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operation of moving the products from the field to the consumer's location should undergo many changes. The patent office has issued several patents on machines for forming sod into rolls in the past several years, and it would seem that in the near future a reliable machine should be on the market. However, there seems to be a rising interest in the North in handling sod flat, as has been the southern practice. There has been some work done by individual growers in flat handling and mechanical placement of sod on pallets. Palletizing and mechanical loading and unloading of deliveries is a minor factor in the industry today and will be subject to much serious appraisal.

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Most of the new acreage in sod production has been a "one-crop" endeavor. In the North, much of this has been devoted to Merion bluegrass. Consideration for the future indicates an investigation of diversification. Merion is an excellent grass

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Demonstration beds like these, on view at Warren's Palos Park (Ill.) farms, let customers see the exact type of sod which they will purchase from this major turfgrass producer. Customers for cultivated sod may be landscapers, nurserymen, golf course superintendents, highway landscape maintenance supervisors, or those who retail to homeowners. Characteristic of the phenomenal growth of the sod production business is the adoption of modern marketing techniques such as these demonstration plots. Warren's Turf Nursery also carries out experimentation to develop techniques to solve the many problems in harvesting, storage, and transportation of sod.

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Dieldrin can be put on in fertilizer, or in granular form. Liquid concentrates and wettable powders are available for spray use and drenching.

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Nemagon and dieldrin are both available as branded products of well-known manufacturers and sold where you normally buy insecticides, and other turf maintenance products.

For more information, write Shell Chemical Company, Agricultural Chemicals Division, 110 West 51st St., New York, New York 10020.

Follow label directions carefully when using any pesticide.
possibility of licensing or franchising arrangements which could be part of a varietal release.

Arrangements of this kind are common in other industries and should find ready acceptance among sod growers. The advantages are two-fold. Enabling the developer to maintain exclusive rights to a variety follows the philosophy of our patent laws and encourages investment in this kind of progress. And the growers should benefit by avoiding over-production.

Active promotional programs directed towards increasing volume through advertising, public relations, and sales effort is expanding in the industry and in a few years should become a universal practice.

Developments such as these should see the production more and more in the hands of well-rounded turf nurseries producing a complete line of grass for all purposes and less growing of sod by farmers who shift from crop to crop depending on variations in the markets.
Tensiometer Cuts Water Bill In Half,
Survey By UC Turf Expert Proves

 Millions of gallons of water are saved each month by using tensiometers, new moisture-measuring devices, according to recent research by Wayne Morgan, University of California turf expert, Riverside, Calif.

Tensiometers, relatively new instruments which tell if plants or soil need water, are closed tubes filled with water. On the lower tip sits a piece of ceramic with a porous wall, and at the top is a vacuum gauge. The device is inserted into the ground, and as soil dries, moisture is sucked through the ceramic tip, creating a partial vacuum inside. The gauge registers this soil suction, and gives a reading of relative soil wetness.

Morgan supervised installation of tensiometers at five golf courses, four bowling greens, two parks, and three cemeteries in Los Angeles County during the past two years. He returned to check watering records after the inexpensive ($10-20) tools were placed, and here's what he found:

Water use down 50% at Holmby Park Bowling Green (West Los Angeles), 40% reduction at Deauville Country Club (Taranza), and down 57% on a section of UCLA campus. Other facilities reported even larger savings with tensiometers.

"It's not just a matter of saving water," Morgan asserts. "Better irrigation promotes healthy, attractive grass."

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A new drought-hardy, shade-tolerant centipede turfgrass has been approved for release by the agricultural experiment station of Oklahoma State University, Stillwater. It is named Oklawn.

Sod and sprigs of the new variety will be available to certified seed growers for the 1966 season. Thereafter, it is expected that enough sod and sprigs will be produced to supply public demand.

Called a “lazy man’s grass” by Dr. Wayne Huffine of Oklahoma State, Oklawn does not require high management practices. It is adapted to all of Oklahoma, with the possible exception of the high plains. It should also do exceptionally well in southern and southeastern states, University officials said.

