which we must operate,” stated Lewis P. Wells, Jr. In his comprehensive review of the laws of the New England states relating to pesticides and the control of pests, Wells went on to say that these laws vary from state to state and that it is vitally important for those managing pest control programs to know legislation in their area of operation. Wells, pesticide program supervisor with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, concluded that “Our present laws provide a set of guidelines which tend to minimize damage and discourage the use of pesticides without full knowledge of the effects of improper use.”

The first day’s program included a full afternoon session on shade tree problems. Gordon Nielsen, Pesticide Coordinator from Vermont, led off a double-barreled attack on municipal tree programs explaining that often alternate non-chemical programs were as important as spraying.

The importance of replace-

ment, management, and sanita-
tion in city tree planning was discussed by Ed Duda from the University of Connecticut, R. B. Pike from the University of New Hampshire, and J. A. Dietrick, Superintendent of Parks and Trees from Greenwich, Conn. Joe Dietrick emphasized that “The planning and management of a municipal tree program will determine its success or failure.” He went on to point out that success was often achieved by ingenuity and good public relations alone.

The proper organization of a successful Dutch Elm disease control program involves sanitation as well as spraying, concluded the next panel of Robley W. Nash, Maine State Entomologist, W. B. Becker, University of Massachusetts, and D. J. Reid, Shell Chemical Co. Nash commented on Maine’s emphasis on local management of sanitation programs. He concluded that a successful sanitation program involved “A good understanding of the biology of the fungus and its vectors.”

The first day’s program ended with a discussion on other shade tree problems and their controls, a description of the pesticides recommended in the several New England states, and a delineation by E. H. Wheeler, University of Massachusetts, of the role a State Pesticide Coordinator can play in offering aid and advice to those engaged in municipal programs.

Cliff Chater, in discussing the control of important insect pests of New England trees, pointed out the need to avoid overspray-

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ing or overdosing, one danger of which is the inadvertent elimination of useful parasites or even wildlife. “Spraying, when properly done,” he concluded, “may be therefore thought of as a form of conservation.”

The second day at Concord brought to the group’s attention a series of helps toward solving insects, weed, and vermin problems. Ray P. Atherton, Hubbard-Hall Chemical Co., moderated a series of talks on solving insect problems of a public nature. R. L. Armstrong and R. W. Spencer, both superintendents of New England community mosquito control projects, and E. H. Wheeler and H. E. Wave, from the University of Massachusetts, covered the good and bad points of mosquito, blackfly, and other insect controls. A panel of experts from industry and the several New England Extension Services covered weed problem solutions. Dr. Richard Skogley, turf specialist from Rhode Island, spoke of the importance of weed elimination from public turfed areas, even if only for esthetic reasons, as a good public relations tool. Mario Boschetti, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, echoed this sentiment in regard to aquatic nuisances although some water weed infestations may cause other more serious problems. Boschetti was quick to point out the need for very careful calculations in figuring herbi-

cide dosages when planning for algae and weed control.

The afternoon saw new officers elected to govern this annual conference. Chairman for 1966 is J. Lincoln Pearson, University of Rhode Island Extension Specialist; vice chairman, R. P. Atherton, Hubbard-Hall Chemical Co.; and secretary-treasurer, C. A. “Kelly” Langer, University of New Hampshire. This conference is jointly sponsored by representatives of the region’s Extension Services with representatives from industry and each New England Land Grant College as advisors.

The final panel, headed up by J. L. Pearson, pesticide coordinator from the University of Rhode Island, presented information on the latest on vermin control. J. Peterson and R. Bollengier of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service covered control solutions for rodents and pest birds including gulls and pigeons. C. Houghton of the Safety Fumigant Co., Boston, discussed various other aspects of household vermin control. Houghton concluded with a summary of the National Pest Control Association’s official statement of policy on safe pesticide use. He pointed out that these rules emphasize “In all pest control procedures, safety must come foremost.”

Diamond Alkali Expands

Construction of a new agricultural chemicals plant for the manufacture of synthetic granular pesticides has been announced by Diamond Alkali Co. The plant scheduled to be in operation in Des Moines, Iowa, late next Spring will be adjacent to the company’s present facilities there.

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Business Administration Dominates Arborist’s
Program for Mid-Winter Meeting Feb. 13-16

Five topics, each presented by a man who has acquired his administrative experience in the tree-care industry, will dominate the program when the National Arborist Assn., meets at the International Inn, Tampa, Fla., Feb. 13-16.

