



Maime Helicopters, Inc., Vice-President Andrew Berry, right, and Chief Pilot Gene Herrin, center, accept delivery of their new Bell Ag-5 from Joe Moak of the Bell commercial sales staff.

### Advanced Helicopter In Service In Maine

A major new piece of equipment, the Bell Ag-5 helicopter equipped with an Agmaster spray unit, has been put into service in Maine by Maine Helicopters, Inc.

This aerial applicator company has added the new model to a previous fleet of two Bell Models, the 47G and the 47H-1.

Delivery was made to Andrew Berry, vice-president, and Gene Herrin, chief pilot, at the Textron Bell Helicopter Company's Fort Worth, Tex., facility.

Among Maine Helicopters' contracts are odor abatement control for S. D. Warner Paper Products and Dead River Com-

pany of Bangor. Berry says the company is also doing experimental application work for the U. S. Forest Service's spruce budworm control program.

Besides aerial application work, Maine Helicopters also does powerline patrol work for Central Maine Power, Bangor Hydro-Electric, and Rangely Power companies. Pipeline surveillance is carried out from Portland to the Canadian border for the Portland Water District.

Maine Helicopters operates equipment from the Augusta State Airport and has office headquarters at Portland. The company has been operating since 1960 as a full-time helicopter service in the state.

### 0217 Fylking Kentucky Bluegrass Seed For Sale

A new bluegrass seed from Sweden is now available in this country. Tested for 10 years and found an excellent performer as an all-around lawngrass, 0217 Fylking Kentucky bluegrass seed is now on the market.

Doyle Jacklin, Jacklin Seed Company, Inc., Dishman, Wash., said demand for seed of the pedigreed, genetic stock of 0217 is expected to be heavy because of its performance in an extensive field testing program throughout the country.

Two desirable features of 0217, Jacklin says, are its low, dense growth and its resistance to disease. Bright green leafblades, unmarked by lesions, are found on short leaf stalks. These escape damage by mowers even when grass is cut low. The blade itself bends back and downward more than is true with most bluegrasses. In this way, grass blades underlie the cutting edge of the mower, and Jacklin reports, some turf specialists have suggested it might be adaptable for a golf green.

0217 brand Fylking is spread by rhizomes, weaving into a strong sod underfoot. It is uniform and dense, Jacklin reports, yet responsive in handling as is generally the case with bluegrasses.

## Winterize Your Spray Rigs

*The following recommendations are guidelines for keeping equipment in good shape for next spring:*

1. Drain all spray material from tank, pump, boom and hoses. Store in safe place.
2. Remove end plugs from boom (if present), so any accumulation can be flushed out.
3. Fill spray tank with clear water, run pump, and flush water through the boom in safe area.
4. Again fill with "flush" mixture recommended by your county agent, depending on the last-used pesticide material.
5. Disassemble nozzles, clean screens, and store screens and nozzle parts dry or immersed in a jar of fuel oil.

6. Drain pump thoroughly and then coat the inside with a rustproofing material such as soluble oil or regular auto radiator rust inhibitor. This will prevent a stuck pump. Be sure pump is dry so it will not be damaged by freezing.

7. If tank is susceptible to rust, rinse or spray interior with soluble oil in water or other rust inhibitor. Do this whenever sprayer will be idle for a few days.

8. Support boom so it won't be damaged by other machinery. Avoid leaving aluminum boom material in contact with soil or manure accumulations.

9. Remove hoses, wipe clean of oil, and store them inside, coiled neatly in a five-gallon pail or straightened out on a shelf. Avoid sharp kinks or hanging over a nail.