Oklawn is a bluish-green, medium-textured, slow-growing perennial which spreads by above-ground runners. The runners root at the nodes, forming a dense sod which resists bermudagrass and weed invasion. It grows to a maximum height of 3 to 4 inches above the soil surface. Propagation may be either by sod or sprigs.

Oklawn is resistant to insects and diseases, the school’s spokesmen maintain. It grows well in partial shade as well as in full sunlight. It has shown excellent heat and drought tolerance, surviving temperatures ranging from 15° below zero to 115° F.

Oklawn grows well on moderately acid, medium-fertile soils and actually is not its best on highly fertile ground. For more information, sod producers and seed growers may write to the Agricultural Information Services, Agricultural Experiment Station, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.

Soft-Treading Sprayer Rig Uses Air Bags for Traction

Contract applicators can now increase and diversify their spraying service with the addition of a ground spraying vehicle which can be used on windy days and at night when airplanes are grounded.

Called the Rolligon Two-Bagger Model 2251, this soft-treading vehicle, equipped with air bags instead of wheels, and accompanying spray boom, averaged 25 acres per hour when used on Texas rice fields. The machines can double their capacity by conducting another 10-hour shift at night, spraying an average of 500 acres every 24 hours, says Rolligon Corp., Houston, Texas.

Use of air-inflated rubber bags for wheels allows the Rolligon Two-Bagger to traverse soft grounds with less impact than the step of a man walking, the company says.

Complete details on this product are available from the Rolligon Corp., 1602 Old Spanish Trail, P.O. Box 20096, Houston, Texas 77025.
Brillion Machines Designed
For Big Landscape, Sod Work

Machines that reportedly enable one man to prepare the seedbed and plant seed in one operation, at a rate of 50 to 60 acres a day, are now manufactured by Brillion Iron Works, Brillion, Wis. These SSL, 8- and 10-foot seeders have built into them brush agitators and precisely calibrated seeding devices said to provide additional savings of up to 50% on expensive seeds.

A double set of notched semi-steel rollers press down small stones into the soil, crush lumps, and eliminate air pockets to form a clodfree seedbed. The precise seeding mechanism accurately meters seed at preset rates into the small furrows formed by the front rollers. The smaller rear wheels are offset to split the ridges and furrows and tuck the seed into the desired top half-inch of the moist soil for fast germination.

Named SRS pulverizers, single-gang models have 9-, 10½-, and 12-foot rolling widths. Triple-gang pulverizers are available in rolling widths from 15 to 20 feet.

The pulverizers incorporate semi-steel cast iron wheels, 21 inches in diameter and 6 inches wide, weighing 60 pounds. Wheels are carried on a 4-inch pipe axle and have triple-sealed, lifetime, lubricated bearings.

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Prickly pear is a cactus found on dry, sandy soils, but not restricted to arid regions. The cactus is a perennial and reproduces by seeds and by rooting stems (pads). Its growth characteristics are prostrate or semiprostrate. It sometimes ascends up to 3 feet. Prickly pear may be confused with other cactus species. Species of this plant may be found in Massachusetts, New York, west to British Columbia, and south to California, Texas, and Florida.

Stems of *Opuntia* cactus are flattened and fleshy; they may be described as padlike. There are no true leaves of cactus, but leaves are represented as sharp yellow spines, 1 inch long.

Flowers are bright yellow with long succulent petals. Some species have red centers. After pollination and maturation, the fruit is formed; this is a pear-shaped, fleshy protuberance on the spiny stem. Inside are many hard seeds.

This pest is troublesome on many overgrazed pastures and ranges. In extreme infestations, prickly pear may be plowed under and the area reseeded to grasses after one or more years of intertilled crops where the climate and soil are adapted to this practice.

Prickly pear cactus is resistant to sprays of 2,4-D. Sprays of 2,4,5-T in diesel oil will kill it on an individual-plant-treatment basis. Recent work indicates 2 to 4 lbs. per acre of silvex spray on prickly pear that had been run over by land roller gave good control.

