

California Turf, Tree and Nursery Men Meet Feb. 23-25

Probing into every segment of the turf, landscape tree, and nursery industry, the University of California Agricultural Extension Service and Department of Landscape Horticulture intends to solve problems, suggest new methods, and inspire new thinking when industry men meet at Davis Feb. 23-25.

First day's sessions will deal with turf, soils, water movement, and sprinkler systems. Also included are discussions on salinity tolerance as they relate to turfgrasses and some revealing facts and opinions about California's expanding sod industry.

A symposium, "Analyzing My Turf Costs," will have William H. Bengueyfield, Western Director, USGA, Greens Section, as moderator. Also participating are Walter Boysen (fairways and roughs), superintendent, Sequoyah Golf & Country Club, Los Angeles; Fred Bove, (greens and tees), superintendent, Brentwood Golf & Country Club, Los Angeles; and Clifford A. Wagoner (renovating greens), superintendent, Del Rio Golf and Country Club, Modesto, Calif.

Chairman for the day's turf sessions will be Robert Lateer, Loamite Div., Pope & Talbot, Inc., San Francisco, Northern California Turfgrass Council.

Gene Robinson, assistant superintendent of parks for the city of Sacramento, Cal., will be chairman of the second day's landscape tree program.

Arborists will hear tree specialist Austin B. Carroll, Sacramento, relate his experiences in "Trouble Shooting Shade Tree Problems." Of particular interest is a review of systemic insecticides for control of tree insects to be given by Carlton S. Koehler, U. of Calif. Berkeley assistant entomologist.

A symposium on "If There Were Only Three Trees," will be moderated by Douglas Hamilton, horticulture advisor, U. of Calif., Alameda County. Others on this panel are Ernest A. Wertheim, landscape architect, Wer-

them & Van Der Ploeg, San Francisco; James Poindexter, line clearance foreman with Sacramento (Calif.) Municipal Utility District; Brian Fewer, superintendent, tree division, San Francisco; Robert Belcher, assistant parks superintendent, Fresno; and Millar F. Blair, arborist, Mountain View.

The final day will find the nurseryman and his problems the center of attention. Walter Tecklenburg, of Teck's Nursery, Lodi, is the chairman. Tokuji Furuta, extension ornamental horticulturist, U. of Calif., Riverside, will explain systems for ornamental plant production. From UCLA comes R. Bruce Ricks, assistant professor, graduate school of business, to offer

his "Locational decision for the nursery industry."

Two subjects related to the use of steam for sterilization are scheduled, along with a talk on the economics of production. This day features a period for open discussion and also information about equipment for metering liquid fertilizers.

General chairman of the conference is William B. Davis, extension turf and landscape horticulturist, U. of Calif., Davis; and Tokuji Furuta, extension ornamental horticulturist, U. of C. Riverside, is co-chairman.

Cooperating with the university in presenting this annual event are the Northern California Turfgrass Council, International Shade Tree Conference, Western Chapter, and the California Association of Nurserymen.

Forest Growth, Objective Turf Management, Major Points at Oregon Weed Conference

Successful tree growth through better brush control, reports on nursery test plots, and a call for objective approach to turf problems were important topics heard at the annual meeting of the Oregon Weed Conference, held recently in Salem.

Mike Newton, of Oregon State University Forestry Department, reminded the many in attendance that Oregon's forests are a major industry and that good husbandry is essential to the state's future growth. He pointed out that setting larger seedlings will assure a better start over regrowth of brush. Newton reported that dormant aerial treatment by helicopter, using low volatile esters of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T, is the most effective treatment for brush control.

Robert L. Tichnor, research scientist at the North Willamette branch of OSU's agricultural experiment station, told the group that each year since 1960 a new planting of ornamental plants has been established to evaluate herbicides for nursery stock. Latest successful treatments, and most effective, are Caseron at 3 and 4 lb/A, applied as a wettable

powder and incorporated; granular Caseron at 5 lbs./A, unincorporated; CIBA 2059 at 4 lbs./A, and simazine at 2 lbs./A.

Industrial weed and brush control views were presented by R. Larry Rowse, of the Portland General Electric Co., and Fred Gross, Bonneville Power Administration. A panel made up of Rex Warren; Ray Hubbell, Jackson County Weed Supervisor; J. D. Vertrees and Paulen Kaseberg, interpreted the new Proposed Uniform National Weed District Law.

In elections held during the meeting Paulen Kaseberg, Wasco, was elected president; J. D. Vertrees, county extension agent from Roseburg, is vice president. New director for Eastern Oregon is Martin Zimmerman, Sherman County extension agent; and elected to serve as Western Oregon director is Ken Gray, Portland. John Couch, Hood River, and Paul Willard, Salem, were appointed ex-officio directors. Rex Warren, OSU extension specialist, continues as conference secretary, and Clark Amen, Corvallis, remains as treasurer.