

DDT Banned for Aerial Spraying in Connecticut

Use of DDT for aerial spraying of wooded areas in Connecticut to control the gypsy moth has been banned by the State Board of Pesticide Control.

According to Anthony E. Wallace, chairman of the agency, any aerial spraying programs in forest areas will have to use the pesticide Sevin because of its higher margin of safety.

During the year 1964 only 3,800 acres were sprayed from the air although 90,000 acres were damaged by this insect pest.

New Bluegrass Variety Developed in Northwest

Development of a new turfgrass variety called Cougar Kentucky bluegrass was announced recently by plant scientists of the University of Idaho, Washington State University, and Oregon State University. The new variety was produced at Washington State University from a Danish introduction.

The new grass is low growing, deep green, and hardy. It is recommended for use in the Pacific Northwest from the Cascades to the western slope of the Rockies. Agronomists said it is adapted to some sections of Idaho. A very small amount of breeder's seed is available in Idaho. It will probably be the fall of 1967 before seed can be obtained for commercial use.

Cougar turfgrass grows a weed-resistant, tight, leafy turf. It starts fast in the spring and

remains green until the first deep freeze. It resists mildew and is moderately resistant to leaf rust and leaf spot, reports from the universities said.

Diamond Has Turf Care Film

Lawn management companies can now show a 16½-minute color film on turf care when called upon to provide educational programs at service clubs, chambers of commerce, garden clubs, and other organizations. The film is a production of the Diamond Alkali Co.

The movie opens with a general discussion of turf, including a series of playground and professional sport sequences that illustrate how much punishment hardy grass can take.

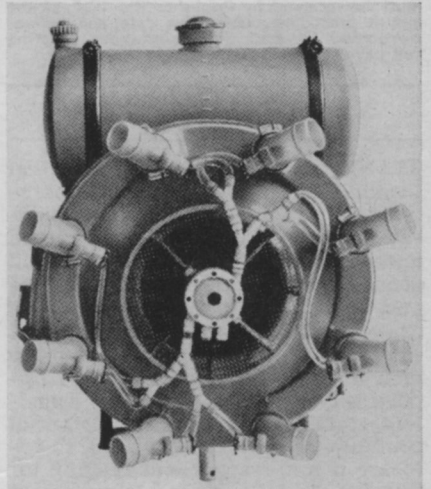
The viewer is then taken back to the fundamentals of preparing and testing soil, then step by step through seeding (sodding), mowing, fertilizing, and application of herbicides, etc.

High point of the film is a time-lapse sequence that shows what happens to dandelions that have been treated with Dacamine broadleaf herbicide. Gradually, the healthy weeds wither and die, giving up their contest with desirable grasses.

Except for references to Diamond's preemergence herbicide, Dacthal, to Dacamine, and to lawn formulations containing these chemicals, the film is non-commercial.

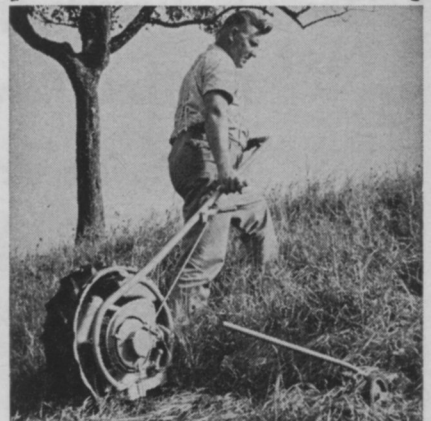
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