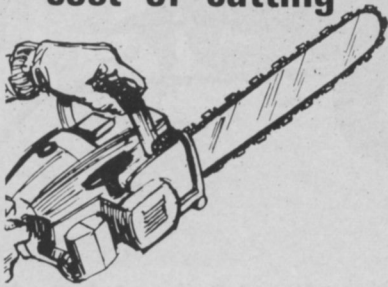


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Elm Tree Losses a Record In Milwaukee, Wis., Area

Milwaukee County, Wis., elm tree fatalities soared to nearly 35,000 last year, according to Stanley Rynearson, Milwaukee area agri-business agent for the University of Wisconsin extension service.

Dutch elm disease, according to Rynearson, was the culprit, costing the county and municipalities more than \$1.6 million in 1968. Seventy-five percent of this figure was earmarked for tree removal, he said.

Of the 26,017 replacement trees planted last year, 64% were maple, a lower ratio than for previous years. Also, the extensive elm loss has deterred several municipalities' plans for further comprehensive control, Rynearson continued.

It is believed that this year's absence of DDT from control recommendations will hamper additional control efforts. Despite the heavy elm tree losses, Milwaukee County still has some 240,000 elms, Rynearson reported.

Of the \$1.6 million cost figure cited by Rynearson, nearly \$949,000 was borne by the city itself, the remainder having been paid for by the suburbs and county. These figures included tree removal, disease control, and elm tree replacement costs.

Board Okays Bylaw Changes For Helicopter Association

Directors of the Helicopter Association of America have ratified by-law changes requested by the membership at the January annual meeting.

Action came at a May board meeting in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Changes incorporated include:

1. Increase elected board members from six to nine.
2. Adoption of three-year terms for newly elected directors; three directors to vacate annually, being replaced by three newly elected directors.
3. Representation of industry airframe manufacturers by one ex-officio member serving a one-year term in an advisory capacity to the board.
4. Permanent ex-officio board membership of the full-time executive director, who also will serve on all committees.
5. Elimination of associate Class C membership. Corporate or individual commercial helicopter or STOL equipment operators—in either bus-



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DESCRIPTIVE INTRODUCTION

Man's concern for the care of trees and shrubs is expressed through the work of many men called "arborists." These arborists practice a series of horticultural skills in the care of trees and shrubs by performing the tasks involved with transplanting, fertilizing, spraying, pruning, and removing. An arborist is also called upon for other specialized tree services such as consulting. The National Arborist Association has prepared this information so people are becoming more conscious of the value of shade trees and their relation to an increased interest in beautification everywhere—highways, clinics, downtowns, parks, and home grounds. Trees and shrubs need the care that can be offered by a trained arborist, and the opportunities for a career in arboriculture are good.

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Shade and ornamental trees are an indelible part of the plan to make our country more beautiful. The arborist is called upon to design and follow through with the planting. This requires consideration as to the type of tree needed for the particular environmental conditions and the execution of properly transplanting the trees to the new location. How trees are planted each year. In a few years, the small trees planted now will be big trees requiring the services of a trained arborist.

This new tree care brochure has been released by the National Arborist Association. It describes the arborist's duties, physical, educational and training requirements, and tools and equipment needed. Copies are available from Association headquarters at 700 Southern Building, Washington, D. C., 20005, free of charge up to 10 copies. Eleven copies or more cost five cents apiece.

ness or personal capacities—are eligible for regular membership involving regular member dues payments. This category expressly excludes leasing companies.

6. Adoption of a full membership mail balloting system for major projects and elections of directors. New ballots include provision for membership write-in candidates.

All first-year regular members' dues continue at the \$100 flat rate. Thereafter, dues entail the flat rate plus \$20 for each aircraft, to a maximum of \$260. International members outside the western hemisphere also pay \$100 annual flat rate dues, in U.S. currency.

Regarding the Association's controversial malfunction program, Executive Director John E. Ryan stated:

"This is not a part of the Association reorganization, but our directors have ruled that the termination of this program remains entirely with the manufacturers concerned.

"As soon as they institute a satisfactory and workable communications system with their customer/operators to report mechanical malfunctions immediately, there will no longer be a requirement for the H.A.A. malfunction program. Until that time, these malfunctions must be reported to all members regardless of the equipment operated."