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As energy surpasses natural landscape in national importance, the demand for revegetation and reclamation services will skyrocket. There is a place for the landscape contractor in this development.

Fungus Blamed for Oak Decline in South

18 A hard-to-detect fungus disease is slowly killing oaks and other tree varieties in the South. A Texas researcher claims to have found a solution through tests on the Texas A&M

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Nurserymen Create National Marketing Plan

Take a guess. What percentage of homeowners or businesses realize the value of a properly landscaped lot? My guess is 20 percent or less. Out of those who do realize it, only a few actually make the investment in ornamentals, trees, and other landscaping devices to achieve an attractive result.

Market penetration appears fairly shallow wouldn't you say?

Something is needed to educate all these potential customers to the value of landscaping, something on a national scale and at a modest cost to industry members who would benefit tremendously by it. Just look at the results a few large lawn service companies obtained through national advertising.

Why hasn't this happened for nursery products? Primarily because we lack the very large, national companies present in lawn service. We thus lack the national advertising and image building programs necessary to encourage homeowner and business investment in proper landscaping.

The American Association of Nurserymen, Inc., is going to do something about it. It has come up with a plan to provide the national exposure needed, plus the market research to effectively direct promotion.

The plan takes form under the name Nursery Marketing Council. A voluntary national marketing program, NMC will receive its financial support from contributions based upon ¼ percent of plant material invoices of participating wholesalers and from contributions by their customers.

Under the management of the American Association of Nurserymen, NMC will supply the nursery industry with professional market research and analysis, to be followed by an advertising and public relations program to increase the sale of plant material and related products.

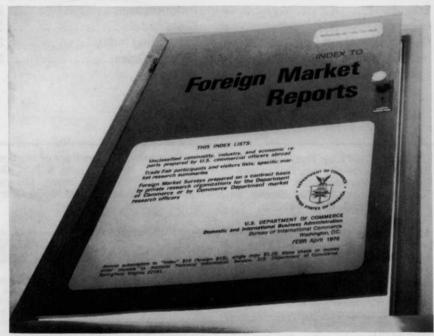
The association will direct NMC's programs to benefit not only the nursery industry, but also all businesses that serve to support and enhance nursery products.

We think it is a very worthwhile cause. We also believe it presents an opportunity for landscapers to piggyback on national promotion with local advertising of their

NMC is just beginning its research work. Promotion will not begin likely until the end of next year or possibly 1979. We urge you to support it through your nursery wholesaler and to prepare a local marketing plan of your own to go into effect at the same time NMC's promotion goes national.

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Letters

Directory Corrections

A number of errors slipped through our hands and into the September Manager's Guide to Chemicals and Supplies. Please note the changes in your directory.

Great Lakes Biochemical Co., Inc.

We would appreciate your notifying your readers that Great Lakes Biochemical Co., Inc. of 6120 West Douglas Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53218 are manufacturers of liquid Algimycin® PLL-C and Slow Release Algimycin® PLL-C (a tablet) and than information about these products can be obtained by writing to us.

Agtronics Manufacturing Co.

It has come to our attention that in your September issue of Weeds Trees & Turf, on page 3 D, you have our company's address listed as 1560 State Street, Barstow, Calif. This is no longer our correct address.

We are now located at 756 Lakefield Road, Westlake Village, California 91361. Any further reference should be directed to this address.

Drexel Chemical Co.

In the September issue The Ansul Company is still listed as a producer of herbicides and growth retardants

Earlier this year Drexel Chemical acquired the nonarsenical agricultural products (about 20 labels) from The Ansul Company. Included in the list was the growth retardant, "RETARD". Ansul discontinued production and sale of their agricultural product line the end of 1976 although they are still negotiating the sale of their brand names and labels for the arsenical herbicides.

We would appreciate being listed in future guides as the producer of growth retardant, "RETARD". Our address is Box 9306, 2487 Pennsylvania St., Memphis, Tn. 38109. (901/774-4370)

Royer Foundry & Machine Co.

On page 23-D, of your September issue, you list Royer Foundry & Machine Co. as a manufacturer of Brush Cutters, Chippers, Shredders and Woodsman Land Clearing Machines. On page 39-D, under the heading of Shredders, Royer isn't listed. Please, before using any such listings again, make the correction required. Shredders are the major products of Royer and it's downright embarrassing to see that they aren't even listed as manufacturers in WEEDS, TREES AND TURF.

Ditch Witch Equipment Co.

Ditch Witch is located in Perry, Oklahoma, not Perry, Ohio, as it was listed in your directory.



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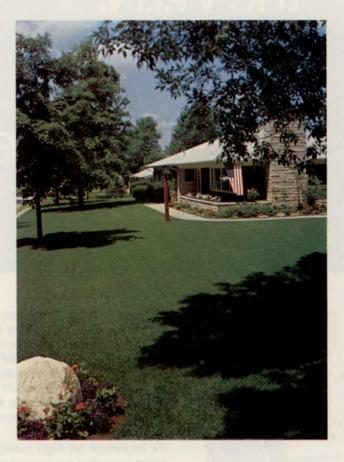
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Government News

As predicted, <u>cadmium</u> is about to become the first naturally occurring substance subject to a notice of rebuttable presumption against registration (RPAR). The EPA's position document points to findings by the Carcinogen Assessment Group (CAG) that: (1) the number of tumors at sites removed from the site of injection increased significantly in animals injected with cadmium; (2) significant increases in prostate cancer were found in persons occupationally exposed to cadmium; and (3) chronic oral studies, reported as negative by their authors, must be considered inconclusive because of histopathological deficiencies. Cadmium triggers not only the oncogenic and mutagenic criteria for an RPAR but also can be considered to cause a human risk because of its teratogenic and fetotoxic effects, according to the document.

