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The sequel to Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring" may well be "Naked Forest" if gypsy moth numbers are not brought under control. This cavorting caterpillar has stripped and defoliated more than a million acres of woodland each year for more than the last four years. This year was no exception. An estimated 1,361,500 acres in nine northeastern states were mauled by moth larvae. This was a drop of about 600,000 acres from the 1971 defoliation figure. Additionally the moth got the travel bug and wound up being sited for the first time in Iowa, Tennessee and West Virginia.

Wait three days before beginning the job. That's the best advice coming out of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. The court has upheld a Federal Reserve Board regulation under the Truth-In-Lending Act. The American Association of Nurserymen have boiled down the legalese to a few short sentences. According to AAN, a landscape firm which starts to perform a landscaping contract during the first three days does so at its own risk. The buyer can cancel the contract and tell the seller to come and get his plant material. If the seller doesn't come and get it within 10 days, the buyer can keep it. It might be a good idea to get a copy of the Act before the snow melts on next year's business.

While many USDA officials are still coloring the "Green Industry" a cool green, the National Agricultural Chemicals Association has selected a distinctive forest green color in its new board of directors. Elected from member companies were: Elton L. Clark, Rhodia, Inc.; Jack G. Copeland, Jr., Hercules, Inc.; K. Ross Ritzsimmons, Shell Chemical; Lionel Hart, NOR-AM Agricultural Products, Inc.; John Kilsheimer, O.M. Scott and Sons; Robert S. Kirk, Kirsto Company; A. Malcolm McVie, Elanco Products; Robert Naegele, Dow Chemical; Edward C. O'Connor, Kerr-McGee; and John C. Tapas, Velsicol Chemical.

AUNTIE POLLUTION is a new magazine for school-age children. Purpose is "to give youngsters the chance to explore the environment the way they want it explored." Material will be written by young people for young people. Here's a chance to let that young journalist in the family write about the business (es) of the "Green Industry."

Twenty-three companies have requested a hearing on the proposed order to cancel most uses of Aldrin and Dieldrin. They charge that there is no substantial question of the safety to man or the environment in the use of these environmental protection chemicals. They also submit that no reasonable substitutes for them exist, particularly for soil application for corn, citrus and termites.

Federal Highway Administration and the auto industry will eventually make highways safer. In addition to shock-absorbing bumpers sported by a few autos, energy-absorbing crash barriers are proving to be highly effective life savers. Technically known as impact attenuators, these barriers are placed in front of immovable objects which cannot be eliminated from the roadside. Be on the lookout for water-filled plastic cylinders and metal drums known as "Texas barrels," all designed to absorb energy and minimize damage to vehicles and occupants. All are part of President Nixon's intensified highway safety campaign.