



SOMETHING KEPT EATING the Eurasian watermilfoil that federal aquatic weed scientists at Gainesville, Fla., were trying to grow for laboratory observation. So destructive was the pest that they decided to switch attention from the plant to the pest. They learned that 25 larvae of the moth of the genus *Parapoynx* could destroy milfoil in a 15-gal. aquarium in three days. The insect is described as the almost unique member of the insect kingdom, whose larvae have gills and are entirely aquatic. Discovery of the Florida species, *P. allionealis*, has prompted entomologists of the Agricultural Research Service to conduct field trials to evaluate the practical usefulness of the insect as a biological control of milfoil.

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WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE CREDIT to the person for this report but don't know who he is. It seems a grounds manager was per-

plexed over why his stadium's new artificial turf was turning brown. Upon close inspection, he discovered it was being eaten by artificial chinch bugs.

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NO STICKY WICKET, said head groundsman Jim Fairbrother after a Toro Greensmaster had made its debut on Britain's foremost cricket field last season. Several national teams commented on the condition of Lords Cricket Ground. Highest acclaim came from South African cricket star Eddie Barlow. And when a South African player gives a compliment, Fairbrother said, you know you have a winner.

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ISRAEL DOES FIND TIME for things other than matching swords with the Arabs. Israeli scientists will study a parasite of scale insect pests under a USDA P.L. 480 grant. Entomologists at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, will collect, identify, and catalog species of the wasp, *Microterys*. The wasp parasitizes scale insects, pests of woody plants, such as cultivated fruits, ornamental trees, and shrubs. Objective of the research is to produce a taxonomic

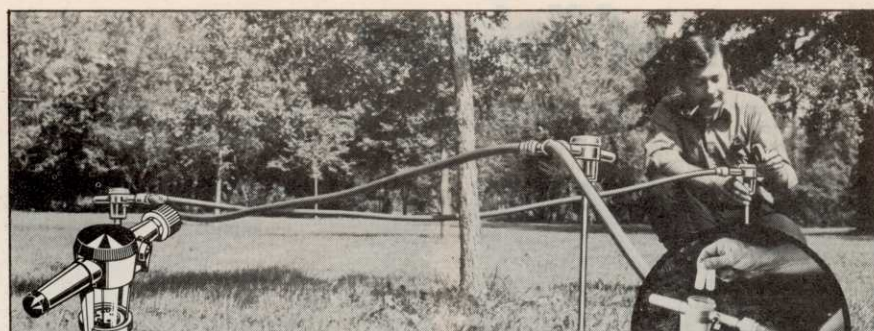
revision of *Microterys* occurring in Israel.

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