Heavy infestations of this cactus in Australia in the 1930's were brought under control biologically, predominantly by importation of an Argentinian cactus moth, *Cactoblastis cactorum*. There are many other predators of cactus but their own predators in turn prevent them from being very effective.

Prepared in cooperation with Crops Research Division, Agricultural Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture, Beltsville, Maryland.

(DRAWING FROM NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL PUBLICATION NO. 36, USDA EXTENSION SERVICE)
Tree Dedication by LBJ to Highlight
Int. Shade Tree Conference, Aug. 15-19

President Lyndon Johnson is expected to dedicate a scarlet oak (official District of Columbia tree) adjacent to the White House grounds at noon, Aug. 16, highlighting activities of the 41st annual International Shade Tree Conference convention in the nation's capitol, Aug. 15-19.

Site for the planting and dedication, selected by U. S. Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall, is Lafayette Park, opposite the President's living quarters. The First Lady and other government officials also plan to attend, according to ISTC president Joseph Dietrich (Parks Superintendent, Greenwich, Conn.).

Unique corollary feature to this event will be simultaneous plantings of state trees on each of the nation's 50 state capitol grounds at noon, in respective time zones.

Theme for the five-day convocation at Washington-Hilton Hotel is "Trees in the Beautification of the Modern Municipality." Timely panel discussions will include: "Trees for City Streets, Malls, and Other Public Areas," moderated by Edward A. Connell, Supt. of Parks & Trees, Stamford, Conn.; and "Operation With Civic Groups,

Rohm & Haas Markets 'Fore'

A new turf and ornamental fungicide called "Fore" is now available from Rohm and Haas Co., Philadelphia.

Fore, a Dithane M-45 product, is said to control such grass diseases as dollar spot, Fusarium blight, red thread, slime molds, copper spot, Helminthosporium melting out, Rhizoctonia brown patch, and Fusarium snow mold.

Ornamental diseases it knocks out are black spot of roses, and Botrytis petal spot of chrysanthemums, the company says.

Additional information will be sent those who write to A & SC Dept., Rohm & Haas Co., Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, Pa. 19105.

Chemical Mixer Produced

Multi-Film Compex, a new chemical mixer, said to be completely soluble in liquid solutions, is now marketed by Colloidal Products Corp.

Compex provides contract applicators with an inexpensive aid to treat soil with liquid fertilizers, insecticides, or herbicides in a single operation, Colloidal says.

For further details write Colloidal Products Corp., P. O. Box 667, Sausalito, Calif. 94965.

Geigy Makes New Nematocide

Sarolex, a new nematocide that reportedly kills both nematodes and soil insects, has been introduced by Geigy.

This nematocide-insecticide also greens-up turf severely damaged by nematodes, chinch bugs, and other lawn pests, the manufacturer says.

Long residual action (one treatment all season), low phytotoxicity to surrounding ornamentals, compatibility with other materials, and no corrosive effects on equipment are other listed Sarolex advantages.

Tests with the new product have proved there is gradual growth of new grass in infested areas after treatment on most southern turfs, Geigy claims.

More detailed information is available from Geigy Chemical Corp., Saw Mill River Road, Ardsley, N. Y.

Meeting Dates

Mississippi Valley Golf Course Superintendent's Assn. Meeting, St. Louis Country Club, St. Louis, Mo. Aug. 3.

Indiana Assn. of Nurserymen Summer Meeting, Richmond, Aug. 3-4.

Massachusetts Nurserymen's Assn. Summer Meeting, Mahoney's Rocky Lodge Nursery, Winchester, Aug. 4.

New Jersey Assn. of Nurserymen Summer Meeting, Lovett's Nursery, Little Silver, Aug. 4.


Michigan Assn. of Nurserymen Annual Conference, Kellogg Center, East Lansing, Aug. 11-12.


Texas Association of Nurserymen, Shamrock Hilton Hotel, Houston, Aug. 15-18.


