

Trimnings

A DEAD TREE has become a live issue, reports the newsletter of the Connecticut Tree Protective Association:

"The 400-year-old Ledyard Oak died (officially) in 1969. The 90-ft. skeleton with a trunk diameter of better than seven feet (22-23-ft. circumference) will be left standing. Rumor has it that the dead oak will be sprayed with wood preservative and cabled and braced where needed to retain the gross form.

"At one time, the tree shaded an acre of ground, and was used as a temporary shelter for meetings of Pequot Indians in Colonial times. Now the dead oak will occupy a park from land donated to Ledyard by a group of residents.

"In the year 2369? Who knows? At least we feel certain that the people who banned DDT and let the gypsy moths finish the Ledyard oak in 1968 will have been long forgotten!"

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HERE'S A POSTSCRIPT to the removal of sod (to make way for artificial turf) from Candlestick Park in San Francisco. Nunes Turf-grass Nurseries didn't move quite all of the sod to McLaren Park. Baseball great Gaylord Perry and 49'er John Brodie took some sod home to plant for sentimental reasons.

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AT LEAST TWO SIDE BENEFITS were realized by Continental Grain Company from the weed control demonstration conducted around its Savage, Minn., facilities (story on page 16.) Employees' disposition improved when they no longer got soaking wet on a heavy-dew morning walking through waist-high weeds. Secondly, the rat population was reduced to a tenth of what it was before weed control, through elimination of nesting sites.

Vocational Horticulture Training Survey Published

A unique survey of post high school vocational horticulture schools conducted by the American Association of Nurserymen, in cooperation with three other national associations has been completed and sent to the colleges surveyed and the four cooperating associations.

Cooperating with the AAN were the National Arborist Association, Associated Landscape Contractors of America and the National Landscape Nurserymen's Association.

"The survey was sent to the 100 post high school training institutions listed by the Office of Education as teaching ornamental horticulture. The study was designed to determine the number of students majoring in each area of landscape horticulture, number of years the course had been under way, length of the course, and whether it required practical work experience," said F. Raymond Brush, AAN secretary.

Of the schools surveyed, 72 reported they have one-, two- or three-year training programs in general landscape horticulture or in the following specialty areas: NURSERY (production, propagation, digging, storage and retailing); LANDSCAPE (designing, planting and contracting); ARBORICULTURE (tree care and maintenance); LANDSCAPE GARDENER (planting and maintenance of grounds); TURFGRASS (sod production, grass maintenance); FLORICULTURE (production, flower arranging, retail).

"The great majority of the 72 colleges listed in the study initiated their horticulture programs after 1963—when the first Vocational Education Act was passed. Many col-

leges reported that their graduates are in heavy demand and that all their graduates accepted employment offers prior to graduation. One college reported that its graduating class of seven had been offered a total of 101 employment opportunities," Brush said.

Copies of "National Survey of Post High School Vocational Horticulture Training" are available on request from: American Association of Nurserymen, 835 Southern Building, Washington, D. C. 20005.

Rohm and Haas Announces New Kerb 75W Herbicide

Kerb 75W, a new selective herbicide, has been introduced on an experimental basis by Rohm and Haas Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

Kerb 75W has shown particular promise, the company says, for control of annual bluegrass, cheatgrass and other annual grasses. It also shows good activity against chickweed, mustards, nightshade, pigweed and other annual broadleaf weeds. The product has been used successfully in tests to control bluegrass in Bermudagrass turf throughout the South.

The herbicide may be applied in pre-emergence or post-emergence sprays. It acts through root absorption in most susceptible species. A rate of ¼ to two pounds of active Kerb per acre is suggested. Shallow incorporation is advised in warm, dry weather or with furrow irrigation. Best results have been obtained under cool, moist conditions in fall, winter and early spring.

Formerly coded RH-315, Kerb is available only to qualified investigators and is supplied as a 75% wettable powder. Limited quantities of granular formulations are also available on special request. For additional information, circle (714) on the reply card.

Diagnosis of Plant Disease

A new manual entitled "Diagnosis of Plant Disease" and compiled by Dr. R. B. Streets is available from the University of Arizona.

Copies are \$2, regardless of quantity. Purchase orders or checks should be made out to "Cooperative Extension Service, University of Arizona."

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