



James A. Nelson (left), editor and publisher of Trade Magazines' WEEDS TREES AND TURF, and **James Milholland, Jr. (right)**, president of Home State Farm Publications, confer after announcing acquisition of TM by Home State. WTT will operate under the Trade Magazines Division of the parent organization, with Nelson continuing as editor and publisher, and also serving as a vice president of Home State Farm Publications, Inc.

Applicators Meet in Nebr.

A program beamed primarily toward commercial and municipal applicators has been planned for the 3rd annual Nebraska conference on "Selection and Handling of Pesticides," set for April 3 and 4, at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education, University of Nebraska, East Campus, Lincoln.

Legal aspects of pesticide usage, ways to avoid damage, how to calculate damages, and current pesticide recommendations are among topics to be discussed. Anyone interested in pesticide application and wishing further details on this program should contact J. D. Furrer, Extension Specialist, Pesticide Chemicals, University of Nebraska, East Campus, Lincoln, Nebr. 68503.

Sodman Becomes Manufacturer

In last month's WTT, Daymon Manufacturing Corp., Gregory, Mich., introduced its new line of specialized equipment for sod producers. Bob Daymon, president of Daymon Manufacturing, says the decision to enter equipment production was based on sod growers' labor problems and cost-price squeeze.

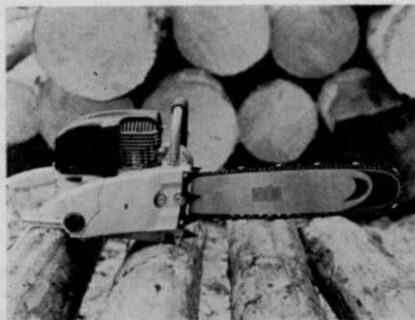
Daymon points out that nearly 30 years of sod experience contributed to the new product line, which is topped off by the Daymon Sod Roller, said to be able to roll up to 1,500 yds. per hour under average conditions. Daymon established its first commercial sod farm in 1938, now owns and operates the mechanization-minded 1,300-acre Emerald Valley Turf Nursery near Fowlerville, Mich.

Solo 635 Chain Saw Has Increased Cutting Power

Increased cutting power, minimum vibration, and easy starting are said to be features of the new model 635 chain saw from Solo Industries. Design extras include die-cast magnesium casing and hood, the latter readily removable for access to spark plugs, carburetor, and air filter.

Quality carburized steel is used in the crankshaft, which will withstand excessive rotations, Solo says. Aluminum cylinder has a fused-in steel sleeve that can be reground as necessary. Weighing 22 lbs. without bar, 635 has automatic lubrication coupled with a manual hand pump system.

Solo also manufactures the lightweight Combi gasoline engine, now offering 4½ hp. Combi is a detachable unit that can be used to power several equipment items interchangeably, including chain saw, lawnmower, garden tiller, water pump, and outboard motor. Further data on these products is available from Solo Industries, Inc., 5100 Chestnut Ave., P. O. Box 1728, Newport News, Va. 23606.



Solo 635 chain saw weighs 22 lbs. without bar, which is available in 17, 21, and 25-in. sizes. Hood and casing are magnesium.

Trimmings

Of mice and miscellany. We were sitting in the front row of the Commodore Hotel's East Ballroom, in New York City, during the opening session of this year's Northeastern Weed Control Conference. The speaker was Rutgers entomologist, Dr. B. R. Wilson. The room wasn't crowded near the front, it being a human characteristic to avoid front rows wherever people gather, so we may have trouble gaining corroboration for this mouse tale. But there it was—peeping from under the speakers' platform at the august assembly of weed controllers: one small wide-eyed gray mouse. Apparently, the mouse decided it was all right to venture out on the theory that a roomful of weed experts wasn't interested in a single rodent. Another look around. Pause. Discovery of entomologists and pest controllers in the audience. And a very hasty retreat.

Exit mouse, and there are more than a few vegetation maintenance men around who wish all rodents would beat such a hasty retreat. It seems to be the season for rodent damage to trees and shrubs. As Richard Crumm, Hoosier entomologist, points out, "rodents cause more damage when snow covers their food supply." Thiram fungicide, brushed or sprayed on plants, "can often turn the rodents' attention to other less important food," he suggests.

Second thoughts on above notes: Mention of the solitary gray mouse is not intended as a reflection on the Commodore Hotel. Indeed, NEWCC's host hotel was most cooperative to visiting weedmen, and Northeast controllers decided before the meeting was out to hold their '68 conference there, too. We hope the mouse will be back next year. But probably the shock was too much for it.

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Congratulations to the new Mid-Continent Weed Control Association, to Al Price, Ralph Reid, John Lehr, Dick Evans, Tom Graham, and company. The need for applicators to band together for the protection of their legitimate interests has never been more apparent.

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Travelling Tifdwarf. Received an invitation to attend the opening of the new Kauai Surf Golf and Country Club, in Hawaii of course. Deeply regret that our jampacked travel schedule prevents us from attending any but winter meetings held in northern latitudes and summer meetings in southern latitudes. We don't know why it works out that way, but it always seems to. If there's a winter turf conference in the Aleutian Islands next year, it will probably show up on our schedule. Remarkable thing about the Kauai course is that it's ready for play, when the greens were sprigged with Tifdwarf bermudagrass just last October. First time for this popular new grass variety in Hawaii. It took Cal-Turf's new Hawaii operation more than a year to ready the grass for the Kauai greens. Now everything is set for surfside putters. Happy putting out there...