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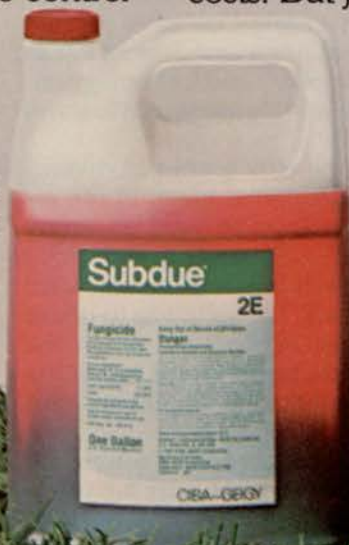
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OUTLOOK

By Bruce F. Shank, Executive Editor

Urban forestry may shift to arborist

Never has the tree care market been in such a volatile position. A potential cutback in urban forestry funding will place huge responsibility on the shoulders of commercial arborists in the 80's.

It is possible the full weight of regional tree emergencies, reforestation and maintenance of both public and private urban trees will fall on the commercial arborist within the next five years. The question is whether a market that has not experienced rapid growth in the past decade will be able to take on the load as quickly as it must.

Richard Pardo, director of programs for the American Forestry Association, warns the outlook for Forest Service state and private assistance programs is grim, with a budget cut of 25 percent proposed for 1983. In the March issue of *American Forests* Pardo writes, "Funding (in FY '83) for urban forestry and technology implementation will be eliminated, and planning assistance to states will be reduced by almost two-thirds."

Although the Forest Service is not the only source of government funding to tree programs, it has supplied much of the research we now use and was planning to push hard on urban forestry prior to the cuts.

All this comes at a time when research into low maintenance trees and tree health is starting to pay off. The solutions to urban stresses on trees are being found just at the time when the financial plug may be pulled. It therefore becomes the task of the commercial arborist to educate the public and implement this new technology.

The commercial arborist already has a portion of municipal tree work. Larger arborists have made this type of work top priority, along with right of way clearance. But the cities they work for are going by Forest Service recommendations to a great degree. The Agricultural Extension Service agent occasionally fills in where the Forest Service misses. But the Extension Service may also experience cutbacks equal to the Forest Service.

The landscape architect may find his advise needed more in the 80's by municipalities seeking to revitalize older neighborhoods where original plantings have faded by insect, disease, and construction related losses. But much of the advise required will be for jobs too small to warrant a landscape architect's fee.

Some large cities have the advantage of a city forester. Smaller cities in the suburbs will have the greatest need for the commercial arborist's help.

It would be wise for the arborist to get acquainted with landscape architects in their area who have done municipal plans before. LA's have regular contact with landscape contractors, but not arborists. The arborist must educate the architect to his superior capability regarding urban tree maintenance. Arborists who have shunned planting for the more attractive maintenance business, might consider limited planting to meet the needs of city tree programs.

