



"Haven't we done this before?" University of Illinois entomologist H. B. "Pete" Petty, right, and agronomist Fred Slife, left, review programs from the last 19 Custom Spray Operators' Training Schools as they complete plans for the 20th. The school will be January 24-25 at the University of Illinois Illini Union, Urbana. Petty and Slife are the only two participants in this year's program who have been on all 19 of the past programs. They will present awards to five individuals who have attended all 20 spray schools.

### Illinois Spray School To Be Held Jan. 24-25

The 20th Illinois Custom Spray Operators' Training School will feature the newest research and the latest predictions for 1968.

Chairman H. B. "Pete" Petty, University of Illinois and Natural History Survey entomologists, says the January 24-25 meeting will feature entomologists, agronomists, plant pathologists, and agricultural engineers from the U. of I., other universities and the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The opening session will start at 9:50 a.m. in the Illini Union in Urbana with a brief review of the 1968 herbicide, insecticide and fungicide recommendations.

### Weed Society of America Annual Is Feb. 5-8

Research weed control scientists from the entire Western Hemisphere will meet Feb. 5-8 at New Orleans, La., for the 1968 annual meeting of the Weed Society of America. Headquarters during the meeting will be the Jung Hotel. Registration begins at noon on Monday, Feb. 5, with the final formal session ending at noon, Feb. 8.

President of the society is Dr. Richard Behrnes, professor of weed physiology at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Boysie E. Day, chairman of the University of California Department of Horticultural Science at Riverside, is president-elect and chairman of the New Orleans program. Secretary is Dr. Dayton L. Klingman, Crops Research Division, Agricultural Research Service, USDA, Beltsville, Md., and treasurer and business manager is Dr. F. W. Slife, University of Illinois agronomy department. Chairman for local arrangements at the New Orleans event is Dr. J. B. Baker, Louisiana State University department of Botany and Plant Pathology, Baton Rouge.

### Weed Control Research To Highlight N.Y. Meeting

New weed control research will again highlight the Annual Northeastern Weed Control Conference, set for Jan. 3-5, at the Hotel Commodore, New York City, N. Y.

President of the group, Dr. John Gallagher, Amchem Products, Inc., Ambler, Pa., reports that 115 scientific papers will be presented during the 22nd annual meeting of the group. Dr. Gallagher says plans are for an attendance ranging up to 800.

Besides research reports, the representatives of industry, government, regulatory agencies, universities, and utilities will discuss current and future weed control problems. Rights-of-way maintenance, industrial site improvement, aquatic weed control problems and related subjects will feature both formal and informal discussions.

The annual conference is one of 4 regional weed conferences staged each year by the group. Details of the January meeting are available from the secretary of the group, Dr. Arthur Bing, Cornell Ornamentals Research Laboratory, Farmingdale, Long Island, N. Y. Dr. Bing can be reached by telephone at 516 CH 9-1540.



Christmas tree disposal problems are being simplified nationwide by use of wood chippers. New York City's Sanitation Department uses Fitchburg Brush Chippers such as the above to reduce trees to chips. Once trees are put through chippers, refuse is hauled to incinerators and burned. City last year required 70 trucks just to deliver trees to chippers. In other areas, chips are used for mulch, and one mid-west city reported it cut disposal costs by one-third by chipping trees. Prior to use of chippers, tree disposal created problems with bulk alone, besides damage to incinerators from tree spikes.