Midwest Regional Turf Field Days, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., Aug. 16-17.

Iowa Nurseryman's Assn. Summer Meeting, Iowa State University, Ames, Aug. 16-17.

Nebraska Assn. of Nurserymen Summer Meeting, Nebraska Center for Continuing Education, Lincoln, Aug. 24-25.


Penn State Turfgrass Field Day, on campus, University Park, Pa., Sept. 15.


Alabama’s Weed Spraying Equipment (from page 12)

them four weeks earlier, the same spray might have killed them easily.

The spray used was 2,4-D, or 2, 4, 5-1 in water, or both, with a surfactant, at 4 lbs. active ingredients to 100 gal. of water. The rate of spray was to be “in an amount sufficient to thoroughly wet, to the point of runoff, all exposed foliage surfaces.” The amount needed was found to be not less than 25 gal. per acre (which spread 1 lb. of active ingredient per acre).

After the 23rd of June, when rains came to most of Alabama, the effect of the spray could be easily seen soon after the spraying operation. On the areas which were sprayed during the drought, the effect was not noticeable for two or three weeks.

The second spraying began August 10 and plants were growing vigorously from the frequent rains. Summer weeds including bitterweed, ragweed, and spurge were principal targets for this operation. The worst pests, crabgrass and Johnsongrass, were not affected by the spray; in fact, they were probably helped by the reduced competition. A second generation of dockweed and plantain was caught by this spray, but there are no doubt still plenty of seeds remaining to germinate later.

### Table I. Weed count in 1/100 of an acre in unsprayed area as compared to 1/100 of an acre in adjoining sprayed area.

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| Blackened and dead horseweed and other weeds in the 20-foot strip alongside this Alabama highway show effectiveness of the state’s weed control experiment carried out by the authors.

The effect of the spray on certain tall weeds such as wild (tall) lettuce (Lactuca canadensis) and blue vervain (Verbena hastata) was a disappointment to the maintenance people. The weeds were blackened and most of them were killed; but the strong stalk stood long after it was dead and made an unsightly appearance along the road. They had to be mowed along with those portions which had not been sprayed.

One of the purposes of spraying is to reduce the cost of roadside maintenance. To do that it should eliminate the need to mow at least one time. In our case, the spraying did not eliminate the need to mow. Each scheduled mowing was required in both sprayed and unsprayed areas.

At many spots along our highways, the kudzu or honeysuckle vines growing exuberantly on steep fills or backslopes are growing onto the shoulders of the road and even to the pavement. The spray was very helpful in controlling these vines, particularly with the second application. The first spray seemed to kill the leaves but not the vines; while the second evidently killed the plants within the 20-ft. strip. This is a great help to maintenance crews who are relieved of the difficult mowing or swing-blading in those situations.

On the other hand, one mowing crew foreman told me that the spray made the grass and weeds much tougher and harder to mow, and that his tractors used 5 gal. more gasoline per day when mowing behind the spray trucks.

A good control area was obtained on Highway US 82 between Montgomery and Tuscaloosa. The entire length of this road was to have been sprayed; however, a construction project was begun which eliminated a 3-mile-stretch of the road from both spraying and mowing. The weed count made in this area showed very clearly the difference in weed population between sprayed and unsprayed roadsides adjacent to each other, as shown in Table I.

### Effects on Clover

The reseeding crimson clover, of which we have a great deal in Alabama, was mature before the spraying started on May 18. On the example of U.S. 231 south of Dothan, the crimson clover seed was being harvested the week before spraying began. The spray did not affect the germination of the seed later in the year, as is shown by the postspray counts on both July 13 and September 15 when crimson clover seedlings were observed in abundance.

The hop clover observed on May 18 at the same location was also mature at the time of spraying. No germination of hop was observed on the postspray counts.

Common lespedeza showing in most prespray counts, was killed by the spray.

Sericea lespedeza was killed by the spray. In most cases the Sericea within 20 ft. of the road has to be mowed anyway, and