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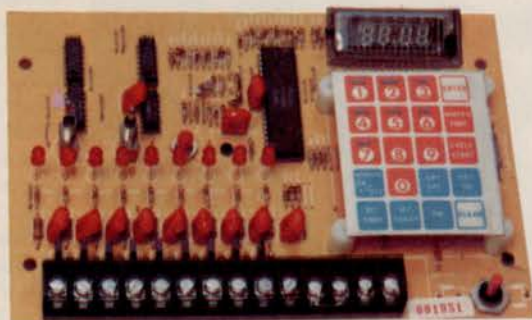
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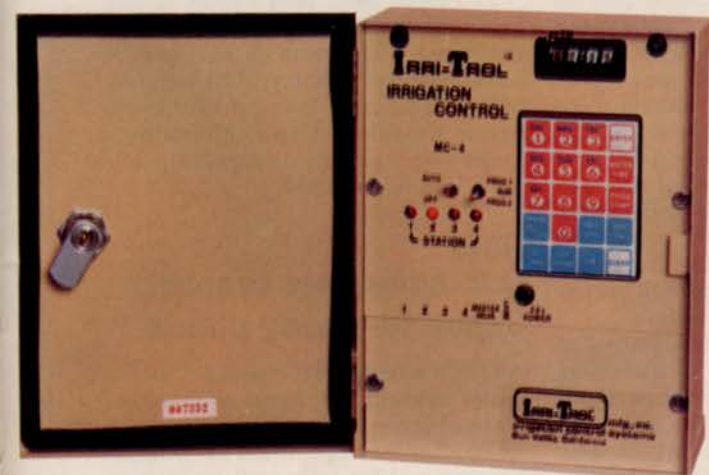
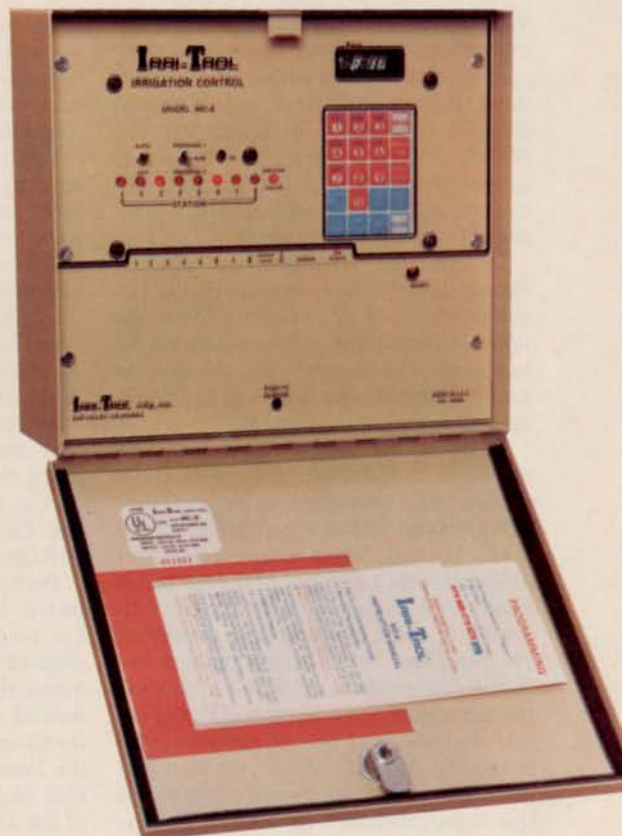
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Purdue hosts MRTA conference



Bill Lyons and Harry Wilcox met at MRTA Lyons' traditional conference cheese bar

Turf managers from Indiana and adjacent states took three days out of their spring schedules to gather at the Midwest Regional Turf Conference at Purdue University in Lafayette, IN. Nearly 450 association members and guests listened to a full program of speeches, traded information and caught up on industry news.

Dr. Marion Baumgardner opened the seminars with an update on the latest methods in monitoring land use with multispectral scanners located on satellites. He started the conference with a look into the future of land conservation and management.

Bringing the session back down to earth, Dr. A.J. Powell of the University of Kentucky gave the first in a number of anecdotal lectures on turf management. His talk began a theme that prevailed among a number of the speeches given: turf managers must have confidence in their training and expertise. He described the inherent tension between the uneducated golfer's high expectations for the course and the physical limitations of the experienced turf manager. Powell observed that the pressure exerted by clients often sways the superintendent to turn to expensive convenience products with a preventative purpose that is not always needed. Powell encouraged the ex-

perts to use their training and experience in recognizing the need for certain treatments rather than spending time and money on unnecessary products and activities.

Setting quality goals for greens according to the type player that uses it will prevent the superintendent or owner from creating a course that requires more nitrogen application and maintenance than is possible within the financial constraints of the players. Pointing this out, Dr. John Hall of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, said this limitation should be taken into account when balancing the level of nitrogen that can be afforded for golf greens, along with the species of grass, the age of the green, the mowing frequency and the length of the growing season and the source of the nitrogen.

