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TRY BEER to rid slug problems, if you don't want to use pesticides. The only equipment you need is a flat pan and a goodly supply of the malt brew. Pour the beer in the pan. At night the slugs will venture out, head for the pan and try a few sips. Once they sample the brew they can't seem to struggle (or stagger) back out of the pan. The more stale the beer, the more the slugs seem to enjoy it.

SIBERIAN ELMS are being hit by a canker which so far has no cure. These trees are fast growing and are often found in shelterbelts and urban areas. The disease is not associated with Dutch Elm Disease. Dr. Jack D. Otta, South Dakota State University, says that there is no known cure for the disease. Developing a tree resistant to the disease appears to be the only solution as of now—and that is a long and difficult process.

FUMIGATION BY FOAM permits the use of 25 percent less chemical, reduces the possibility of pollution and saves labor. H. J. Braud of Louisiana State University mixed methyl bromide with foam, applied a four inch layer broadcast and saved \$75 per acre. He believes the total cost can be cut even further—perhaps in half. The foam last about three hours. The insulation traps solar heat and surface temperature under the foam climbs as high as 125 degrees F. This kills young weeds as well as nematodes.

WORLD'S LARGEST CARPET is at present spread over a sports ground in the southern sector of Vienna. Developed by the firm Bunzl & Biach in conjunction with landscape architects, it consists of rotproof synthetic material containing an appropriate distribution of grass seed. When exposed to sun and rain, the seed germinates and within a month or two forms a durable turf.

THE POPULATION EXPLOSION of flies can leave rabbits sitting on their cottontails. Progeny from a pair of flies mated in April, if all lived, would result in 191,010,000,000,000,000,000 (191 quintillion, 10 quadrillion) flies by August. If you figure one-eighth of a cubic inch per fly, this number would cover the earth 47 feet deep.

FORAM CHEMICAL COMPANY is marketing a new foam adjuvant

known as Chemfoam. A marketing team of specialists consisting of Byron C. Stark, Tom G. Dunn and Howard Rampy, Jr., are promoting foam as a means by which the applicator can substantially reduce drift and its damage. All were formerly with another Texas based firm. Rampy says that the company is service and technically oriented to market this new spraying concept.

WATER CONSUMED BY BRUSH and weeds is nearly 20 times as much water as all of the cities, industries and irrigation farmers in Texas use, according to J. Phil Campbell, Under Secretary of Agriculture, who spoke before a Texas audience. Excessive brush is a problem to all Texas water users. A 1964 survey showed that 88 million acres, or 82 percent of Texas grasslands, were infested with brush which was using an estimated 138 million acre-feet of water annually.

GYPSY MOTH STRIKES AGAIN. That's the word from Missouri where caterpillars and egg masses of gypsy moth were found for the first time at a mobile home park near Fayette. Officials said that the months were carried into the state on a mobile home from Connecticut. An emergency treatment program to prevent an infestation is underway.

GOLF COURSE DESIGN BROCHURE is a 20 page booklet prepared by Packard Inc., La Grange, Ill. for real estate groups and land

developers concerned with proper design and construction of quality golf courses. It discusses how proper hazard placement, green construction and traffic patterns add to golfers' maximum enjoyment and challenge. Packard shows how each hole should challenge the best players, yet not frustrate or penalize average golfers.

Algimycin PLL-C Algaecide Registered By EPA

A new algaecide that remains soluble over a wide pH range at use levels and will attack and destroy most of the strains of algae commonly found in lakes has been registered by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The new product is Algimycin PLL-C and is being introduced by Great Lakes Biochemical Co., Inc. of Milwaukee, Wisc. When used at recommended rates, it is not toxic to most common fresh water and tropical fish, desirable aquatic plants, animals, birds or pets.

Treated water may be used immediately for watering crops.

Algimycin PLL-C can be sprayed on the surface of the water with most spraying equipment, or injected on the bottom of the body of water being treated. It is most effective when applied directly to the algae growth.

The manufacturer cautions that bodies of water with heavy algae infestations should be treated in sections.

COW MANURE vs. MILK

In spite of the spiraling cost of food and vegetables, milk continues to be an economical source of energy and vitamins, says the American Dairy Association. As an example, the average consumer in the state of Pennsylvania pays about 16 cents a pound for cow's milk in an average supermarket. Consumers in other states have bought milk for as low as 9½ cents a pound. In contrast to this, tomatoes in April cost 59 cents a pound and a 15 ounce can of peaches cost 35 cents.

While all this leaves the dairy farmer wringing his hands to pay bills, other enterprising farm managers are finding a way to make greater returns from Bossy. They've found that manure from the old girl has a greater use than the familiar agricultural shoe polish. Cow manure can be sold at a profit. And guess what? Going price in the Harrisburg area for dried cow manure in five pound bags is 19.8 cents a pound, or 3.8 cents more per pound than fresh, wholesome milk in area supermarkets.

Kind of makes us wonder if the farmer has had his hands on the wrong set of equipment all this time. The tail end appears to be the most profitable end—for the Green Industry.