

## Urox Herbicide Developed To Mix With Asphalt or Tar

A liquid herbicide that can be applied with asphalt or road tar to provide long-term weed control along highway shoulders has been developed, according to Allied Chemical's General Chemical Division.

The herbicide, called Urox, is also said to extend the usefulness of this bituminous shoulder treatment.

Each year, state and county highway departments spend countless sums to prevent erosion along highways by stabilizing the soil and gravel with asphalt or road tar treatments. These treated surfaces are eventually destroyed as weeds push through, making reapplication necessary.

Urox weedkiller is not affected by the hot mixes and remains active in the asphalt or tar for a long period, instead of leaching into the soil, the company says.

A five-year test in Virginia showed that an initial treatment of Urox weedkiller in asphalt gave complete control along a major highway. The company reports that similar tests along the eastern seaboard showed comparable results. For more details, write the company at 40 Rector Street, New York, N.Y.

## USDA Warns Industry: Observe Parathion Labels

Parathion insecticide has no approval for use by homeowners in their gardens, nor approval for private contractors to apply it in or around houses.

This reminder to the industry comes in an open letter from John S. Leary, Jr., Chief Staff Officer in the Pharmacology section of the U. S. Department of Agriculture Pesticides Regulation Division. This is the Division which approves labels.

Domestic use of parathion is denied because "the margin of safety for the compound is too small," Leary says.

"Labelling for products containing parathion will require a statement indicating that it is not for home garden use," Leary added in his letter. "This policy applies in general to other highly toxic pesticides which have an equivalent margin of safety."

## Morton Has Mecopex

A selective weedkiller said to provide permanent control over broadleaf weeds without harming fine grass has been introduced by Morton Chemical Co.

Named "Mecopex," the new compound is reportedly harmless to fine grasses such as Washington, Toronto and Sea-

## Meeting Dates



International Shade Tree Conference Western Chapter Meeting, Ben Franklin Hotel, Seattle, Wash., June 21-24.

Hyacinth Control Society Fourth Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn, Tallahassee, Fla., June 28-30.

American Society of Landscape Architects Annual Convention, Hotel Baker, Dallas, Tex., June 28-July 1.

American Association of Nurserymen Annual Convention, Statler-Hilton Hotel, Boston, Mass., July 19-22.

Rutgers University Turfgrass Field Days, New Brunswick, N. J.: Lawn and Utility Turf, Aug. 12; Golf and Fine Turf, Aug. 13.

International Shade Tree Conference, Shamrock Hilton Hotel, Houston, Tex., August 15-21.

12th Annual Turf Conference, Florida Turfgrass Assn., Gainesville, Florida, Aug. 25-27

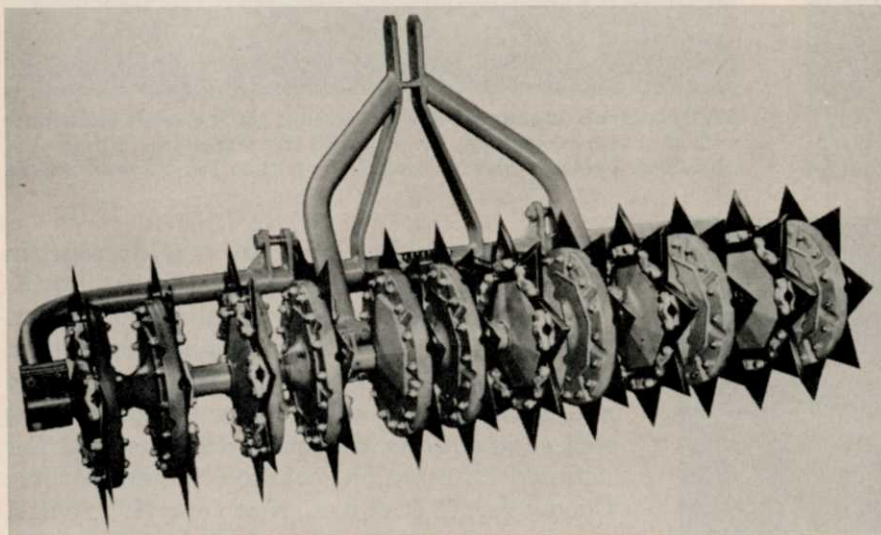
National Agricultural Chemicals Assn. Annual Convention, The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., Sept. 8-11.

Midwest Regional Turf Field Days, Purdue Univ., Lafayette, Ind., Sept. 14-15.

Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, Lawn and Ornamentals Day, Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 15.

Illinois Turfgrass Foundation, Illinois Turfgrass Field Day, University of Illinois, Urbana, Sept. 18.

Society of American Foresters Annual Meeting, Hilton Hotel Denver, Colo., Sept. 27-30.



Turf managers have a choice of either a 9- or 12-wheel aerating unit in Ryan's Tracaire. Both models aerate a six-foot swath and are designed for use with tractors having a 3-point hitch. With a complete set of fines (coring, slicing, and renovating), the Tracaire can be used throughout the growing season for a complete building and improvement program of large turf areas, the company says. Details can be obtained from the Ryan Equipment Co., 2055 White Bear Ave., St. Paul, Minn. 55109.

side Bent, and Kentucky and Merion Blue. Applied as a post-emergence herbicide when weeds are growing vigorously, Mecopex breaks their growth cycle and prevents them from crowding out turf and lawn grasses.

The new weedkiller is particularly effective on clover, common and mouse-eared chickweed, lambsquarter, plantain, knotweed, pigweed and ragweed, the company says.

A technical bulletin may be obtained from Morton at 110 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Ill. 60606.