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Lawn Clippings Removal Studied

In a 3-year study of lawn management of Kentucky and Merion bluegrass, George A. Beach, horticulturist with Colorado State University, Fort Collins, concluded that although plots where clippings were removed were rated highest on appearance, the difference between ratings on removal and nonremoval was not statistically significant in most cases.

In the experiment, 12 lawn plots were checked each year for 3 years. "In 36 comparisons, 29 showed no significant difference in appearance whether clippings were removed or not," Beach revealed.

Plots were mowed often enough so that only 1/2 inch of blade was removed at each cutting to bring grass to the desired height, however, and if lawns are not cut this frequently, clippings would probably have to be removed for best appearance, Beach cautioned.

Removal or nonremoval of clippings also may depend on other management factors such as fertilization, Beach explained. "For example, if clippings are not removed and the grass is growing rapidly from fertilization, the abundance of dried clippings may damage the appearance somewhat."

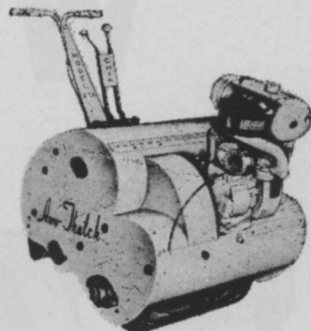
WSA, AWCS Set Joint Session

For applicators who are interested in attending both the Weed Society of America Conference and the Aquatic Weed Control Society meeting in Chicago, Ill., next February, a joint session has been arranged.

Since the WSA meet is slated for Feb. 10-13 at Chicago's Pick-Congress Hotel, and the AWCS will convene Feb. 11-12 at the Palmer House, this joint session has been scheduled to avoid some of the conflict of interests among delegates who wish to attend both meetings.

Program chairman for the AWCS is Dr. John Gallagher, Amchem Products, Inc., Ambler, Pa.; WSA secretary is Dr. G. C. Klingman, Crops Science Dept., N.C. State College, Raleigh, N.C. Those who want more details about either meeting should write directly to either Klingman or Gallagher.

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