Participants in the golf audience also heard Dr. Reed Funk, from Rutgers University, on the improved performance of fine and tall fescues and other new cultivars. Purdue's Dean Mosdell, described the trail of nitrogen from fertilizer to forms usable by plants, and the losses involved from leaching, erosion and crop removal. James Vaccaro of the Dow Chemical Co., gave a thorough outline of techniques for optimum protection when working with pesticides. Howard Kaerwer of Northrup-

King Co., discussed the logistics of seed production and promotion.

A concurrent session on lawn care covered the selection of sources of nitrogen for liquid lawn care with Richard Rathjens of the Davey Tree Co., and observations on nitrogen sources from Jim Mello of Nice 'N Green. Dr. Ray Freeborg of Purdue, discussed his research on preemergence herbicides and growth regulators. The lawn care seminars ended with a panel discussion with Jeff Lefton of Chemlawn, A.J. Powell, Dr. Daniel Potter of University of Kentucky and John Hall.

Separate sessions on athletic turf and public golf course management were offered on Tuesday. John Souter of Stirling, Scotland brought word of his success with a technique of soil warming using subterranean warm water pipes. Dr. Bill Daniel of Purdue, shared his research accomplishments in drainage and the Enka-Mat synthetic turf base.

The association paid tribute to Bill Lyons of Canal Fulton, OH, for the many years and ideas he has contributed to the turf industry, at its banquet. MRTA also took the opportunity to honor president Gene Johanningsmeier and welcome next year's president, Kim Mullendore.

TREES

U.S. scientists search Japan for hardy plants

An Ohio scientist is preparing to lead a group through the forest and coastal areas of Japan in an exhaustive search for hardier species of trees. Dr. Makoto Kawase and his team will be looking for varieties of woody trees and shrubs with potential for introduction in the U.S.

The exploration will take place on the island of Hokkaido, the site of similar more limited earlier expeditions.

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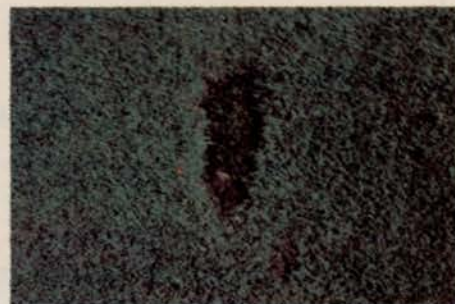


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Joining Kawase on the trip, will be S.G. March, a supervisory horticulturist for the U.S. National Arboretum in Washington D.C. and Frederick G. Meyer of the National Arboretum's Herbarium.

INSECTS

Greenbug overwintering confirmed by Niemczyk

Greenbug eggs located last November in Dayton and Cincinnati, OH, have

proven to be viable when placed at room temperature in March, according to turf entomologist Harry Niemczyk of the Ohio Agricultural Research and



Harry Niemczyk

Development Center, Wooster, OH.

Previously known to overwinter in Kentucky, Niemczyk and others speculated (WTT, June 80) that the eggs

overwintered or the adult migrated northward. Both eggs and turf plugs containing eggs were brought indoors by Niemczyk in March to test for viability. In both cases, the eggs hatched quickly. This confirms the speculation that the egg overwinters and does not migrate.

Large numbers of greenbug eggs (*Schizaphis graminum*) have been found on lawns in the Dayton and Cincinnati area. Further details on this finding will appear in June *Weeds Trees & Turf*.

