

Miles Takes Minn. Post

Neil W. Miles has been named extension horticulturist at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul. Agricultural extension programs related to the use of pesticides for control of insects and diseases on horticultural crops come under his control.

Miles earned B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in horticulture at Minnesota, where he also worked as an assistant in extension programs while doing graduate work.

USDA Registers Mirex Bait

Mirex 450 pelleted bait has been registered for control of the Texas leaf-cutting ant by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Allied Chemical Corp.'s General Chemical Division developed Mirex 450 in cooperation with USDA's Forest Service. Field tests have proved 100% effective in eliminating both small and large nests, Allied reports.

The bait can be used to control harvester and fire ants, relatives of the Texas leaf-cutters, Allied adds. Since Mirex 450's toxic effects are delayed, larger ant pop-

ulations can be reached. More news on the pelleted baits is available from Allied Chemical Corp., 40 Rector St., New York, N. Y. 10006.

Releases Residue Analysis

Kensington Scientific has prepared a free bulletin on materials, apparatus, and accessories useful in clean-up and detection of pesticides in residue analysis. The 20-page brochure describes materials for detection by thin layer, paper, and gas chromatography. It also contains selected references.

Bulletin #130 is available free from Kensington Scientific, 1165 67th St., Oakland, Calif. 94608.

Grants \$500 for Turf Study

With a recent \$500 grant from the Massachusetts Turf and Lawn Grass Council, the University of Massachusetts will further its turf research work. Dr. Joseph Troll, chairman of the Council's advisory board and a member of the University's plant and soil sciences department will administer the project.

Trimmings

How the other half lives. Word from W. B. Black, president of Braehid Sod Supply Ltd., in Waterdown, Ontario, Canada, is that 20 members of the Nursery Sod Growers Assn. of Ontario took a two-day tour in the States to study the problems of growers in the USA. This is the third year this industry group has come "south" to see how the other half lives. This year they spent a day at McGovern's Sod Farm in Long Island, N.Y., and the other at Princeton Turf Farms, New Jersey.

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Recent passings. We have just learned of the recent death of Harry S. Bartlett, president of Bartlett Manufacturing Co. in Detroit, and W. J. Burger, vice-president of Bluegrass Turf Farms, Ltd., Stouffville, Ont., Canada. Both had been active in their specific areas of the vegetation maintenance field, taking part in industry meetings to bring about more education in tree and sod practices.

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Editor retires. Dr. C. J. Willard, longtime editor of *Weeds*, technical publication of the Weed Society of America, retires in December. A committee comprised of Dr. R. Behrens, University of Minnesota; Dr. F. L. Timmons, University of Wyoming; and Dr. R. A. Fossee, Amchem Products, Fremont, Calif. is attempting to find a successor. It'll be difficult to find as devoted and capable an editorial director as Dr. Willard who makes his office on the campus of Ohio State University in Columbus.

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Harder airs. Frank Harder, president of the Harder Arborist Supply Co., Hempstead, N.Y. recently was interviewed by Ruth Alampi on her WNBC (New York city) radio program, "Around Your Home and Garden." He spoke on pest control and lawn care, a subject he's become an expert on through actual in-field experience since graduating from Purdue's Ag School.

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AAN award. Dr. F. L. S. O'Rourke, professor emeritus in Michigan State University's horticulture department has received the Norman Jay Coleman Award for his outstanding contribution to horticulture research. The award, made yearly by the American Association of Nurseryman, cites O'Rourke's work over the past 25 years in projects dealing with various aspects of plant propagation and nursery stock production.

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In all modesty. Denver Loupe, public relations committee chairman for the 1966 Southern Weed Conference, writes their Jan. 18-20 meeting at Hotel Robert Meyer in Jacksonville, Fla., will be THE weed control affair of the South next year. A big attendance is expected.



Exceptionally low center of gravity has been built into this 60-inch rotary mower for turf maintenance operations on steep hillsides. Called the Super 60, the mower can safely and easily climb and traverse grades up to 45° steep, says Pennington Mfg. Co. Features assuring this performance, it is said, are positive traction differential, wide tread, rigid frame, engine over rear wheels and heavy duty truck-type steering assembly. Center of gravity is so low that mower will slide down hill before it will tip over. Power source: 2-cylinder, 16.5 hp Onan engine. Optional accessories include a 48" snow blower, snowplow, leaf mulcher, rotary broom, and sprayer. Complete data may be obtained by writing to the Pennington Mfg. Co., Addison, Illinois.