Of the eight subjects listed on the program, “Cost Studies on Some Tree-Care Operations,” by George W. Goodall, Jr., Goodall Tree Expert Co., Portland, Maine, and “Bookkeeping Methods and Office Management,” by Jan Smith, of Smith Tree and Landscape Service, Inc., Lansing, Mich., will be presented the first day.


Each day’s session will present two of the administrative subjects with one other applying to a field subject such as “Making Water Wetter for Better Soil Penetration,” which will be presented by Robert A. Moore, of Aquatros Corp. of America, Camden, N. J.

“Labor Saving Tools and Equipment for the Arborist,” by Fred C. Galle, director of horticulture, Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, Ga.; and another “Large Tree Moving and Tree Moving Equipment,” by H. M. Van Wormer, of Van Wormer Tree Service, Inc., Richmond, Va., will be the final discussions.

Kevin Kelly, AAN’s administrative assistant.

Kelly Joins AAN Staff

Kevin Kelly has been named American Association of Nurserymen Administrative Assistant, one of the three top staff positions of the Washington, D. C.-based organization. A native of Washington, he graduated from George Washington University in 1963.

Kelly worked part-time in the AAN office throughout his college career. He taught history and English in the Washington area after graduation. In December he returned to AAN headquarters to handle business and administrative matters.
Probing into every segment of the turf, landscape tree, and nursery industry, the University of California Agricultural Extension Service and Department of Landscape Horticulture intends to solve problems, suggest new methods, and inspire new thinking when industrymen meet at Davis Feb. 23-25.

First day's sessions will deal with turf, soils, water movement, and sprinkler systems. Also included are discussions on salinity tolerance as they relate to turfgrasses and some revealing facts and opinions about California's expanding sod industry.

A symposium, "Analyzing My Turf Costs," will have William H. Bengeyfield, Western Director; USGA, Greens Section, as moderator. Also participating are Walter Boysen (fairways and roughs), superintendent, Sequoyah Golf & Country Club, Los Angeles; Fred Bove, (greens and tees), superintendent, Brentwood Golf & Country Club, Los Angeles; and Clifford A. Wagoner (renovating greens), superintendent, Del Rio Golf and Country Club, Modesto, Calif.

Chairman for the day's turf sessions will be Robert Lateer, Loamite Div., Pope & Talbot, Inc., San Francisco, Northern California Turfgrass Council.

Gene Robinson, assistant superintendent of parks for the city of Sacramento, Calif., will be chairman of the second day's landscape tree program.

Arborists will hear tree specialist Austin B. Carroll, Sacramento, relate his experiences in "Trouble Shooting Shade Tree Problems." Of particular interest is a review of systemic insecticides for control of tree insects to be given by Carlton S. Koehler, U. of Calif. Berkeley assistant entomologist.

A symposium on "If There Were Only Three Trees," will be moderated by Douglas Hamilton, horticulture advisor, U. of Calif., Alameda County. Others on this panel are Ernest A. Werthem, landscape architect, Werthem & Van Der Plog, San Francisco; James Poindexter, line clearance foreman with Sacramento (Calif.) Municipal Utility District; Brian Fewer, superintendent, tree division, San Francisco; Robert Belcher, assistant parks superintendent, Fresno; and Millar F. Blair, arborist, Mountain View.

The final day will find the nurseryman and his problems the center of attention. Walter Tecklenburg, of Teck's Nursery, Lodi, is the chairman. Tokuji Furuta, extension ornamental horticulturist, U. of Calif., Riverside, will explain systems for ornamental plant production. From UCLA comes R. Bruce Ricks, assistant professor, graduate school of business, to offer his "Locational decision for the nursery industry."

Two subjects related to the use of steam for sterilization are scheduled, along with a talk on the economics of production. This day features a period for open discussion and also information about equipment for metering liquid fertilizers.

General chairman of the conference is William B. Davis, extension turf and landscape horticulturist, U. of Calif., Davis; and Tokuji Furuta, extension ornamental horticulturist, U. of C. Riverside, is co-chairman.

Cooperating with the university in presenting this annual event are the Northern California Turfgrass Council, International Shade Tree Conference, Western Chapter, and the California Association of Nurserymen.

Forest Growth, Objective Turf Management, Major Points at Oregon Weed Conference

Successful tree growth through better brush control, reports on nursery test plots, and a call for objective approach to turf problems were important topics heard at the annual meeting of the Oregon Weed Conference, held recently in Salem.