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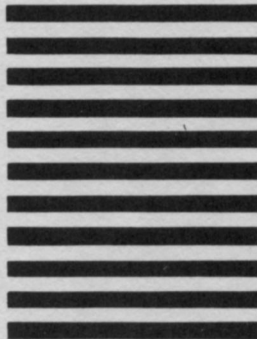
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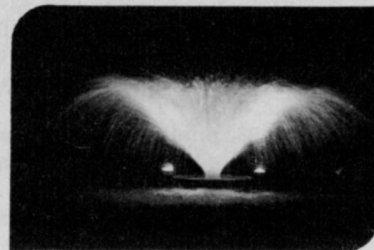
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The 1982 publication features articles on golf course drainage problems by F.J. Palecek, market manager of Advanced Drainage Systems, Columbus, OH; weed control by Dr. Paul Sprinkle, agronomist for Monsanto Agricultural Products Co., St. Louis, MO; and the story of the National Golf Foundation by Executive Director Don Rossi.

For a free copy write: Golf Course Builders of America, Suite 638, 1001 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, DC 20036.

Career center teaches course maintenance

The Wilco Area Career Center, Romeoville, IL, believes in giving their students hands-on experience in their courses. When they decided to start a horticulture program with emphasis on turf care and golf course maintenance, it was only natural to build their own horticulture training facility on a few acres of open field behind the center. In two years the resulting facility included a 12-ft. deep pond, two nurseries (valued at \$10,000), 16 turf test plots, a tractor driving range and a three-hole golf course.

Students in the Wilco Horticulture Program receive practical training in the operation of over 30 pieces of maintenance equipment. "What we have here is a program heavy in skill development and light in textbook work," said David Manning, horticulture instructor. Seventy-six students are presently enrolled in the horticulture program. They are taught the basic entry-level skills needed in the horticulture industry with an emphasis on turf care and golf course maintenance. After being certified by the center (in a one- or two-year program), graduates move on to full-time employment or advanced educational training.

According to Assistant Director Lyle Honnold, the Wilco Center is supported by local, state and federal funds. The program costs the students nothing. The golf course itself was constructed by the Wadsworth Co., Plainfield, IL, with much of the labor and equipment provided at no charge. A \$7000 manual irrigation system was installed and \$2000 worth of grass seed planted on the three-hole layout. Students took part by helping to clear and refine the area. The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents loaned some maintenance equipment. One valuable piece of equipment, a used five-gang mower and tractor, was donated by a local superintendent.

The golf course has turned out to be a public relations asset to the career center. Players are given an honorary membership card for golf and fishing privileges at the Wilco Area Career Center Land Laboratory and are asked to give "continued support of vocational education." Wilco's bag tags and scorecards also inform the players that they are playing on a "student developed, maintained and operated golf course."

"We've spent the last four years further developing each aspect of the horticulture program so that every pupil is given a practical, hands-on training experience," said Manning. "The program goes year-round now with several of our students now employed on golf maintenance crews, in nurseries and in greenhouses."

In the future, Manning and his assistant James Phelps want to vary the maintenance practices on different holes (and add some more) and expand the nursery operation. In these endeavors the students will be guided by Manning and Phelps and a 20-plus member Horticulture-Agriculture Advisory Council.

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PESTICIDES

Pesticide breakdown may lessen effectiveness

Studies are now showing that insect resistance may not always be the reason that some pesticides lose their effectiveness over time. According to Alan Felsot of the University of Illinois, erratic performance may occur because the pesticide is broken down by enzyme or microbial activity.

"We think that certain microbial organisms in the soil are able to use the pesticide as an energy source," explained Felsot. With the chemical as an additional source of energy, the microbes thrive and multiply rapidly. Consequently, the more pesticide that is added to the soil, the faster it is degraded.

Reports have been made of the herbicide Eradicane and the insecticide diazinon breaking down quickly once applied to the soil. These problems seem to occur primarily in soils with a pH above 7. Yet, scientists cannot accurately predict what types of soils foster this reaction.

Controlled release chemical formulations and rotation of chemical classes may remedy the situation. Chemical extenders are also effective in keeping pesticides in the soil longer in the laboratory. Scientists must discover the specific causal organisms or enzymes before the problem can be fully solved.

