Jacklin And Vaughan's Seed Company To Merge

A merger of two nationwide seed, garden and nursery suppliers into a single corporation will become effective June 30.

The Vaughan Jacklin Corporation is being formed from Jacklin Seed Co., Inc. and Vaughan's Seed Company, according to Arden W. Jacklin and Gager T. Vaughan, presidents of the two firms, respectively.

Jacklin, a Spokane valley based firm, is well-known as one of the world's largest producers of Merion and 0217 Brand Fylking Kentucky bluegrasses. It supplies seed and sod producers and distributors throughout the world.

Vaughan's is one of the world's primary horticultural suppliers to greenhouses, garden stores and nurseries. The company originated in Chicago in 1876 and currently is headquartered in Downers Grove, Ill. Other offices are located in Bound Brook, N.J., Ridgefield, N.J., and Ovid, Mich.

As a division of the new corporation, the Jacklin operations with its many growers will continue to function much as before, Arden Jacklin said.

The two firms reported annual sales in excess of $21 million last year.

Geigy's Shortstop Herbicide Registered In California

A registration for the State of California has been granted the Ciba-Geigy Corporation for Shortstop 80W terbutryn herbicide.

Shortstop, a triazine herbicide, controls most annual broadleaf weeds and grasses for short-term weed control in non-crop areas.

According to Geigy, primary uses of the herbicide include reducing possibilities of fires in vacant lots and keeping roadsides and intersections clear of weed-caused visual obstructions.

When used according to recommendations, the product eliminates the need for mowing or cutting weeds. Lawns, shrubs and other ornamentals may be planted 6 to 12 months following application.

Shortstop may be applied pre-emergence or postemergence until weeds are eight inches tall. When applied on growing weeds, it may be mixed with a surfactant to increase effectiveness.

Amchem's Directa-Spra Reduces Spray Drift

Directa-Spra, a spray applicator that fits into the palm of a man's hand, yet does the work of a 25-foot boom and reduces drift to a minimum, has been announced by Amchem Products.

The applicator has a rotating nozzle that is particularly adapted for roadside, railroad and ditchbank spraying, according to R. R. Johnson of Amchem.

Conventional as well as specialized formulations of herbicides can be applied with the Directa-Spra. The unit has been used successfully on nearly every vehicle commonly used for spraying, including boats for aquatic weed control.

"We can spray a 20- to 30-foot swath at 30 psi," he says. "With different inserts, we can spray sectors of 90° and 180° with the unit mounted directly on the side of a spray vehicle. The unit has removable tips which enables the operator to change the spray pattern and the swath width."