

## WTT Mailbox

### Needs Aerial Spray Data

On page 32 of the July, 1965, issue of *Weeds Trees and Turf* you have an article dealing with aerial application of pesticides. Would you kindly forward the address of the University of California engineers who could supply more information on the results of their studies?

J. F. Winter

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The Hydro-Electric Power  
Commission of Ontario  
Toronto, Canada

*Correspondence on this subject should be addressed to Mr. Wesley E. Yates, Department of Agricultural Engineering, University of California, Davis, Calif.—Ed.*

### Interest in Sod

I would like any available information on the commercial production of bluegrass sod for our area.

Glenn Hyde

Gothenburg Nurseries  
Gothenburg, Nebr.

*We don't have information on this specific subject in our files since we are just beginning to compile data on commercial production of cultivated sod in the United States. For specific information we suggest you write to Dr. Eliot C. Roberts at the Iowa State University in Ames. Dr. Roberts is a noted turfgrass specialist who has specific information as it relates to the Iowa-Nebraska areas and could certainly help you a little more than we at this point.—Ed.*

### From an Arborist

You have a lively, interesting magazine. The arborist industry is in need of a serious, professional-type periodical. Good tree-men possess a broad array of skills and knowledge easily recognized when viewing the amount of equipment a modest-sized arborist must possess these days to be proficient.

I'd like to see *Weeds Trees and Turf* magazine become the principal news and information medium for the arborist indus-

try. I'm sure you can do it and I'm rooting for you.

I. J. Borger

Trees and Gardens, Inc.  
Bayside, N. Y.

### On Capitalization

I enjoy *Weeds Trees and Turf* endlessly and the articles are the greatest. I refer to the article on St. Augustine grass in the March '65 issue. You can't call it st. augustinegrass and you can't call it st. augustine. That's a man's name! You can't even lowercase Paris green and Bermuda grass until after years and years and years, and they're only the names of places. A man's name is always capitalized... isn't it?

Austin W. Morrill, Jr.

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12th Naval District  
San Bruno, Calif.

*Lowercase is IN these days... we're advised. The editorial department and our biologist have numerous references that st. augustinegrass is diminuated. This is according to the Nomenclature Committee of the Turfgrass Section of the American Society of Agronomy, and Dr. Schery, who also lowercases st. augustinegrass in his books.*

*Here's ASA's comment on capitalization:*

"1. Recognized variety names should be capitalized (Penncross bentgrass, Tifgreen bermudagrass, Meyer zoysiagrass, Merion Kentucky bluegrass)... Proper nouns derived from names of persons and places when used separately in the common name should also be capitalized (Kentucky bluegrass, Merion Kentucky bluegrass, Indian ricegrass, Canada wildrye, and Japanese lawngrass).

"2. Do not capitalize common names (redtop, quackgrass, wheat grass, bluegrass, bentgrass); nor names derived from persons or places when used in combination with a suffix (johnsongrass, rhodesgrass, bermudagrass, dallisgrass)."

Thus it would appear "st. augustinegrass" is correct in Dr. Schery's article, but perhaps the author is incorrect when he writes "st. augustine clones."—Ed.

### He Likes WTT, Too

I have just seen a copy of *Weeds Trees and Turf* and believe it to be a very desirable publication in the field of turf. In my position as Extension Specialist, responsible for turf in the state of Ohio, it is very desirable that I be informed on materials and equipment available to turf producers in Ohio. In addition to the information provided on materials and equipment in *Weeds Trees and Turf*, the technical articles on problems of turf production are equally valuable.

Don W. Griffis

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### It Must Be Bidrin

We are interested in knowing the name of a firm that sells a chemical injection for elm trees to prevent Dutch Elm disease. We would use this product commercially and if you have a company or firm in your list of advertisers who could help us in this matter we would appreciate putting us in contact with them.

Don Kamban

Schoenbrunn Evergreen Gardens  
New Philadelphia, Ohio

*We believe you are referring to a product of the Shell Chemical Company known as Bidrin. This product is sold only to professional tree people who have completed a training course offered by the Shell organization. We suggest you write directly to Mr. Harry T. Fenton, Agricultural Chemical Division, Shell Chemical Co., 110 W. 51st St., New York, N. Y. 10020.—Ed.*

### West Indies Response

Just a short note of thanks for your new Sod Industry Section in *Weeds Trees and Turf* magazine. We sure appreciate it, and found the first section extremely interesting.

Frank Lichtig

Grasmalindas, CIA  
Bayamon, Puerto Rico

*Weeds Trees and Turf welcomes expressions of opinions from its readers. Send ideas and comments briefly as possible to James A. Nelson, Editor, Weeds Trees and Turf, 1900 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44115.*