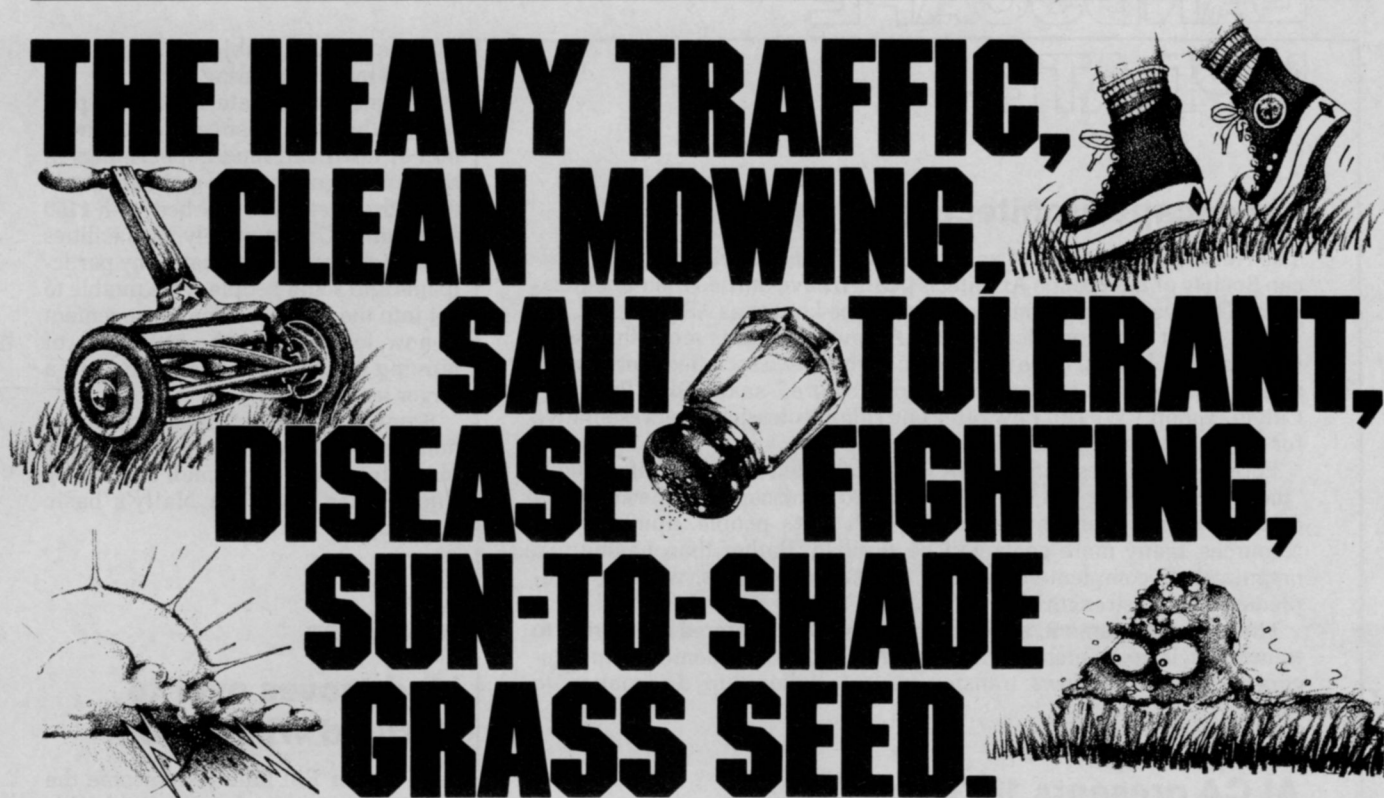
TURF

NY landscape conference a hit

A one-day conference held by the Professional Turf and Landscape Association in Nyack, NY was a tremendous success according to Dan Antonecchia, the liaison officer. The meeting featured 76 trade exhibitors as well as a program

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LANDSCAPE UPDATE

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Landscape architects join forces

The American Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) and the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) have unified their organizations. The two organizations together will be known as ASLA.

