

# Outdoor Demonstration Area Included ISTC Updates Its Convention Plans

Plans for the commercial exhibit at the 47th Convention of the International Shade Tree Conference this August have been updated.

Plans now encompass an outside arena both for display and demonstration of large equipment. This area will be in addition to the regular exhibit hall display section.

Other new items of news to ISTC members and guests who will headquarter for the convention at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, August 7-12, include a reception party for the entire convention. This party, to be hosted by the Montreal Municipal Nursery, will be held Tues., Aug. 10, from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Heavy equipment may be shown at this time also, by any exhibitor who has reserved a booth at the headquarters hotel. No extra exhibitor charge will be made for this showing.

Executive Secretary E. C. "Cal" Bundy (P.O. Box 71, Urbana, Ill.

61801) is equipped to furnish details for members, exhibitors, and others interested in tree care who wish to attend.

Four special events in addition to the regular educational program have been scheduled. These are: (1) A special "Exhibitors Nite" rather than field demonstrations. Purpose is to allow exhibitors to display their products in addition to entertaining via prizes, games, etc.; (2) An evening break-away event. This will include an afternoon trip to the site of the Montreal World's Fair, and an I.S.T.C. street dance in Old Montreal in the evening; (3) A second evening is set aside for two special presentations, one by Clarence Lewis of Michigan State University, and the other by Stauffer Chemical Company; and (4) Post-convention trips are planned for Europe (2) weeks), Quebec City (overnight), and for Ottawa (1 day).

## Gabriel Chemicals Acquires B. G. Pratt Company

Gabriel Chemicals Limited of New York City has announced acquisition of the B. G. Pratt Company, originator and manufacturer of garden chemicals and arborist sprays. Pratt has been in business since 1904 when the company started marketing Pratt's Scalecide.

Gabriel Chemicals is a basic product formulator in both the agricultural and industrial markets. Together, the companies have more than 300 products registered with the Environmental Protection Agency.

Executive and sales offices of both Gabriel and the Pratt Division are located at 204 Twenty-First Ave., Paterson, N. J.

## NAA Establishes Fee For Home Study Course

The National Arborist Association has set a fee of \$75 per enrollee for non-members who wish to subscribe to its home study program. Members pay \$50.

The program consists of technical and practical aids in the field of tree care and was originally designed as a training course for tree care company staffs. It has been written primarily by staff mem-

bers at Michigan State University and edited by William P. Lanphear, Forest City Tree Protection Company, Cleveland, and now president of the NAA.

Subjects include commercial arboriculture, anatomy and physiology of trees, soils, pruning of shade and ornamental trees (two lessons), identification and selection of trees, and fertilizing and watering of shade and ornamental trees.

Course kits are mailed each enrollee and under supervision of the employing firm, the student proceeds with assignments at his own optimum pace. Each kit includes testing materials to be returned and graded by NAA.

Applications are available from NAA headquarters, 2011 Eye St., N.W., Washington, D. C. 20006.

## National Arborists Publish Tree Care Standards

A comprehensive statement of tree care standards has been published by the National Arborist Association. The NAA for the first time is making these available to the industry as a single publication.

Copies are available at \$4 for the complete set of four Standards which includes (1) pruning, (2) bracing, cabling and guying, (3) fertilizing, and (4) lightning protection in-



Norman W. Kramer

## Norm Kramer Suffers Fatal Heart Attack

Norman W. Kramer, golf course superintendent at Point O'Woods Golf and Country Club, Benton Harbor, Mich., died suddenly June 3 of a heart attack. He was 44.

Kramer had just completed a tenure as president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. During the past 13 years, Kramer shaped Point O'Woods into peak championship condition for the 1963 and 1965 Western Golf Association Amateur Championship tournaments. He was in the midst of preparing for the 1971 Western Amateur, which is being held on July 28 through August 1.

Kramer has been active as a member and leader in many local and regional turf and superintendents' organizations. When he left Illinois for Point O'Woods in 1959, he was vice president of the Midwest Golf Course Superintendents Association. Since his move to Michigan, he has served as director, vice president and president of the Western Michigan GCSA and the Michigan GCSA. He is past president of the Midwest Turf Foundation at Michigan State University.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy, and two teenage daughters, Lauri and Lynn, who reside in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

stallation systems. Copies of single standards remain available at \$1 each.

Freeman Parr, chairman of the association's standard practices committee, and a number of NAA arborists have recently completed an update of these standards which makes the new publication an asset to the industry.