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Money in Weeds?

Speaking of the opportunities available in the weed control industry, T. J. Sheets, weed control scientist with North Carolina State University, said:

"There are more than twice as many jobs available in the industry than there are people to fill them. Salaries range from 9 to 15 thousand dollars a year in the weed control industry for people with Ph.D. degrees." Sheets commented that many of the jobs require master's degrees or Ph.D. training, but research technicians are also needed.

In charge of the Society's job placement service, Sheets added that the program comes to a climax each year at the annual meeting, when interview rooms are reserved and lists of openings and applicants are provided to bring prospective employers and employees together.

Furtick Elected President

Agronomy professor at Oregon State University, Corvallis, Dr. W. R. Furtick, was elected WSA president for 1966. President elect for the coming year is Dr. Richard Behrens, professor of Agronomy at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul. Elected secretary is Dr. Dayton L. Klingman, Research Branch, United States Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. New executive committee members at large are Dr. Glenn C. Klingman, North Carolina State University, and Gideon D. Hill, weed control researcher with duPont in Wilmington, Del.

Tree Wound Dressing Is Handy

A new 16-oz. container with a built-in applicator is now used by Seymour Smith & Son, Inc., for distribution of its tree wound dressing.

Use of the tree dressing in this new container makes it easy to apply while tree pruning is in progress. More details can be obtained from the company at Oakville, Conn. 06779.

Merck Acquires Metalsalts

In a statement jointly issued by Merck & Co., Inc., and Metalsalts Corp., it was announced that the latter has been acquired by Merck.

Metalsalts, a privately owned company, has its offices and plant in Hawthorne, N. J., and a subsidiary near Montreal. Its principal products are industrial chemical specialties used extensively to protect against fungus and bacterial growth in many products and in agricultural fields. Metalsalts will continue to operate under its own name with its present staff and facilities.

Henry W. Gadsden, president of Merck, said, "The acquisition provides Merck with a growing research-oriented operation in a field that is new to us."

Frit Fly Is Turfgrass Pest

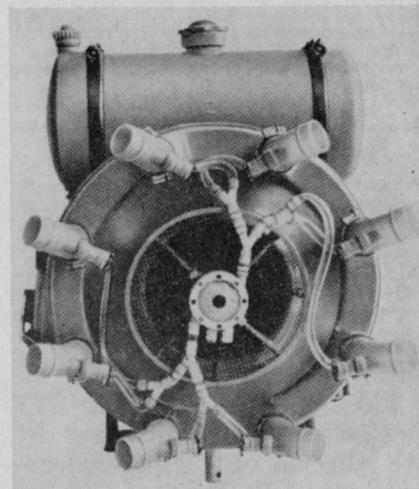
The frit fly has recently become a pest of turfgrasses, reports Gordon Watts, head of the department of botany and entomology at New Mexico State University.

Watts reveals that the frit fly is now a pest of grasses used on golf greens at University Park and in El Paso. So far, he says, this condition has not been reported as a problem in northern New Mexico. The frit fly, usually smaller than the common fruit fly, has been a problem to European farmers for many years, attacking small grains and corn. It has not attacked these crops in the United States.

Two reasons may account for the recent attacks of the insect pest on turfgrasses. One is that resistance to the insect has been bred out of the grasses used for turf, and the other is that a mutation may have occurred in the insect. Watts stresses that this is a speculation and not a scientific fact.

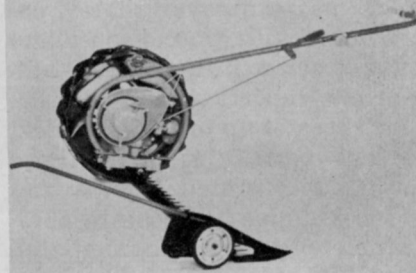
The frit fly's ability to travel great distances would limit control measures to a local pattern, because of reinfections from migrations of the fly. A safe insecticide such as malathion might be used as a stopgap, Watts advises.

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