

# —insect report—

## TURF INSECTS

### RHODESGRASS SCALE (*Artonina Graminis*)

ARIZONA: Heavy in some Bermuda grass lawns in Salt River Valley, Maricopa County.

### BLUEGRASS BILLBUG (*Sphenophorus Parvulus*)

NEBRASKA: One bluegrass sod field near Omaha, Douglas County, with 86 adults and 3 larvae in 5 square feet noted.

### GRANULATE CUTWORM (*Feltia subterranea*)

OKLAHOMA: Heavy in experimental bentgrass plot in Payne County.

### NORTHERN MASKED CHAFER (*Cyclocephala borealis*)

OHIO: Larvae common in fairway turf of Wayne County golf course.

## INSECTS OF ORNAMENTALS

### LACE BUG (*Stephanitis takeyai*)

PENNSYLVANIA: Adults collected from 8 *Pieris* sp. September 6 at a small nursery in Berwick, Columbia County. This is a new county record.

### GREEN PEACH APHID (*Myzus persicae*)

SOUTH CAROLINA: Heavy on terminal branches of

ornamental cherry plants in Anderson County nursery. Caused considerable curling of leaves.

### FLORIDA WAX SCALE (*Ceroplastes floridensis*)

SOUTH CAROLINA: Moderate on hemlocks at Anderson County nursery. Damage light, controls planned.

## TREE INSECTS

### VARIABLE OAKLEAF CATERPILLAR (*Heterocampa manto*)

ARKANSAS: Heavy populations did not develop in 1972 as during past two years. Species apparently returned to more normal pattern. MISSOURI: Ornamental oaks defoliated in spots around cities in southeast area. Light feeding seen on wild oak.

### MIMOSA WEBWORM (*Homadaula anisifoliella*)

OKLAHOMA: Light on mimosa in Morrison, Noble County. This is a new county record.

### ELM LEAF BEETLE (*Pyrrhalta luteola*)

ARIZONA: Almost completely defoliated Chinese elms in Prescott area of Yavapai County. COLORADO: Larvae and adults of second generation caused severe defoliation of Chinese elms in Mesa, Delta, and Montrose Counties. GEORGIA: Caused heavy damage to elms in Houston County.

### FALL WEBWORM (*Hyphantria cunea*)

TENNESSEE: Caused heavy defoliation of hardwood trees in Davidson and surrounding counties. NEW MEXICO: Heavily damaged many shade trees in Dona Ana County. Larvae moved into houses and became nuisance.

### TWIG GIRDLER (*Oncideres cingulata*)

OREGON: Appears much heavier in northwest area than in past years.



The Virginia Turfgrass Council presented a check for \$1,000 to Virginia Tech for use in furthering turf management programs in the department of agronomy. The check was presented to James E. Martin, left, dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences by Earl H. Odell, right, secretary-treasurer of the Virginia Turfgrass Council. Donor is J. L. Kidwell, center, council president and president of the J. L. Kidwell Landscape Corp.

## Grounds Management Society Announces News Officers

In an unprecedented election of the Professional Grounds Management Society, president J. Paul Barefoot, vice president Allen W. Hartley and treasurer Charles L. Hall, Jr. were re-elected. Election results were announced at the 58th annual meeting of the Society in Washington, D. C.

According to Robert C. LaGasse, executive director, the re-election of President Barefoot reflects the trust and confidence of the entire membership in the outstanding work of its officers in realigning the organization to service the needs of professional grounds managers throughout the nation.

Barefoot, in his installation address, stressed the need for continued efforts to unify and produce a single voice for the industry that can be heard across the nation calling for an upgrading of the profession, public recognition of the profession's contribution to society, and overall improvements of man's environment through better care and maintenance practices.