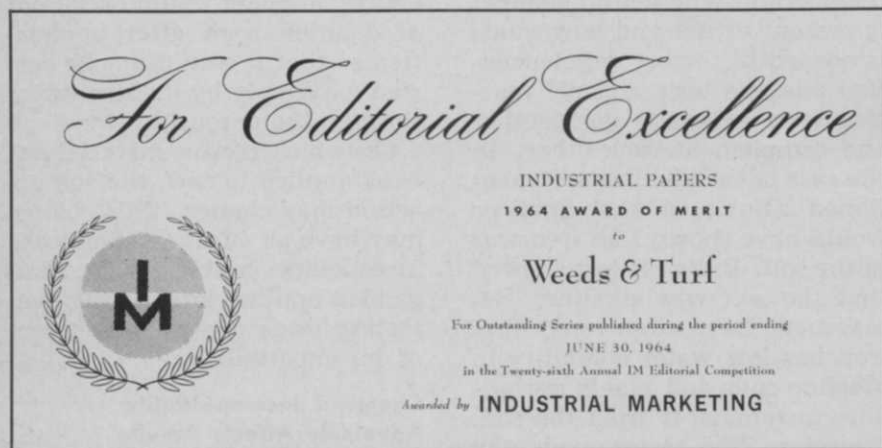


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* Shepard, Harold H., *The Chemistry and Action of Insecticides*, McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., New York, N.Y., 1961, p. 481. Entoma, 14th edition, E. H. Fisher, ed., Entomological Society of America, Madison, Wisconsin, 1961-1962.

St. Louis May Have Weed Law

A proposal for a weed control ordinance was recently taken under advisement by the St. Louis County Council after Counselor Norman C. Parker revealed there was no measure in the law books for the control of weeds in vacant lots, and unincorporated areas of the county.

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