

## —W & T Mailbox—

### Seeks Dodder Control

Can you tell me if there is a fungicide that will control the fungus known as dodder (also known as "golden thread," "hell bind," "strangleweed")? This orange-colored, sticky, string-like fungus attacks any and all plants and succeeds in strangling even the hardy Algerian ivy.

During the past two years I have discussed this problem with several nuserymen and a representative from the Department of Agriculture. These gentlemen have suggested a strong solution (50%-80%) of ammonium sulfate applied in a spray as the only method of chemical control. I found that such a solution only marginally affected the fungus but did kill the plant to which it had attached itself.

I would appreciate your readers' comments and advice.

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*Readers are invited to write directly to Mr. Quigley. Ed.*

### Father-Son Team Want More Training

My son and I want to expand our services to include aquatic weed control. We also want to obtain more information on tree spraying, etc. Could you suggest where we could receive instruction and training in these fields?

Paul Kucik

Detroit, Mich.

*The Aquatic Weed Control Society, secretary of which is Albert Lopinot, Illinois Dept. of Conservation, Litchfield, Ill., and the Hyacinth Control Society, William Dryden, secretary, P. O. Box 1711, Fort Myers, Fla., can give you information which will help you in your objective. The National Arborist Assn., can help you on the subject of tree spraying, etc. Dr. Paul E. Tilford is executive secretary and*

*may be reached at P. O. Box 426, Wooster, Ohio. Weeds and Turf has a 16-page reprint, "Applicator's Manual of Aquatic Weed Control," (\$1) which should be helpful.—Ed.*

### W&T Article Well Received

After publication of my article on roadside spraying in W&T for July (p. 8), I had a number of messages and telephone calls which indicate: first, that your magazine is being read by a great many people; and, second, that a number of people were glad to have someone express a positive opinion on our responsibility to the public when applying roadside sprays.

Fred A. Ashbaugh

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### Westerners Eye National Assn.

I believe there exists a definite need for a horticultural spraymen's association on a national scale and I would gladly help to organize such a group. We must face a few hard facts however:

1. Such an association must be progressive in action as well as in thought;
2. An organizational meeting should be held at a location and time mutually arranged by those concerned;
3. All sections of the spray industry should be represented;
4. For the good of the industry's future, this association must promote its interests and otherwise operate on the highest ethical plane.

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### Needs Complete Weed Book

I am a golf course greenskeeper trainee trying to learn all I can in order to be good. I'm especially interested in weeds. I would like to be able to identify all the weeds I run across on

the fairway. I may know almost all of them already.

I wonder if you have any kind of complete book showing all the weeds with their pictures for identification, and if so, if this book is for sale.

Your *Weeds and Turf* magazine is the best I ever saw.

Carl J. Foster

Baltimore, Md.

*We do not have a complete book of weeds like the one reader Foster requests, although we publish each month our weed identification box. Other than that, one of the best suggestions we have is a book called Weeds of the North Central States, published by the University of Illinois Agricultural Experiment Station. While it is a regional publication, most of the weeds discussed thrive in wide-spread areas throughout the US. It's available for \$1 from the Station in Urbana. If readers have other suggestions for Mr. Foster, we'd be happy to pass them along in this column, should we receive any such letters. Ed.*

### WT: Don't Forget the Newcomer!

We would like to see more articles directed toward the newcomers to the business. I tend to get the impression from some of your articles that everyone is an expert and that they all started out that way. All companies dealing in weed control are not large firms. Not griping, just passing along my views.

Robert R. Shaw

Oklahoma City, Okla.

*We try to achieve a balance in articles directed towards the "neophyte" and articles for the "old pro," and have published many basic articles meant as background. However we welcome these comments and will pay close attention to articles like the ones reader Shaw desires. Ed.*

*Weeds and Turf welcomes expressions of opinions from its readers. Send ideas and comments briefly as possible to Charles D. Webb, Editor, Weeds and Turf, 1900 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44115.*