

Editorial

Meeting the issues confronting the Green Industry continues as the greatest challenge facing every reader of this magazine. Issues such as FEPCA, OSHA, pollutions of noise, air, water, and energy drains must become centerstage in the thinking of Green Industry leaders. Indeed, solutions to these issues can only be found through concentrated cooperation by every individual.

Will we sit idly by while uninformed politicians decide who in the industry may spray environmental protection chemicals and which ones and when? Will we have to justify to a judge the need to operate a chain saw or a chipper in a residential area during a specific hour of the day? Have we as an industry blindly accepted the Occupational Safety and Health Act as being too big, too all encompassing and too dominant as a law to lobby, legislate and change into a workable, acceptable body of rules?

Not caring, not being concerned enough in plotting the course of the Green Industry in the future denotes only our interest in the material things of the present.

On the positive side, certain accomplishments by Green Industry organizations must be recognized as significant achievements. In this issue,

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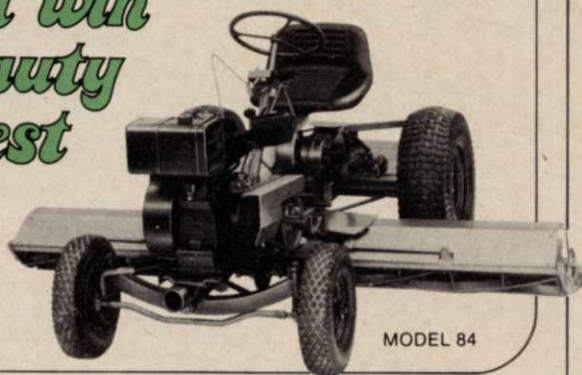
for example, leading organizations and associations have listed three major objectives met by their members this year. They have also published what they consider as goals to achieve in 1974.

Likewise, in November, leaders representing major Green Industry organizations met in Cleveland to discuss formation of a Green Industry Council. This group would act as the united voice for the industry in matters concerning the Federal Environmental Pesticide Control Act and other Federal legislation which has industry-wide implications.

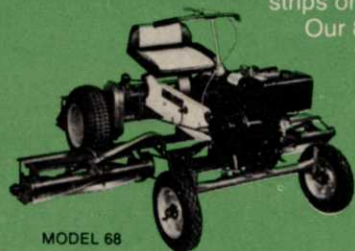
We believe that efforts by Green Industry organizations have been worthy. Their action denotes action. Member involvement has created a magnetic attraction to involve the non-doer. But in a larger sense, the prime goal of every organization in this dynamic industry must be towards increased participation in meeting the great issues confronting the industry as a whole.

We are a cohesive industry, built out of the needs and wants of individuals. The issues of 1974 demand more attention by every individual. Complacency must be replaced by effective action. Our strength in the future will derive from a closer identification of what we may lose should our tools be taken away.

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