Mike Newton, of Oregon State University Forestry Department, reminded the many in attendance that Oregon's forests are a major industry and that good husbandry is essential to the state's future growth. He pointed out that setting larger seedlings will assure a better start over regrowth of brush. Newton reported that dormant aerial treatment by helicopter, using low volatile esters of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T, is the most effective treatment for brush control.

Robert L. Tichnor, research scientist at the North Willamette branch of OSU's agricultural experiment station, told the group that each year since 1960 a new planting of ornamental plants has been established to evaluate herbicides for nursery stock. Latest successful treatments, and most effective, are Caseron at 3 and 4 lb./A, applied as a wettable powder and incorporated; granular Caseron at 5 lbs./A, unincorporated; CIBA 2059 at 4 lbs./A, and simazine at 2 lbs./A.

Industrial weed and brush control views were presented by R. Larry Rowse, of the Portland General Electric Co., and Fred Gross, Bonneville Power Administration. A panel made up of Rex Warren; Ray Hubbell, Jackson County Weed Supervisor; J. D. Vertrees and Paulen Kaseberg, interpreted the new Proposed Uniform National Weed District Law.

In elections held during the meeting Paulen Kaseberg, Wasco, was elected president; J. D. Vertrees, county extension agent from Roseburg, is vice president. New director for Eastern Oregon is Martin Zimmerman, Sherman County extension agent; and elected to serve as Western Oregon director is Ken Gray, Portland. John Couch, Hood River, and Paul Willard, Salem, were appointed ex-officio directors. Rex Warren, OSU extension specialist, continues as conference secretary, and Clark Amen, Corvallis, remains as treasurer.
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More Beautification Is Big Item as ISTC's Southern Chapter Meets in Memphis, Feb. 20-22

More beautification of the nation's countryside, particularly along highways that are changing the face of America, will set the theme for the Southern Chapter, International Shade Tree Conference when it meets at the Andrew Jackson Hotel, Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 20-22.

Bert Elmore, director of metropolitan parks and recreation at Memphis, will welcome the group. President Frank Graham will respond for the Southern Chapter.

A keynote speech, " Beautification," will be made by Paul T. Tysinger, of Duke Power Co., Charlotte, N. C. "Developing New Plant Varieties with Ionizing Radiation," by Dr. John Love, University of Tennessee, Oak Ridge, will provide new light on possible future trends. Charles O. Bell, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, will offer "One of My Weaknesses," and Ray Gustin, Jr., of Gustin Gardens, Gaithersburg, Md., will amplify a recognized trend with his talk, "The Leisure World Community."

Two subjects dedicated to greater improvement of highway landscaping are scheduled with "Survival and Growth of Woody Ornamentals in Roadside Plantings," by Dr. Henry Orr, Auburn University, Auburn, Ala., and "Production of Nursery Stock for Roadside Development," by Hubert Nicholson, of Commercial Nursery Co., Dechard, Tenn.

Clifford M. Storey, Carolina Power & Light Co., Raleigh, N. C., will discuss growth inhibitors and whether they produce the desired results. A business meeting, annual banquet, entertainment and visits to historical sites are included in the program.

Midwest Regional Turf Foundation to Meet at Purdue University, March 7-9

"Turf Management Tricks for '66," is the theme coined for the Midwest Regional Turf Conference meeting at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., March 7-9.

About 600 representatives from a seven-state area, specialists in golf courses, general turf production and care, and industrial turf management, will participate in a program that is planned to provide up-to-date information and answers for scores of problems that continually develop in a growing industry.

During the three-day conference, members of the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation will be exposed to over 30 subjects each presented by a specialist. Topics range from soil and turf fertilization and automatic sprinkling systems to planning a new turf for the St. Louis stadium and preparing a golf course for a national tournament.

Each of the three days is programmed to focus attention on a special phase of the turf industry. Monday, March 7, presents general subjects pertaining to diseases, plant anatomy, plant metabolism, a greenhouse tour, a film and other items of import. Heaviest schedule will be faced March 8 with about half the day concentrated on general turf information and the other half devoted to golf course maintenance and development. Included, too, are several subjects dealing with the skyrocketing sod industry. This will include a complete report on sod production and details on desirable equipment. The final day will find industrial turf managers getting special attention on their phase of the industry.

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