

## Air Pollution Effect Researched On Grasses

New research on how air pollution affects turfgrasses is underway at the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

Professor J. L. Eggens, in charge of the studies, reports that, to date, that the older the grass, the more susceptible it is to pollution damage.

Dr. Eggens reports that early tests indicate perennial ryegrass is quite susceptible to air pollution. A single ozone treatment caused this grass to develop a more narrow and shorter leaf. Creeping red fescue seems the most resistant variety studied, he reports. This, he continues, is probably because it is a highly compressed, almost drought-resistant grass. It prevents water from escaping easily and allows little room for foreign particles to get in.

Other grasses in the test are Kentucky bluegrass and creeping bent grass.

All are being subjected to relatively high concentrations of ozone, a harmless gas at low concentrations but an irritating pollutant in the high concentrations common in urban, industrial areas.



Precision Chipper Corporation officials meet with Alabama Governor George C. Wallace, seated, and other dignitaries to announce Precision Chipper's plans to construct a half-million-dollar headquarters plant in Leeds, Alabama. The firm, which will move its entire operation to Leeds when construction is finished, manufactures equipment and machinery for the sawmill and papermill industry, and is manufacturer of a Tree Harvester unit. Meeting with Governor Wallace, left to right, are: Jack Courson, mayor of Leeds; Robert C. Barnett, attorney; Bob Smith, vice president of Precision Chipper; Fred Denton, state director of industrial development; R. C. "Red" Bamber, Alabama Development Office Director; Harold West, president of Precision Chipper; Mrs. Eddie Mae McDanal, secretary-treasurer of Precision Chipper, and Chase Thoman, consulting engineer and contractor.

## Congdon's Announces A Name Change for '71

The well known nursery business known for years as Congdon's Wholesale Nurseries at North Collins, N. Y., has announced a name change beginning this fall. Henceforth, according to a principal of the company, Robert S. Taylor, the company will become Concord Nurseries.

## New York Arborists To Meet Jan. 9-12

Business operation subjects, including such areas as salesmanship, fleet operations, purchasing of supplies, accounting and insurance, are highlights of the New York State Arborists Association Convention, Jan. 9-12. Meetings will be held at the Nevele Country Club, Ellenville, N.Y.

Charles Fromer, director of Pesticide Control of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, will speak on the 1972 Insect and Pesticide Outlook on Monday, Jan. 10. Guest speaker at the banquet, Tuesday evening Jan. 11, is Charles Pound, Commissioner of Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation.



Two models of the Jari sickle bar mower, now being produced by the Jari Division of Year-A-Round Cab Co., Mankato, Minn., are available — the 3 hp Chief and the 4 hp Monarch. Mowers, built for grass, weeds, or brush, feature non-sag floating sickle bars ranging from 16-60 inch cutting width with 16-inch single or dual wheels and V-belt drive with 2 clutches. Circle Reader Card #722.