

## Trimmings

**Lucky Pierre!** We had a chance to renew some old friendships at the recent Florida Spraymen's Convention, and were particularly happy to talk with Pierre and Winnie Nobs, who run Northwest Power Spraying in Miami. These two genial Floridians have three sons and a daughter who're a great help to their folks in running the business. So much help, in fact, that the family seems to have plenty of time for their favorite sport, sailing. Pierre's "Raven" class sailboat is a well-earned weekend retreat for the Nobs after five days of hard work! Any readers in New York, Chicago, or other spots in the frigid zone want to join us in a mass exodus to Florida?

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**On the bandwagon.** Two tarheel PCOs, who also spray lawns, traveled several hundred miles to join in this year's HSAF Convention. H. E. Frye of Frye Exterminating, Raleigh, N.C., and Ivey Coward, of Ivey Coward Co. in Greenville, have both added complete lawn spraying services to their thriving firms. Both North Carolinians said they welcomed a chance to come to the Miami Beach convention after they read about it in *Weeds and Turf*. No better way to keep abreast of new developments and have a ball at the same time!

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**Sadler Cinches Chinchies.** Another PCO who takes care of large turf areas is Charles Sadler who runs Bruce-Terminix in Houston, Tex. Among other large and small contracts, Charlie treats the local Coca-Cola bottling company lawn for fertilization as well as control of chinch bugs, other insects and diseases. This versatile Texan says chinch bugs are reported in increasing frequency in the Panhandle state!

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**Rootin' Teuton.** One safety expert who's always on the sprayman's side is Willson Product's W. J. Wiswesser, a frequent speaker at CA meetings. Bill says his name, in the original German centuries ago, meant "water spreader," or something of the sort, so he feels a special kinship with applicators who frequently find lawn irrigation among their contracts. Besides being a foremost advocate of safe practices, this Reading, Pa., industryman is now collecting all newspaper and magazine articles which resulted from certain recent antipesticide volumes. It's a winning project, because the knowledgeable are on the spraymen's side, Bill says happily!

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**Man of the Year.** Charlie Johnson, whose spraying business is in Miami, was honored during the recent HSAF convention as "Sprayman of the Year." At the annual banquet, Charlie beamed graciously while the conventioners applauded this pioneer in the Florida organization. We join in congratulating this Grand Man of Miami, and wish him many more years of active service!

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**Sprayman's Pal.** We just had a letter from Southern Weed Control Conference Publicity Chairman James M. Brown. Jim says this Jan. 16-18 meeting in Mobile, Ala. is packed with sessions aimed at contractors. Included are talks on horticulture, industrial sites, and aquatics. We'll have a complete advance on this conference next month.

## Canadian Town Reports Numerous Dew Worms Becoming a Problem

Reports from Lethbridge, in Alberta, Canada, indicate that dew worms have noticeably affected nearly half the lawns in the city. Although the damage is not excessive in many lawns, chemical treatment has been used in some areas.

Lead arsenate and chlordane have been effective in controlling the dew worms, reports state, although control measures usually have to be repeated each year as the worms invade the lawns from adjacent areas. Recommended dosage of lead arsenate is 1-2 lbs. per 200 sq. ft.

Before applying the chemicals, lawns should be allowed to dry out for about a week, Phil E. Blakeley, information officer at the Lethbridge Research Station, recommends. When applied, the chemicals should be watered well to reduce hazards to animals and humans.

## Gandy Markets New Disc-Mount Granular Pesticide Applicators

Applying granular chemicals and incorporating them into the soil can be combined in one field operation with the new Disc-Mount Applicator introduced by the Gandy Co., the firm announced recently. The Disc-Mount was developed to apply soil insecticides that must be disced-in immediately to make them effective or to preserve the potency of the chemical, and to apply weed control chemicals that require soil incorporation, the firm says.

Another development announced by the company is the "Lo-Hi" for broadcast or band application of granular chemicals. Gandy recommends this machine for broadcasting soil insecticide granules on the soil surface during late winter or early spring.

CAs interested in more information on the applicators may write Gandy Co., Owatonna, Minn., for introductory brochures.

## Study Nematode Control in Iowa

Nematodes, small, round soil-worms that attack underground plants, are being studied carefully at Iowa State University, Don C.

## Meeting Dates



**North Central Weed Control Conference,** Hotel Lowry, St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 3-5.

**Northeastern Weed Control Conference,** Hotel New Yorker, New York, N.Y., Jan. 9-11, 1963.

**Southern Weed Control Conference,** Admiral Semmes Hotel, Mobile, Ala., Jan. 16-18.

**California Weed Control Conference,** Santa Barbara, Jan. 22-24.

**Aquatic Weed Control Society Annual Meeting,** LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Ill., Feb. 12-13.

Norton, plant pathologist, announced recently. Control measures are being directed mainly at developing long-range methods of control, he said.

In an article in the July issue of *Iowa Farm Science*, Norton points out that nematodes, once thought to be mainly a warm-climate problem, are now known to be active even in northern parts of Iowa.

More information about nematodes is in the complete *Iowa Farm Science* article. CAs can get copies of it, Reprint #FS-975, from Publication Distribution Room, Morrill Hall, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.

## Use Herbicidal Oil for Neat Lawn

Spraying a band of herbicidal oil around plants and along the drive and walks will give a lawn a neat, trim appearance, Dr. Neil G. Odenwald, horticulturist at Louisiana State University Extension Service, recommends.

Used to kill weeds and grasses, herbicidal oil is a petroleum product that penetrates and kills young plant tissues, Dr. Odenwald points out. It is available under such names as Esso 38, Cities Service-No Weed Oil No. 1, and Varsol.

Three or four applications will usually keep the weeds and grasses down.

"Never spray on the leaves of desirable plants or on the trunks of trees or other large woody ornamentals," Dr. Odenwald cautions CAs, "since the oil will kill all tissue it contacts."