

**Business Tips Featured at
NAA Winter Meet Jan. 12-14**

Stressing business management and public relations, a varied program is the keynote attraction for delegates to the National Arborists' Association Winter Meeting in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Jan. 12-14.

Assembled at the Galt Ocean Mile Hotel, about 150 professional arborists are expected to join in discussions of insect and disease pests of trees and ornamentals during the annual affair.

An informal mixer is set for Sunday, Jan. 12, and official registration opens the following morning.

Each year the group also holds a summer meeting which includes a trade show, but no formal exhibits are planned for the January affair.

More details of the program will be available shortly, and will be reported here next month.

More information is available from Dr. Paul E. Tilford, NAA Executive Secretary, Box 426, Wooster, Ohio.

Trimmings

Barging on the shoals. We just had a note from E. Victor Scholl, who runs Modern Weed Control Service in Grand Rapids, Mich., about the series of articles on aquatic weed control which terminates in this issue. Vic is a well-known applicator in aquatic work, and has designed a really first-rate barge for use in such jobs. We've commented before about the ingenuity of spraymen who've had to construct their own specialized equipment for this field, and Vic's barge is a sight to behold. Later next year we'll have more details about this Michigander's efforts to defeat waterweeds in his "water wonderland" state.

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Ivy-less League. Did you know that aquatic plants can "ac-crew" so much that they wreak havoc with the rowing teams of some ivy league schools? We just learned that Lake Carnegie, the Princeton, N.J., lake where the Tiger Crew holds its sailing and boating competition, was getting so overrun with plants that the collegiates were really getting bogged down. Then to the rescue came Consulting Biologists, Inc., of Springhouse, Pa., which used a helicopter and an aquatic herbicide to give the ivy leaguers a better place to paddle. Pilot was Charles P. Logg, and last reports have it that there's smooth sailing in Princeton today!

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Of mice and fen. Out in Washington, we hear, the fens and bogs (and tree-covered hills) are being plagued with mice and rabbit population explosions after each timber harvest. When smaller plants, their bigger competition removed, begin to flourish, so does the fauna. This is a problem because the husky predators soon begin to feed on freshly planted seeds. This vicious circle is presently "bugging" our Washington friends more than over-zealous conservationists!

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Two-way street. While we are feeling confident about the efficacy and usefulness of our chemical herbicides, it's a sobering fact to realize these materials (or similar ones, at least) are being used on the "other side." We recently saw a photograph of an East German workman sprinkling weedkillers along the barbed-wire fence which abuts the Berlin wall. Getting rid of the weeds, it seems, helps give the Communist guards a better view of disgruntled countrymen who have their minds on escape

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Lady sprayman. We'll wager that one of the best looking applicators in the whole state of Florida is one Patricia A. M. Bay, who runs Pat's Spray Service in Winter Haven. Pat is a winsome gal who was on hand for the Horticultural Spraymen's Association of Florida Convention last month in Orlando. This busy lass didn't miss a session during the three-day conclave, busily note-taking all the while!

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