



George Mock, pesticide problems author-lecturer, was recently honored with an award for his contribution to safety in the pesticide field by the Women's Division of the Seattle-King County Safety Council.

Mrs. Warren Magnuson, wife of the state of Washington's senior senator, presented the award at the Council's annual award luncheon, at which time Mock was cited as being the "most knowledgeable individual in his field in the Northwest."

Former chairman of the Governor's Pesticide Advisory Board and a Western Washington Horticulture Board member, Mock was instrumental in forming the Washington Ground Sprayers Association and served as its president for five years.



Bell Helicopter, Fort Worth, Tex., has announced that the Greek government purchased 16 of its Model 47 copters to be used primarily for spraying olive groves.

The Bells, assigned the task of spraying 600,000 acres of olive trees, were delivered to Greece in time for spraying in early June, a critical period in insecticide operations to protect the country's "No. 1" export from the Dacus Fly (*Dacus Oleae*).

All 16 helicopters are equipped with Bell's AgMASTER spray gear, which offers a choice of boom widths, uniform spray pattern, and snap-on installation and removal, according to the company.

Bell Agricultural specialist John Neace is in Greece to assist in formulating the proper rates of spray applications.

Avoid Summer Elm Pruning. Elm bark beetles are more readily attracted to elm trees pruned during the summer growing season. This attraction shows up the season after such pruning. Michigan pathologists have found elms pruned between July and mid-September especially susceptible.

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New Bulletin. Just thumbed through an informative bulletin from Cornell. It's Miscellaneous Bulletin #74 and gives a good rundown on pest control around homes. Includes recommendations for multipurpose spray mixtures and for control of turf, ornamental, and tree pests. Write the Cornell College of Agriculture at Ithaca, N. Y.

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Congratulations to Mrs. LaFetra. Named California "Woman of the Year" by the state Museum of Science and Industry is Mrs. Mary Elizabeth LaFetra. She is president and co-founder of Rain Bird, big maker of sprinkler irrigation equipment. Mrs. LaFetra and her late husband, Clem, turned a single invention, the impact sprinkler, into a giant manufacturing and marketing operation. It is now distributed worldwide. Among her accomplishments in the company is development of a unique accounting system exclusively used by the corporation.

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ALCA directory. Off the press is the new '68 directory of Associated Landscape Contractors of America, Inc. Executive Director Harry Lambeth says he will send one to industry members on request. Write him at 632 Shoreham Bldg., Washington, D. C. 20005.

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Aquatic Weed Control Costly. Aquatic weeds have only in recent years become a noticeable problem in the northern areas of the country. Tropical areas such as Florida have suffered for years. Today, the Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District has almost \$400 million invested in canals, pumping stations, water reservoirs, dams and spillways. Benefits of this expensive system would shortly be negated if aquatic weeds were left uncontrolled for even a short period. Costs of weed control by all agencies in this single 18-county district ranges near \$2 million every year. Thomas Huser, director of this particular FCD, says new controls are needed and the search for them continues.