# -insect report-

# INSECTS OF ORNAMENTALS

# MEALYBUG

(Conchaspis angraeci) FLORIDA: Adults collected from umbrella tree (Grassia actinophylla) at nursery in Gainesville, Alachua County, September 18. This is a new county record.

# GEOMETRID MOTH

(Thysanopyga intractata)

VIRGINIA: Larvae heavily damaged American holly in four counties, Northumberland, Prince George, Hanover, and Westmorland. These are new county records.

#### OAK LEAFTIER

## (Croesia albicomana)

WEST VIRGINIA: Egg survey for 1972 showed decrease since previous years. Expect 300,000 acres will sustain negligible to moderate defoliation in Pocahontas and Greenbrier County area.

#### ARMORED SCALE

#### (Lecanodiaspis pruninosa)

NEBRASKA: Survey of 5 Lincoln area (Lancaster County) parks indicated light to severe infestations on honey locust, hackberry, and American elm.

## TREE INSECTS

#### NANTUCKET PINE TIP MOTH (Rhyacionia frustrana)

VIRGINIA: Unusually severe damage reported to pine plantations and yard trees in Portsmouth area, Nanse-mond County during week of November 24. FLORIDA: Pupae heavy on 132 loblolly pine trees, *Pinus taeda*, at Gainesville, Alachua County November 10.

## ORANGESTRIPED OAKWORM

(Anisota senatoria)

NEW JERSEY: Larvae completely defoliated several thousand acres of oaks in southern Ocean County. Present each summer in small scattered spots, this is largest single infestation ever noted in State.

# OBSCURE SCALE

#### (Melanaspis obscura)

KANSAS: Heavy on bur oaks near Wichita, Sedgwick County. Overwintering nymphs averaged 400+ per square inch, many twigs and branches dead.

#### FALL WEBWORM

# (Hyphantria cunea)

NEW MEXICO: Damage heavy on many shade trees in most of state. Larvae, a nuisance around households.

## FOREST TENT CATERPILLAR

(Malacosoma disstria)

KENTUCKY: Larval defoliation 100 percent on some oak trees in Hopkins and McLean Counties. Increased defoli-ation expected. PENNSYLVANIA: Egg mass and first instar larvae found on sugar maple in Somerset County. Many sugar maples showing dead branches and limbs due to damage of mast two years due to damage of past two years.

# BENEFICIAL INSECTS

## HONEY BEE

## (Apis mellifera)

NORTH DAKOTA: Honey production by commercial apiaries (300 or more colonies) totaled 7,192,000 pounds in 1972; a 70-percent increase from 1971. This represents In 1972, a to-percent increase from 1971. This represent the percent above for colonies and yield per colony. Colonies totaled 58,000, five percent above 1971; an average yield of 124 pounds per colony is 61 percent above the average yield in 1971. Late summer rains resulted in good honey flow from sunflower and other late blooms.

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