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season, water yields from the area were increased 300,000 gallons per acre for the May-September period.

Secretary-Treasurer Bing announced that the more than 500-page volume of the 1968 proceedings was again available. Cost is \$4.50 for the complete report.

Sod Harvesting Costs

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increases, however, so does the cost of owning and operating that machinery. The self-propelled sod harvester that we tested has an annual cost of \$1607.64. This includes the operational costs as well as the fixed costs of owning the machine.

Assuming that the average sod farm has 84 acres, (See WTT April 1965) and assuming that one-half of this is harvested each year, the yearly machinery harvesting cost per acre would be \$38.28. This is just less than 1¢ per yard of sod, assuming that the grower can harvest and sell 4000 yards of sod per acre. The total harvesting cost of labor and machinery would be 2.5¢ per yard of sod sold. Thus, the savings of using machinery in place of using hand labor is not so much a savings of cost as it is a savings of labor. This will be especially helpful in areas where labor is difficult to obtain at satisfactory prices.

From this study, it would seem that the cost of harvesting sod,

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both labor and machinery costs, will vary from 2.5¢ to 3.0¢ per yard (9 sq. feet) of sod sold, depending on the method of harvesting and the efficiency of the harvesting operation.

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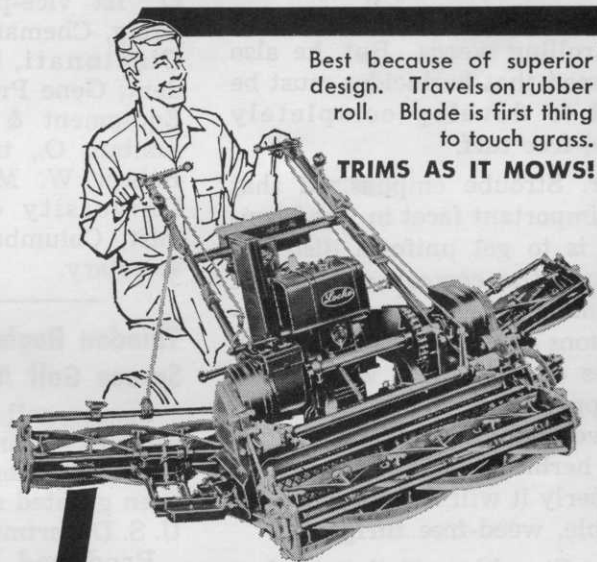
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