

for cramped spaces. If shade is the objective, position as related to sun movement is vital. Large trees are beautiful in open spaces, but may be unsuitable for modern homesites in which the dwellings are one-story and the lots are small.

Growth rate is an increasingly important factor. Years ago, DeWerth said, the slow-growing tree was deemed the most desirable. With houses and buildings now being built on open ground, size and shade are needed in a hurry.

"If a homeowner is in his 20s, and figures he is settled for a long time in one house, then a slow-growing, long-lived tree choice is fine," DeWerth said. "But a middle-aged man had better plant something that grows rapidly if he expects to enjoy any shade."

Forest Service Announces Reduced Use of Endrin

The Forest Service is reducing concentrations and use of endrin, a persistent pesticide that controls rodents that eat conifer seeds used for reforestation of National Forest lands.

USDA officials said the newly adopted concentration of endrin in solution for these seeding operations is a half percent. The concentration was one percent.

Endrin is one of the pesticides suspended from use in July pending a review. The evaluation of use was just recently completed.

Endrin has been in use to control seed-eating rodents in reforestation programs for about a decade. In recent years, the treatment has involved about 50,000 acres annually.

Stauffer Chemical To Move From NYC to Connecticut

Stauffer Chemical Company plans to relocate its corporate headquarters from New York City to Westport, Conn.

Its first step in relocating came in December with an application to the Westport Planning and Zoning Commission in Westport for approval to construct a new world headquarters office building on a 52-acre site in that community.

Roger W. Gunder, president and chief executive officer, said the company plans to build a campus-type structure. Completion of the project is expected by 1971. About 680 employees will be involved in the move.

Letters to the Editor

A clipping attached to the following letter told of Ponderosa Pine damage in California. Trees—some more than 100 feet high and 700 years old—are reported to be dying by the thousands from the smog ingredient ozone. Winds carry the smog 60 miles from Los Angeles and into the 60,000 acres of Ponderosa in the San Bernardino and San Jacinto Mountains. Experts estimate that 75% of the trees—1.7 million—are dying.

In our consulting business, where we examine many trees for valuation in connection with expropriations, etc., we have noticed similar effects here in Canada in the built-up metro areas and in heavily traveled highway areas.

This decline of condition is not noticeable to the average person because he does not have any reason to observe closely the condition of evergreens from time to time. **NORMAN J. SCOTT**, Canadian Horticultural Consulting Co., Ltd., Willowdale, Ontario.

Successful Applicators' School

On Jan. 8, we had the first of 10 sessions of schooling for the applicators, operators and associate members of the Pacific Northwest Pesticide Applicators, Inc. It was a real success. Fifty-six members turned out to hear the laws and regulations discussed by Art Lousey, Grain and Chemical Division, and Clark Brown, chief of the Pesticide Division from the State Department of Agriculture. **BUD JOHNSON**, manager, Washington Tree Service, Inc., Seattle.

Appreciates Sole Supporter

I am sure those following the allied facets of agriculture really appreciate the magazine which solely supports the latest research and applications of keeping vegetative growth under control with

advanced techniques and knowledge . . . I for one, **ED MALNAR**, Kansas City, Kan.

Offers Pest Handbook

A number of letters from turf industry friends have asked, when they read the subject article (letter asking for chart on turf diseases, WTT, November), that we remind you of our Turf Pest Management Handbook. They've found it better than any chart, regarding good information on turf diseases and how to identify and control them.

The handbook is available free to turf managers from any Mallinckrodt distributor, or we'll send one. **STAN FREDERIKSEN**, Mallinckrodt Chemical Works, P.O. Box 5439, St. Louis, Mo. 63160.

October Issue Exemplary

As a fisheries biologist in South Florida, I have frequent requests of control measures for aquatic vegetation. Your October, 1969, issue is an exemplary concise look at our expanding problem. **ROGER A. MARTZ**, Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Europeans Visited Others

Your December issue provided fine editorial coverage of the Orag Inter, Ltd., distributor group's visit to the Ryan Equipment Co. in October. May I point out, however, that an incorrect impression was given in your opening paragraph. The true sponsor of this three-week business and pleasure trip was Orag Inter, Ltd., of Baden, Switzerland (not Ryan).

Among others, Jacobsen was host to this same group, who spent four days at our headquarters in Racine and another day at our Johnston Division in Brookhaven, Miss. **MRS. LOIS J. MEDGYESY**, public relations assistant, Jacobsen Mfg. Co., Racine, Wis.



European distributors study the features and operation of the new Jacobsen—Sod Master Division's "Mete-R-Matic" powered top dresser. The group spent four days at the firm's Racine, Wis., headquarters.