a profit.

Participating industrial equipment dealers in the Rent-a-Rig system program stock the most productive machines in their power classes, including the only under 70-hp crawler line with 3/4, 1 and 1 1/4-yd. loaders that offer big rig features; loaders and backhoes to 93 hp; the swiftest and safest 30 bhp skid-steer loader; three standout 4,000 to 6,000-lb fork lifts; and the industry's most complete line of grounds maintenance machines.

Users, the company said, can rely on the International Rent-a-Rig System for dependable industrial equipment that will give them the top performance necessary to handle their jobs more profitably.

Heyser Landscaping Buys
Portion of DeKalb Nurseries

Heyser Landscaping, Inc., of Norristown, Pa., has purchased the landscaping portion of DeKalb Nurseries, according to President William Heyser.

The purchase includes the equipment and unstarted contracts. Colonel Eugene Muller, former president of DeKalb Nurseries, will become a sales representative for Heyser Landscaping. The sales yard portion of DeKalb Nurseries had been leased previously to Gaudio's Garden Centers, a division of Penn Fruit.

DeKalb Nurseries had been in business since 1901 and was founded by Colonel Muller's father, Adolf Muller. Heyser Landscaping was founded by Ellsworth and Ruth Heyser in 1928. Both are still active in the business along with their sons, William and John.

Hahn Division Leaves
Kearney-National, Inc.

Hahn Division of Kearney-National, Inc., formerly Hahn, Inc., has been re-acquired by former owners Jack and Lloyd Hahn.

All of the original Hahn assets, including the Hahn-West Point Division, primarily a manufacturer and distributor of equipment for maintenance of golf courses and similar large turf areas, were re-acquired by the Hahn brothers.

Also re-acquired was the Hahn-Eclipse Division, manufacturer of a complete lawn care implement line including lawn mowers, all-purpose tractors, rotary tillers, and snow throwers.

The third Hahn Division is the Hahn Agricultural Products Division, which grew from a barnyard farm sprayer producer to a firm which, at the time of the 1969 merger, had gross sales in excess of $16 million and employed more than 450 people.

Federal Entomologist Blesses
Metoxynil for DED

A safe, immediate and economical switch can be made from DDT to methoxychlor for Dutch elm disease control, according to recent Forest Service research findings.

Two years of field studies in Milwaukee, Wis., by Dr. Jack H. Barger, Forest Service entomologist, have demonstrated that spraying with methoxychlor either by helicopter or mist blower controlled the rate of disease incidence while the rate of disease incidence increased in the