

Power Co., Canton, O., was elected vice-president. Succeeding Davey on the board of governors for the Western Chapter was Jack R. Rogers, Los Angeles.

Among meeting invitations tendered for coming ISTC conferences was one extended by Davey for 1969 to Portland, Ore., and one to Long Beach, Calif., for 1972, to be held on the Queen Mary which has just been purchased by that city. Invitations were also extended to the group to meet at Miami, Fla., and at Montreal, Canada. The 1968 session will be held August 11-16 at Chicago, Ill., with headquarters at the Pick-Congress Hotel.

The National Arborists elected Kenneth P. Soergel, of Kenneth P. Soergel Arborists, Gibsonsia, Pa., as president. He succeeds past president Harry A. Morrison, Wilmette, Ill. Edward C. Shearer, Farrens Tree Surgeons, Inc., Jacksonville, Fla., was named 1st vice-president; Paul R. Walgren, Jr., Walgren Tree Experts Inc., Hamden, Conn., 2nd vice-president; William A. Rae, Frost & Higgins, Arlington, Mass., secretary; and William P. Lanphear, Forest City Tree Protection Co., Cleveland, O., treasurer. Hyland R. Johns, Asplundh Tree Expert Co., Jenkintown, Pa., was named to the NAA board.

Awards presented by the ISTC were as follows: Author's Citations, Dr. Spencer Davis, Rutgers University, N. Y. and Dr. Curtis May, USDA, both for sustained publishing of research in shade tree and ornamental plant pathology; Awards of Merit, Mrs. L. B. Johnson, Washington, D. C., for initiative, leadership and influence in developing the National Beautification Program, and to the Honorable Harold E. Hughes, governor of Iowa, for leadership and support of research in Dutch elm disease and development of the Elm Research Institute; Honorary life memberships, Max Watson, San Jose, Calif., E. A. Sanford, Freeport, O., and R. J. Campana, Orono, Me.; Past president's plaque was awarded outgoing President R. J. Campana; Special award made "only every 30 years" ac-

ording to Dr. Campana who made presentation to Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Chadwick "in grateful appreciation for 30 years of dedicated service to ISTC, 1937-1967;" and a portable TV set for tree identification contest, Herman Porter, Bartlett Tree Expert Co., N.J.

The NAA awarded honorary memberships to Paul Tilford, Wooster, O., and to Russell Whitten, Delaware, O. Safety awards went to Blume System Tree Experts, Houston, Tex., accepted by Lynn Partee, for Class I (100 employees or more), and to Irish Co., Inc., Warren, Mich., accepted by Ed Irish, for Class II (25-100 employees). This was the 7th consecutive year the award has been made to Blume and the 4th year to Irish.

### Ortho Paraquat Now OK for Non-Crop Use

Paraquat, a liquid contact herbicide, now has federal registration for use on noncrop areas such as roadsides, highway margins, or around buildings and commercial facilities, its developers, Ortho Division, Chevron Chemical Co., report.

Paraquat controls a variety of annual weeds including Bur-clover, Chickweed, Filaree, Groundsel, Knotweed, Lambs-quarters, Mallow, Nettle, Pigweed, Plantain, Puncturevine, Purslane, Red Clover, Shepherdspurse, Thistle, Wild Mustard, Wild Radish, Wild Oats, Bluegrass, Cheatgrass, and Crabgrass. It also is effective for suppression of perennial weeds such as Bermudagrass, Johnsongrass, and Morning-glory, Ortho claims.

Recommendations are to apply 1 to 2 qts. per acre (50 to 100 gals. dilute spray per acre.) The product is said to be most effective on succulent young weeds and grasses. It is reported to be completely water-soluble, non-volatile, nonexplosive, and non-flammable in aqueous solution.

More information on Paraquat is available from Ortho Division, Chevron Chemical Co., 7524-42 Hickman Rd., Des Moines, Iowa 50303.

## Trimmings

**Early Sod Producer.** Charley Capozello, longtime sod producer at Capozello Turf Farms, Hightstown, N. J., says he may retire next year. Charley told us his father was one of the earliest sod producers in the nation, having started in business shortly after the turn of the century. We found sod producers in this area happy with the 1967 rainy season, after suffering with drought last year.

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**Fairmount Park Is Unique.** We enjoyed a visit last month with Harold Schick, director of Fairmount Park, a 4000-acre complex in the heart of Metropolitan Philadelphia. Schick who hosted the ISTC and NAA members during the recent Conference field demonstration is making great strides in maintaining and up grading Philadelphia's already impressive arboriculture program. Schick asked for 10 copies each month of WEEDS TREES AND TURF magazine. He reports his supervisor and foremen constantly have to improve their knowledge of new technical methods.

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**South Dakota Growers Form Association.** South Dakota bluegrass seed has been harvested and processing is well underway. We learned in a conversation with C. J. Wilber that a group of producers have formed the South Dakota Kentucky Bluegrass Association. Wilber is serving as secretary-treasurer. Headquarters for the group is P.O. Box 823, Huron.

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**Plaudits To Michalko.** John G. Michalko, Cleveland, O., commissioner of shade trees believes a city should take the lead in civic beautification. His record bears out this thinking. Cleveland regularly plants 4000 trees each year. Michalko says that during his 37 years with the City, more than 150,000 trees have been established for the public. He started as a tree trimmer with the city in 1929, later becoming assistant horticulturist and then commissioner.

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**Bartlett To Study Capitol Trees.** The F. A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company of Stamford, Conn., has been hired as the consulting agency to study the 300,000 street trees in Washington, D. C. During the coming year, Bartlett will determine the status of the Capitol tree population, recommend any remedial programs needed, and map procedures for future programs.

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**Landscape Contractors "Cleared."** Michigan landscape contractors are smiling again. Big death losses along highways of Pinus Strobus, Malus and Crataegus had them puzzled. Investigation showed losses last winter due to rabbits and salt. Michigan's big snowfall shut off the normal food supply of the rabbits and they turned to the bark of roadside plantings. Salt spray whipped up by traffic also helped kill those plantings within the salt pattern of the highway. Henceforth, the highway department will drop these more susceptible species from specifications.