



Snow, mud, or swampland are no obstacles to the Snowmobile-Fitchburg Chipper unit, which can be used year-round over all terrain conditions and in any kind of weather, Fitchburg Engineering Corp. says. The chipper converts wood up to 7 inches in diameter into chips and blows them out of the chute. Complete details may be obtained from the company in Fitchburg, Mass. The carrier vehicle, called the Muskeg Carrier, is manufactured by Bomardier Snowmobile Ltd. of Canada.

U. of Cal., Riverside, Sets Nursery, Landscape Tree, Turf Meet, Feb. 3-5

An extensive 3-day program has been devised for the Nursery, Landscape Tree, and Turf Conference, scheduled for Feb. 3-5, at the University of California, Riverside.

The first day is devoted to topics of interest to nurserymen, including talks on root rots and nematodes.

The second is directed to arborists and tree servicemen. Included in the program are the following subjects: sidewalk damage, municipal nurseries, freeway landscaping; and contract work with public agencies. Symposiums will exchange information on control of plant growth, and on the safe use of pesticides.

Chairman of the Landscape Tree Day is Roy Wells, Superintendent of Parks and Street Trees, Culver City.

Turf Day will find applicators and greensmen receiving the latest information on "New Irrigation and Aerification Methods," by Wayne Morgan, Agricultural Extension Service, Los Angeles County; and "Recognizing Your Turf Problem," by John Madison, Associate Professor, Department of Landscape Horticulture, U. of Calif., Davis. A talk by

Victor Youngner, Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural Sciences, U. of Calif., Los Angeles, deals with "New Frontiers for Dichondra."

The program is directed by the university's Agricultural Extension Service and the Department of Landscape Horticulture. Co-operating in this educational venture are the California Association of Nurserymen; International Shade Tree Conference, Western Chapter; Street Tree Seminar; and the Southern California Turfgrass Council.

Education exhibits and university publications will be available. Conference chairman is William B. Davis, extension ornamental horticulturist, University of California, Riverside.

Rutgers Sets Jan. Turf Courses

Turf management topics will headline a 3-day program sponsored by the College of Agriculture, Rutgers University, January 18-22.

Courses on lawn, utility and athletic field turf will be conducted Jan. 18-20. Courses centering on golf and fine turf are scheduled for Jan. 20-22. Staff

members of the college, specialists from the turf field and other organizations will participate in giving the most recent developments in turf culture.

Enrollment is limited to 325 persons. Applications for registration will be accepted in the order received. For information on these courses, write to Dr. Westervelt Griffin, Assistant Dean, College of Agriculture, Rutgers—The State University, New Brunswick, N. J.

Vinyloy Has Tubing Brochure

A 4-page brochure containing complete information on Vinyloy hose and tubing was recently published by Vinyloy Hose & Tubing Co., Inc. Said to be lightweight and flexible, the hose is nonflammable and will not rot.

It is further reported that the hose resists abuse, is nonporous and resists acids, caustics, solvents, chemicals, and petroleum products. It is stocked in continuous lengths up to 300 feet.

A copy of the brochure is available to interested readers who write the company at 8821 Kenwood Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45242.

Preventive Care Will Reduce Storm Damage to Shade Trees

Prolonged drought during the late summer and fall, resulting in abnormally dry soil conditions, is a common cause of winter injury to ornamental evergreens. Throughout the winter, moisture is given off into the atmosphere through the leaves and needles of evergreens. This must be replaced by water drawn from the soil. If the soil is low in water content, the foliage and twigs of the plants dry out and die.

To help prevent this type of winter injury, water evergreens regularly and thoroughly during the drought and as late as ground conditions permit. A thick mulch of wood chips, straw, or similar material over the root area will retard evaporation of soil moisture. Burlap screens can be erected to protect upright evergreens from the