

out first obtaining a permit for removal. . . ."

Furthermore, a permit "shall not" be issued for tree removal unless, (1) the tree is located in the building area or a yard area where a structure or improvements may be placed and "unreasonably" restricts the permitted use of the property. (2) The tree is diseased; injured, in danger of falling, too close to existing or proposed structures, interferes with utility service, creates unsafe vision clearance, or conflicts with other ordinances or regulations.

Permits are to be reviewed by the Miami Building Dept., including field checks and referrals of applications to other departments or agencies as necessary to determine any adverse affect upon the general public welfare, adjacent properties or city services or facilities.

Mr. Seymour said that so far, the "Tree Bank" includes arrangements with the County and the various Municipalities to first, use the trees, or heel them in until they can be permanently planted.

The Bank is interested in all movable trees, but especially the live oaks which abound in the city. He said too, that the State Department of Transportation has expressed interest in using untold numbers of displaced trees in highway plantings.

Wood Bark Industry Now Organized

Use of wood bark as a natural mulch and soil conditioner to benefit the environment is the aim of a new national organization.

Named the National Bark Producers Association (NBPA), this group will represent the bark processors and marketers of the nation. It's principal objectives will be to increase the use of bark products, establish and maintain high industry standards, provide new research programs, and speak for the industry as a whole on important national issues.

According to recent soil and erosion experiments conducted by the State of Florida, wood bark is the most effective natural mulch and soil conditioner available. The Florida tests showed that pine bark mulch reduced plant shock during rapid temperature changes and was the only natural mulch tested that did not crust and harden. Pine bark retains more than two and a half times its weight in moisture and is virtually disease and weed free.

National Bark Producers Associa-

tion represents 20 member companies, whose sales amount to several hundred million dollars. In 1971, about 15 million tons of wood bark was generated by the wood and paper industries.

Transvaal Buys Herbicide Plant

Transvaal, Inc., an Arkansas based firm, has announced plans to produce phenoxy herbicides for commercial weed and brush control.

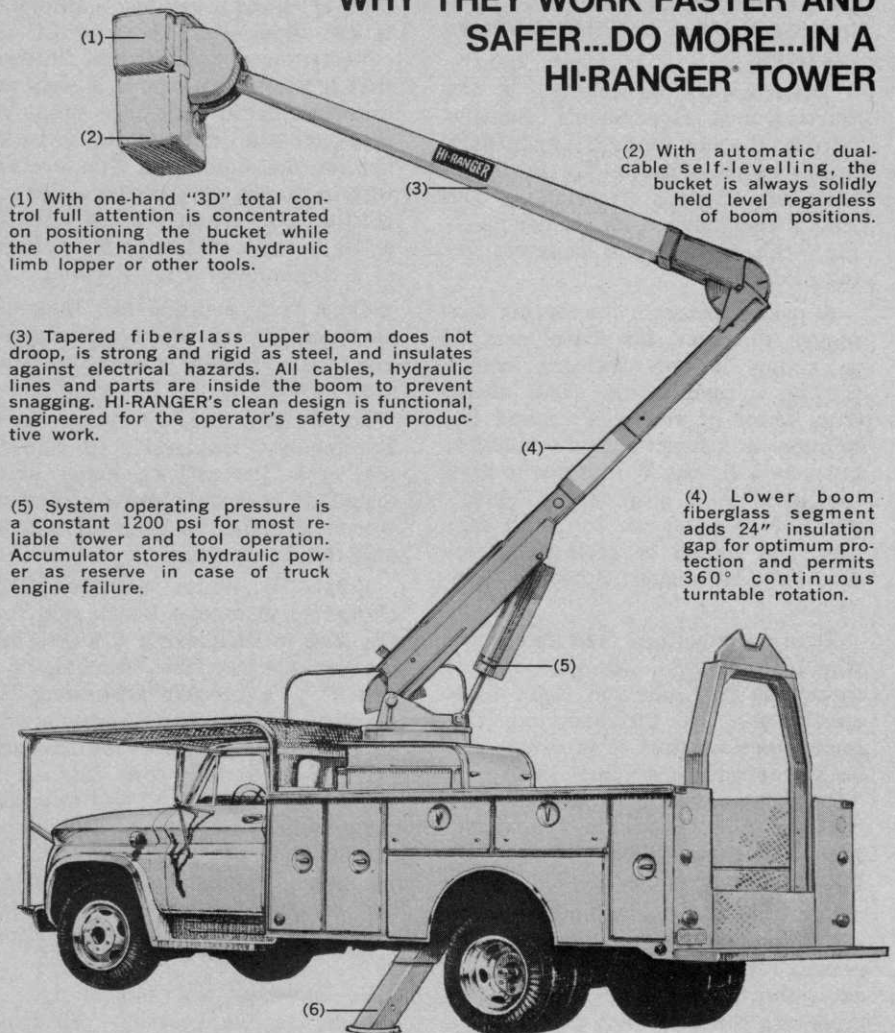
Production facilities for the new firm were previously owned by the

Hercules Company, Inc. Transvaal has purchased the plant, the production techniques and the use of the trademarks Brush-Rhap, Weed-Rhap, Propi-Rhap and Silvi-Rhap.

M. L. Wilkerson, Transvaal president said. "We plan to take basic chemicals and produce 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T. Our plant is capable of producing 8 million pounds annually. Once production begins, we plan to carry a work force of up to 60 personnel."

He pointed out that his firm is one of three producing phenoxy herbicides in the U.S. today.

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