Contingency approval has been given to the <u>Illinois</u> pesticide applicator certification plan. The Department of Agriculture was noted as the State lead agency in administering the plan. An estimated 2,200 commercial applicators and 80,000 private applicators will need certification.

Amendments to the Montana plan were also published. They included adding an option which allows qualification of private applicators by completion of an approved training course and stating more clearly the responsibilities and duties of the Montana Department of Agriculture when conducting an inspection.

The <u>Missouri</u> applicator certification plan has been granted an extension of contingency approval until January 10, 1978.

A summary of the Alabama plan estimated 16,000 private and 1,000 commercial applicators will need to be certified. The plan calls for commercial applicators to pass a written exam and notes that private applicators must complete necessary paper work, discuss use of the pesticide with the County Extension Agent. The agent then certifies the form and forwards it to the Department of Agriculture where the decision is made whether to issue a restricted use pesticide use permit.

<u>Wisconsin's</u> plan offers three options for private applicator certification, including: (1) successful completion of a Wisconsin Cooperative Extension Service training session; (2) passage of written exam; and (3) non-reader certification by oral evaluation. The plan estimates 7,000 commercial and 40-80,000 private applicators will need certification.

Industry News

Gypsy moth damage doubled in 1977

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports that tree defoliation by gypsy moth caterpillars in eight northeastern states totalled 1.6 million acres in 1977. This is nearly double the damage caused by the pests last year.

Pennsylvania forests bore the brunt of the infestation, as they have for the past several years. Nearly 1.3 million wooded acres in that state were hit. Pike County alone suffered damage on 264,284 acres.

Other states affected were Massachusetts with 133,081 defoliated acres; New York with 91,313; New Jersey with 39,185; Vermont with 33,435; and Maine with 2,010. New Hampshire and Rhode Island got off lightly by comparison. A total of only 445 acres were affected in those two states. Last year the caterpillars attacked over 7,580 acres in Rhode Island alone.

The excessive damage this year is believed to have resulted from conditions favorable to gypsy moth survival, according to USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). The potential exists for a similar situation in 1978. APHIS officials say the pests have not yet reached their peak strength. The infamous "Winter of '77" may have killed off many beneficial parasites, leaving the gypsy moth virtually unscathed.

APHIS officials say the moths are moving in a southwesterly direction, along the Appalachian Mountains. Oak trees, a favorite gypsy moth host, are abundant along this range.

Bogue cart production temporarily halted

Bogue Electric Manufacturing has called a hiatus of at least three months in the production of their four-wheel electric golf cars, according to Anthony Sabbatino, executive vice president. The company has been awarded a \$22.6 million government contract which will require total utilization of its plant in Patterson, N.J.

The golf car will be back in production in a separate plant by January 1, 1978. Considerable research and development will be on-going during the intermediate time to affect improvements in design, style and operating features, added Sabbatino.

LCC is third group to affiliate with ALCA

The Landscape Contractors of Colorado have established formal affiliation with the national Associated Landscape Contractors of America, following approval actions by the Boards of Directors of both organizations. LCC, head-quartered in Denver, becomes the third state group to be affiliated with ALCA as a Sponsoring Member. The California and Illinois Landscape Contractors Associations are the other two.

The Sponsoring Membership category is the term for organizational membership in ALCA and is the mechanism by which state or regional groups can affiliate with the national organization.

Under the arrangement, ALCA publications will be sent to LCC for reproduction and distribution to LCC members. LCC members will also be able to attend ALCA meetings and seminars at the member rates and will be able to purchase additional copies of ALCA publications at the member price.

New PGA headquarters complex to be built

A proposed new home for the Professional Golfers' Association is

to be developed in northwest Palm Beach County, Florida, according to a recent announcement made by President Don Padgett and Palm Beach County developer E. Lloyd Ecclestone, Jr.

The PGA will retain five acres of a 625-acre tract upon which it will build its headquarters office building. The remainder will be leased to Ecclestone, who will build three golf courses, the clubhouse, a Hall of Fame, a library and museum and an educational facility. Development costs for the project are estimated at \$15 million.



Chevron begins Unipel fertilizer production

Chevron Chemical Company has begun production at its new \$9 million ORTHO complex fertilizer plant in Kennewick, Washington. The plant is expected to produce some 190,000 tons of Unipel fertilizer pellets annually.

The Unipel pellets contain various combinations of nitrogen, phosphate and potash and are manufactured to suit various soil and crop requirements. Each pellet is produced to operate with maximum efficiency in mechanized fertilizing equipment. The precise ingredient composition and uniform sizing will help growers achieve maximum benefit and cost control.

The plant itself is as high as a 10story building and occupies more than 20,000 square feet. Chevron is also planning to begin production at newly constructed nitric acid and ammonium nitrate plants at Kennewick this month.

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