

## Meeting Dates



- 2nd Annual Colorado Agriculture Chemical Exposition**, Community Bldg., Greeley, Feb. 15-16.
- Northwest Turfgrass Assn., Golf Course Management Workshop**, Puyallup Experiment Station, Puyallup, Wash., Feb. 16-17.
- International Shade Tree Conference, Southern Chapter, Annual Meeting**, Andrew Jackson Hotel, Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 20-22.
- Pennsylvania State University Turfgrass Conference**, on campus, University Park, Feb. 21-24.
- Annual Nursery, Landscape Tree, and Turf Conference**, University of California, Davis, Feb. 23-25.
- Southern Turfgrass Conference**, Hotel Peabody, Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 28-Mar. 1.
- Massachusetts Nurserymen's Assn. Short Course**, Waltham Field Station, Waltham, March 1-2.
- Sod Producers Conference**, University of Maryland, College Park, March 2.
- Texas Weed Control Assn., Annual Weed Conference**, Holiday Inn West, Amarillo, March 3.
- Midwest Regional Turf Conference**, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, March 7-9.
- 36th Annual Michigan Turfgrass Conference**, Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mar. 16-17.
- Conference on Community Development**, on campus, University of Iowa, Ames, Mar. 18-19.
- Wisconsin Turfgrass Conference**, Wisconsin Center, Madison, March 22-23.
- Wisconsin Park & Recreation Assn. Annual Meeting**, Hotel Eau Claire, Eau Claire, March 23-25.
- 5th Annual Florida Turf-Grass Trade Show**, Plantation Field Research Laboratory, Ft. Lauderdale, April 28-29.
- Florida Nurserymen and Growers Assn., Convention**, Sheraton's British Colonial Hotel, Nassau, May 12-14.
- Texas Assn. of Nurserymen, Annual Convention, Nursery and Garden Supply Show**, Dallas Memorial Auditorium, Dallas, Aug. 21-24.
- Florida Nurserymen and Growers Assn. Trade Meet**, George Washington Hotel, Jacksonville, Oct. 14-16.

## Municipal Pest Control Problems Subject of New England Agricultural Chemical Conference

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"We now need to take a good look at pest control programs to see where we failed to capture wholehearted public support which we shall need in the future," Leo G. K. Iverson, assistant director, Plant Pest Control Division, ARS, US Dept. of Agriculture, stated in his talk, "The Necessity of Good Relations with the Public," at the New England Agricultural Chemical Conference, Dec. 15 and 16. He went on to add, "It will be more important than ever that the public be fully informed and have confidence in our profession."

The New England program drew delegates from all six states to the New Hampshire Highway Hotel in Concord for this annual pesticide meeting.

Over 250 town and county officials, park superintendents, tree wardens and arborists, utilities and public works people, road and cemetery commissioners, representatives from county, state and federal parks and forests, military base personnel, pesticide industry and others attended.

Iverson continued, in his keynote address, that without the support of a sizeable portion of the general public, control programs are in trouble. But when the people are fully informed, most are pleased that their public officials are taking action to pro-

tect them from a destructive or harmful pest.

This two-day program, an outgrowth of earlier but separate conferences on weeds and plant pests, was geared to provide information useful in solving problems for those people specifically concerned with the supervision and direction of pest control programs in municipal and other public land situations.

T. R. Flanagan, chairman of the 1965 conference, welcomed the delegates and emphasized that the conference goal was to provide new information on the wise and safe use of pesticides to groups and individuals in direct contact with the ultimate consumer.

In addition to a discussion on the necessity of good public relations, delegates heard several talks on legal aspects of pest control programs. Hyland R. Johns, vice president of the Asplundh Tree Expert Co., showed a series of slides depicting various aspects and pitfalls related to contractor liability. He concluded that for a pest control program "good planning, organization, and supervision will prevent problems before liability is incurred."

"Laws dealing with pesticides are of interest to those who supply and use pesticides because they are the 'ground rules' under



New executive board members are included in this group attending the New England Agricultural Chemical Conference. They are (l. to r.): J. Lincoln Pearson, chairman, extension pesticide coordinator, University of Rhode Island; Edward J. Cooper, past vice chairman, Allied Chemical Corp.; Raymond P. Atherton, vice chairman, Hubbard-Hall Chemical Co.; C. A. Langer, secretary-treasurer, extension horticulturist, University of New Hampshire; and T. R. Flanagan, past chairman, extension weed specialist, University of Vermont.