

Southern Weedmen Meet Jan. 16-18

Authorities from 12 southern states will swap information on better ways to control weeds on farms, industrial sites, parks, in water, and on other areas at the 1963 Southern Weed Conference, Admiral Semmes Hotel, Mobile, Alabama, January 16-18.

More than 500 research and education workers, representing state and federal agencies, chemical companies, and other organizations, will attend.

Dr. R. P. Upchurch of North Carolina State College, Raleigh, will be in charge of the program, and V. S. Searcy, of Auburn Uni-

versity, Auburn, Ala., will handle local arrangements. CAs interested in more information about the conference may write directly to Dr. Upchurch.

No Cure For Dutch Elm Disease

Plant pathologists at Purdue University caution CAs that homeowners may try any remedy claimed effective for prized individual elms that have been attacked by Dutch Elm disease.

Pathologists point out that at this time there is no known cure or preventative for the Dutch Elm disease on individual elm trees that can be substantiated by reliable results from competent research workers.

New Test Herbicides to be Unveiled At '63 Northeastern Weed Meet

New herbicides, available for testing in 1963 but not yet thoroughly researched, will be presented to delegates at the 17th Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Weed Control Conference. Leaders in weed control research, and representatives of the leading chemical companies and commercial weed control firms, will gather for the annual affair at the Hotel New Yorker, New York City, January 9-11.

Chemical companies participating in the demonstrations will be allotted five minutes to present technical data and information on their new formulations. Delegates to previous meetings recall that many of today's leading herbicides were originally introduced at Northeastern Weed Control Conferences. Interested companies should contact Alex Zaharchuk, Herbicide Research, Cooperative G. L. F. Exchange, Inc., Ithaca, N.Y., for more information about the presentations. Firms participating have been asked to have available for distribution at least 600 copies of a technical data sheet for each product.

Papers of basic research and of general interest will be read on Wednesday, the first day of the conference. Call for papers to be presented has already been issued.

Section divisions and subject matter chairmen have already been selected. Areas of particular

interest to the contract applicator include:

Industrial weed control, with B. W. Bergstrom, New England Power Service Co., 441 Stuart St., Boston 16, Mass., as chairman.

Highways, under A. M. Ditton, Department of Public Works, State of New York, Albany 1.

Railroads, chairman Roy R. Gunderson, Engineer Maintenance of Way, Western Maryland Railway Co., 300 St. Paul Place, Baltimore 2, Md.

Public Health, C. S. Maneri, Department of Health, State of New York, 84 Holland Ave., Albany 8, N.Y.

Aquatic Weed Control, with the program under the direction of J. E. Gallagher, Amchem Products, Inc., Ambler, Pa.

Turf Maintenance, with J. F. Cornman, Department of Floriculture and Ornamental Horticulture, N.Y. State College of Agriculture, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., as chairman.

Sectional meetings and a business meeting will also be included in the conference.

CAs who desire more information on the 17th Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Weed Control Conference may write to Dr. John Meade, NEWCC Secretary-Treasurer, Department of Agronomy, University of Maryland, College Park.

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Nipp and Tuck. We've been hearing a lot from Floridian Larry Nipp recently, and are beginning to wonder why this busy applicator is not all "tuckered" out from his many activities. Besides running his American Power Spraying Company in Ft. Lauderdale, Larry finds time to participate in such hard-working organizations as the Florida Turfgrass Association and the Horticultural Spraymen of Florida. Larry tells us he has 12 trucks, operates in 22 municipalities and 4 counties, and has 5,000 lawns under yearly contract! A good example of the kind of companies which contribute to the thriving Florida turf spraying business.

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Aussies Hike Weed Funds. News from down under is that state appropriation for control of noxious weeds has been raised from £40,000 to £80,000. Australia has community noxious weed councils much like our mosquito abatement districts, and area groups will certainly welcome this increase in funds.

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Transfer for Tony. We've just learned that Tony Tafuro, vice president of the Northeastern Weed Control Conference, has moved from Amchem Products to American Cyanamid's Agriculture Research Center in Princeton, N.J. Veteran members of the NEWCC will remember the fine job Tony did on publicity last year, and will be interested to learn of his new position.

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Bell Is Ringing. Our ears are still ringing with words of congratulations we just received from weed controller Ken Bell, who wrote to commend our new *Weeds and Turf* publication. Ken, whose Bell Industrial Weed Control Company is in Amarillo, Texas, is widely known as a proponent for more technical data for contract applicators. He is also active in the National Pest Control Association, and runs a thriving pest control business in Amarillo.

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Proud Pennsylvanians. We've had occasion to talk to a lot of Pennsylvania applicators recently, and are pleased to see how highly they speak of their turfgrass education program at Penn State. "It's the biggest turfgrass school in the land," they are wont to say proudly. Under the leadership of Dr. J. M. Duich, the Pennsylvania school, located in College Park, is really turning out some top notch men who'll soon be taking their place with weed and turf spraying companies throughout the country. A credit to everyone involved!

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It's "Dr." Merkle Now. We understand Morris Merkle has just finished his Ph. D. at Cornell, and has joined the faculty there to work in aquatics. Hope to hear great things in water weed control from Cornell next year!