

W&T Offers Book Guide on Weed, Turf, Ornamental Pest Control

CAs interested in learning more about books available on weed control, turf maintenance, and ornamentals may now send for a free copy of a guide to these publications from *Weeds and Turf's* Reader Service Department.

Listed are 16 books, including *Diseases of Turfgrass*, by Houston B. Couch; *Weed Control*, by A. S. Crafts and W. W. Robbins; and *Weed Identification and Control*, by Duane Isely.

Each listing includes title, author, publisher and publisher's address, date of publication, number of pages, and cost.

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NACA Plans Oct. 27-30 Conclave

30th Annual Meeting of the National Agricultural Chemicals Association will be held at the Homestead Hotel, Hot Springs, Va., Oct. 27-30, according to Parke C. Brinkley, association president.

Registration will start Sunday,



Retiring head of the Department of Horticulture at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Dr. Harold Tukey, views with his wife an oil portrait of the horticulturist which will hang in the Horticulture Building. More than 150 colleagues and friends joined May 4 at a dinner at MSU to pay tribute to the internationally known authority on plant growth regulators, the use of radioisotopes, and other fields.

Oct. 27. There will be a general session Monday, committee meetings on Tuesday, and a Board of Directors meeting Wednesday.

For more information on the program, or advance registration forms, write H. L. Straube, 1963 program chairman, at Stauffer Chemical Co., 380 Madison Ave., New York 17, N.Y.

Trimming

Two way street. We've written a lot about CAs who are expanding their insecticide and herbicide spraying business to include fertilizing, and now we've just heard from a contract fertilizing company which wants to join in with the weed and insect killers! James G. McClure, who runs Fertilagator Sales & Service in Vista, Calif., writes that he hopes his firm will soon qualify for this additional service. We have often observed that contract turf service, to be truly valuable, will include a variety of services, and we're glad Jim is helping prove our point!

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Grass is greener? Just had a note from Frank Lichtig of Gramaslindas, Cia., in Bayamon and Dorado, Puerto Rico. Frank, an all-around operator who includes a nursery and sod business with his spraying and turf installation services, writes that he follows W&T closely, and we wonder if his sunny isle doesn't need some closer editorial attention? Business must be booming in PR, if the number of operators who've set up successful businesses there is any indication.

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Who's afraid of the Broward Wolf? Water hyacinths, no doubt. A Florida correspondent informs us that Central Broward Drainage District secretary Carl Wolf has designed an ingenious spray rig which is saving his county thousands of dollars while spelling death to weeds in Broward county canals. Wolf drew up the plans for the device himself; it is one-man operated, and can spray 200 gallons of herbicides with little drift hazard. This last advantage stems from an enormous boom which extends out over the canal, and from which an operator can direct pin-pointed sprays that get right to the root of the problem. Our correspondent, Art Griffes of House & Garden Lawn Service in Ft. Lauderdale, spotted a news clipping about Carl's invention and sent it on to us. Art, by the way, is another operator who offers a complete service line to his customers, including turf renovation through mechanical means.

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Grain of salt department. Weeds are harder to grow than many other plants, and this is disturbing, says Dr. C. M. Switzer of Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ont. CAs who spend their working days in an all-out battle with the undesirable plants might raise an eyebrow or two in face of this observation, Dr. Switzer says, but it's true. Why bother to grow them at all, you ask? Dr. Switzer is an authority on weed control whose garden is designed to help students identify various species. Tough part is, though, that some weeds really are difficult to raise, and without experimental samples, no doubt it's harder to learn how to control them... at this rate, some researchers might end up going around in vicious circles!

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Professor Brown dies. Benjamin A. Brown, professor emeritus of plant science at the University of Connecticut, died April 19, we just learned. Professor Brown, who was 71, was long a leading figure among American agronomists.

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