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Update on Terminology

You are certainly to be congratulated on your article "Biology and Identification of Aquatic Weeds." The figures are the best collection of aquatic weed pictures that I have seen.

Your "Guide to Suppliers of Weed and Turf Chemicals" (October '63) should be a very useful feature for your subscribers. Since you make the very com-

mendable effort to distinguish between common names of herbicides and trademarked names, I am sorry to see so many names which are actually common names marked with an asterisk as trademarks.

In connection with a long-standing discussion in our own publication, I am disappointed to see the forms, "pre-emergent" and "post-emergent" used in your influential publication. The form "pre-emergence" was recommended by the Terminology

Committee of the North Central Weed Control Conference as early as 1947, and was used almost continually until just recently when there has been a sudden outbreak of "pre-emergent."

I am enclosing a reprint of the Report of the Terminology Committee of the Weed Society of America which establishes the common names of weeds for this country.

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We appreciate Dr. Willard's criticisms and comments, and shall make every effort to refine the techniques used in compiling our Supplier's Guide so it contains no inaccuracies. We are also adopting the official Weed Society of America Terminology as the final authority in our verification of spellings, so that there will be a language common to the entire industry. Ed.

Weed Box Helps

I would like to tell you how much I enjoy reading and using the information you publish in *Weeds and Turf*. . . It has been many years since I was exposed to weed identification, consequently I am not familiar with all the weeds we encounter other than the more common ones. Your "Know Your Species" weed cut and control recommendation feature is especially helpful to me even though I have several manuals and books on weed identification.

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This comment is typical of scores of letters from readers who find the series helpful. We'd like to thank, once again, USDA official Dr. Dayton L. Klingman for his agency's help in preparing these weed boxes. Ed.

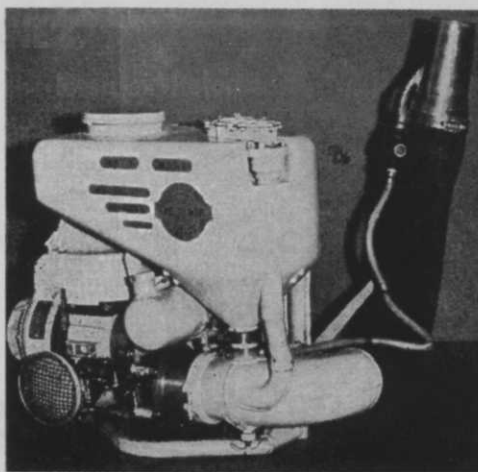
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