



Aerial view shows the effect of good landscaping around Organon Pharmaceutical Laboratories, West Orange, N. J. Trees, turf and pond create a favorable impression to visitors and make the factory a good neighbor in this community.

N. J. Applicator Installs and Maintains Grounds of New Suburban Research Center

Attractive grounds surrounding the new Organon Pharmaceutical Laboratories in West Orange, N.J., demonstrate how a contract applicator both installs and maintains the entire landscape for a suburban research complex.

This 7½-acre plot was produced "from scratch" by Alfred J. Luciano, owner of A-L Services, Whippany, N.J. The original construction of Organon's facilities left buildings perched on an unsightly rock pile, a far cry from the present vista of turf, trees, and even a fresh-water pond.

After filling in topsoil, grading and planting, Luciano selected a number of specialized chemical herbicides to help maintain the "well-groomed" look of several portions of the tract.

Full-season weed control in the parking lot is achieved with Amizine herbicide, a soil-sterilant said to effect top kill of standing weeds and to prevent resprouting of weed and grass seeds.

Guard rails along the driveways and narrow border strips around the buildings also receive this treatment to reduce the labor and cost involved in close trimming.

The steep embankment descending to the pond is covered

with a well-established stand of honeysuckle vines to prevent erosion.

Like many "CAs," Luciano finds it practical to offer suburban centers like this a full line of vegetation maintenance services.

Weed-eating Beetle Found

Scientists have found a flea beetle in South America that eats only alligatorweeds. They plan to import the beetle in an effort to control alligatorweeds in this country.

The experiment, headed by U. S. Department of Agriculture scientists, will be conducted in the Savannah (Georgia) Wildlife Refuge and in alligatorweed-infested waters north of New Orleans.

Adkins-Phelps Building Plant

The Adkins-Phelps Seed Co., North Little Rock, Ark., is building a new pesticide and herbicide manufacturing plant. The 25,000-square-foot plant is being erected in the LeFevre Industrial Park and is expected to be completed Nov. 15.

Adkins-Phelps is a major distributor of farm chemicals in Arkansas and the new plant marks a first venture in the manufacturing field.

Skyworker Has Hydraulic Tools

Recent developments have made available a line of open-center hydraulic tools for use with Skyworker hydraulic aerial lifts, according to Glen W. Way, Skyworker president.

"There are many off-the-ground operations where hydraulic tools are indicated," Way said. "In certain tree trimming and utility line work applications, these tools provide the desired extra power."

The company can now meet requests that specify hydraulic aerial lifts be equipped for hydraulic tools, Way reported.

For more information write to Dept. WT, Hughes-Keenan Div., U. S. Air Conditioning Corp., Delaware, Ohio.

Florida Approves Scope

The new insecticide, Scope Lawn Chinch Bug Killer, was recently approved for use on lawns and other outdoor areas by the state of Florida, announces Chemagro Corp. of Kansas City, Mo.

A carbamate, the insecticide is designed as an outdoor insecticide for the control of chinch bugs, earwigs, ants, cockroaches, mosquitoes, and other insects. Residual control lasts 6 to 8 weeks.



This Pocket pH Meter will give accurate, rapid pH measurements in the laboratory, plant, or field, says the manufacturer. Powered by flashlight batteries, the meter is operated by inserting an electrode into soil which in turn delivers the pH reading. Meter range is from 2 to 12 pH, readable in 10ths. For further information write Joe Hauber, Beckman Instruments, Inc., 2500 Harbor Blvd., Fullerton, Calif.