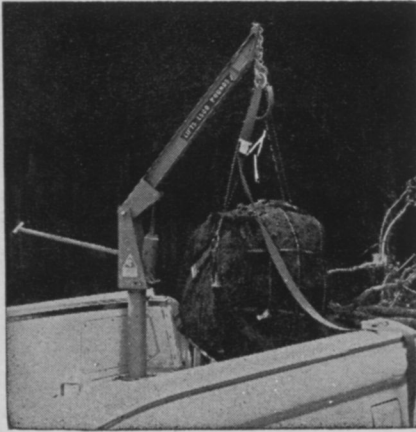


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Congratulations to the NSA!

This magazine, since its very inception, has urged the establishment of a national association of contract applicators engaged in weed and brush control, tree service, and turf management. And we note with pleasure the foundation, at long last, of such an organization, the National Spraymen's Association (WTT, June, pg. 26).

There were a great many pitfalls encountered in setting up this trade group; there were frustrating delays, and complications brought about by the great scope and geographical diversity of the industry nationally. But through continued efforts of several leaders from various sections of the country, and in particular through the continuing drive of a group of applicators in Florida, the association is now a reality and, we hope, is well on its way to success.

We were particularly happy to see that the initial members of the NSA have not precluded changes in their constitution and bylaws. In fact, they invite modifications during their first national meeting, which may take place yet this year; and we're glad to see that the headquarters and state of charter may be moved from Florida to a more central location. This is good thinking on the part of the charter members, and shows an earnest willingness to put aside regional differences and work for advancement in a rapidly growing, complicated, highly technical field.

We urge our readers to consider whether or not the NSA can be a valuable asset to their activities. Those who engage in any of the contract services implied by this magazine's name no doubt have many questions which a national could answer, questions of legal issue; of technological significance; or of marketing and business management nature.

The road from here on, for the National Spraymen's Association and its members, will not be a smooth one; there are many roadblocks, many hurdles. But the start has been made, and progress will come in direct proportion to the efforts and abilities of the members themselves. We wish them well!

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