

## California Weed Conference Is Largest Ever Held

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erside campus of the sprawling state institution.

Dr. Leonard described his recent experiments with brush control, saying he had obtained outstanding results in poison oak control using silvex applied by mistblower.

He also said he had better results in blue oak control using Tordon, new from Dow, instead of amine forms of 2,4-D.

Dr. Bayer said surfactants (surface active agents) can't be used in very hard water. And certain herbicides may react with the surfactant.

Since surfactants that work in one instance may fail in another, applicators must treat each application as unique and formulate accordingly.

Bill Harvey asked where the Californians are going in weed control. He suggested using the term "vegetation control" instead of weed control because so

much more is really involved. He also boldly underscored the importance of noncrop vegetation maintenance and control as a rapidly growing portion of the industry.

Dr. Boysie Day attempted to summarize by defining the "basic principles of weed control." He cited such statements from the literature as "Prevention is better than cure; control is more feasible than eradication; and eradication is normally impossible" as true "basics" in weed science.

The California Weed Conference is an efficiently run, well-attended affair that attracts more delegates than any other state weed meeting. There is a definite sense of tradition, an esprit de corps, and an obvious dedication to the serious pursuit of weed science. The growing attendance is evidence of the importance of vegetation maintenance in California, and of the benefits accorded the practitioners of weed control by the Conference program.

## New Gandy Broadcaster Spreads in Small Quantities

A new 3-point-hitch granular chemical applicator can apply as little as 5 lbs. material per acre on a broadcast basis, according to the Gandy Co., Owatonna, Minn.

A patented five-blade rotor assures that material will not leak out the openings in the hopper bottom when the rotor is not turning.

Another feature, Gandy says, is that the applicator has been designed to be easily cleaned and maintained. The hinged rate-control slide can be dropped down, away from the bottom, in a matter of seconds for overnight "freeze-proof" storage.

For more details on the chemical applicator, or the agricultural model of this same machine, interested applicators may write to the Gandy Co., Owatonna, Minn.



A granular chemical applicator said to apply as little as 5 pounds material per acre is manufactured by the Gandy Co., Owatonna, Minn. The applicator is made in 4 sizes from 8 to 14 ft.

## Meeting Dates



Wisconsin Park and Recreation Society, 34th Annual Meeting, Northland Hotel, Green Bay, March 10-12.

35th Annual Michigan Turfgrass Conference, Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, March 11-12.

Wisconsin Turfgrass Conference, Wisconsin Center Building, Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, March 23-24.

Rutgers University Turfgrass Equipment and Products Field Day, New Brunswick, N. J., April 23-24.

Florida Turf-Grass Assn. Meeting, Sheraton Hotel and Plantation Field Laboratory, Ft. Lauderdale, May 6-7.

Florida Nurserymen and Growers Assn. Meeting, Sheraton Hotel, Ft. Lauderdale, May 13-15.

Alabama Nurseryman's Assn. Meeting, Admiral Semmes Hotel, Mobile, June 6-8.

Louisiana Nurserymen's Assn. Meeting, Municipal Auditorium, Lafayette, Aug. 5-7.

Southern Nurserymen's Assn. Meeting, Golden Triangle Motor Hotel, Norfolk, Va., Aug. 8-10.

Texas Association of Nurserymen, Shamrock Hilton Hotel, Houston, Aug. 15-18.

Midwest Regional Turf Field Days, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., Aug. 16-17.

Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, Lawn and Ornamentals Field Day, Wooster, Sept. 21-22.

## Turf Big Business in Texas

Establishment and maintenance of turf areas is developing into a \$200,000,000 nonfarm market in Texas for the fertilizer and limestone industry, delegates were told at the annual Fertilizer and Limestone Conference held at Texas A&M University, January 4-6.

Dr. G. G. McBee, turf specialist at Texas A&M University, added that this amount includes grassed areas for home lawns, golf courses, ball fields, parks, cemeteries and landscaped business and government buildings.