

LETTERS

Your December issue arrived today and needless to say, I am most disappointed that you failed to list the Florida Turf-Grass Association Annual Meeting. We are an organization, one of only 6 in the country, which encompasses the entire turf industry, not just sod, turf, seed or golf courses.

Our last Conference and Show was held October 16-19, 1977 in Orlando. We had 125 booths representing over 60 national manufacturers and over 750 turf managers came from all over the United States and several foreign countries to attend. We are the largest warm season grass conference and show in the world.

It seems that the damage is already done and since the listing will not appear until next December and our Annual Conference and Show will be in October, I would hope that you will see fit to list our meeting in some future issue.

The 1978 meeting is scheduled for October 15 - 18, 1978 at the Sheraton Towers Hotel, Orlando, Florida.

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We apologize for the oversight. As I said in the December editorial, some mistakes were inevitable. It's unfortunate that such a major meeting was left out. Let me assure you that the 1979 Directory of Trade Shows will include the Florida Turfgrass Association's meeting.

I took note of your October issue, "Trees in the City." Since I have been involved with the treatment of tree ailments for nearly 50 years, I have a strong feeling there is a wide field in the artistic topping of trees.

Ever since the awareness of the usefulness of fast-growing trees, there has been the awareness of the need to keep them within bounds. Most of the topping treatment of trees today is done from the bucket of a snorkel truck. Nevertheless, too many trees in the eastern United States are overextended to the point of dieback.

When the arborist operator demonstrates to the tree owner that

he can cut the owner's cherished old hard maple 10 feet, and do it artistically (where the cut is obscured by other foliage and the completed tree top is as symmetrical as the neatly trimmed bush at the door-

step) then, I think attention to the care of trees will show more impetus.

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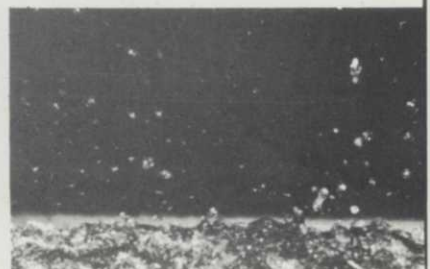
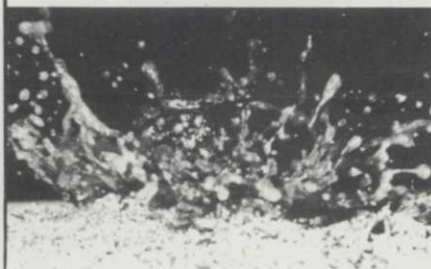
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