As a result of the unification ASLA now represents more than 6000 landscape architects. "The unification of these two societies represents a major step forward for landscape architecture," said ASLA President Calvin Bishop. "We can now offer one solid professional representative for all landscape architects."

Former AILA President Robert Cardoza added that the unification is "the best thing that has ever happened to landscape architecture—an action that has been long overdue. With more people, numbers and resources, many more goals will be reached. Rather than having two organizations complementing each other's weaknesses, we'll be complementing our strengths."

Under the agreement, all AILA members were offered the option to transfer their membership to ASLA in the equivalent membership category. All AILA Fellows transferred their fellowship designation to ASLA.

ALCA presents 10 Grand Awards

The Associated Landscape Contractors of America (ALCA) presented its 1981 Environmental Improvement Awards at its annual meeting in Palm Springs, CA. Ten Grand Awards in six categories were presented.

Interior Installation: (1) Interior Landscape Design, San Jose, CA, for San Francisco Executive Park; and (2) Tropical Plant Rentals, Prairie View, IL, for Town Square Mall. *Commercial Landscape Contracting:* (1) Century Landscape Contractors, Agoura, CA, for UCLA Westwood Plaza South Mall and Parking Terrace; and (2) Chapel Valley Landscape Co., Woodbine, MD, for Mobil Marketing and Refining Headquarters. *Design/Build:* (1) Allen Keesen Landscape, Denver, CO, for The Kooi Residence; and (2) Alley Pond Nurseries, Melville, NY, for The Boroff Residence. *Intiorscape Maintenance:* The Plant Place, Philadelphia, PA, for Philadelphia Stock Exchange Building Atrium. *Landscape Maintenance:* Brickman Industries, Trevose, PA, for E.R. Squibb and Sons Headquarters. *Residential Landscape Contracting:* (1) Schlick Landscaping, Greenlawn, NY, for The Fasano Residence; and (2) Green Brothers Landscape Co., Smyrna, GA, for The McGee Residence.

In addition the Grand Awards, ALCA presented 13 Merit Awards and 12 Awards of Distinction.

Four grab NLA Superior Awards

The National Landscape Association handed out four Superior Awards and eight Certificates of Merit at its 12th Annual Residential Landscape Awards Program held at the Landscape/Garden Center Management Clinic in Louisville, KY.

There was one Superior Award winner in each of four categories. *Single Family Residence:* Theodore Brickman Co., Long Grove, IL. *Entrance:* Dundee Nursery and Landscaping Co., Plymouth, MN. *Active Use:* Alley Pond Nurseries, Melville, NY. *Passive Use:* Green Brothers Landscape Co., Smyrna, GA.

Certificates of Merit were presented to: Oakland Nursery, Columbus, OH, GWSM, Pittsburgh, PA; Steven Dubner Landscaping, Dix Hills, NY; and Green Brothers Landscaping Co., Smyrna, GA (5).

that dealt with subjects from lawn management to pruning.

Designed to update interested persons in the maintenance and construction of lawn and landscape settings in residential, commercial and park situations, the event was mobbed with 1150 attendants. Unfortunately, the facilities could not accomodate that many participants and some people were unable to get into the sessions. The management is now looking into the possibility of moving next year's conference to a larger location.

Some of the most popular educational sessions were those on bedding plants by Ann Reilly, small engines by Bud Muser and Tom Nally's basic landscaping talk.

TURFGRASS

Lind moves over to Garfield Williamson

Seed broker Bill Lind has become the business manager for Garfield Williamson Co., a supplier of turfgrass and lawncare products for professional and retail accounts in the Northeast. In this position, Lind is responsible for finan-



Bill Lind

cial planning, operations and general business.

Formerly with John Zuelzer & Sons, Lind is a graduate of State University of New York Agricultural and Technical School and a veteran of the Marine Corps.

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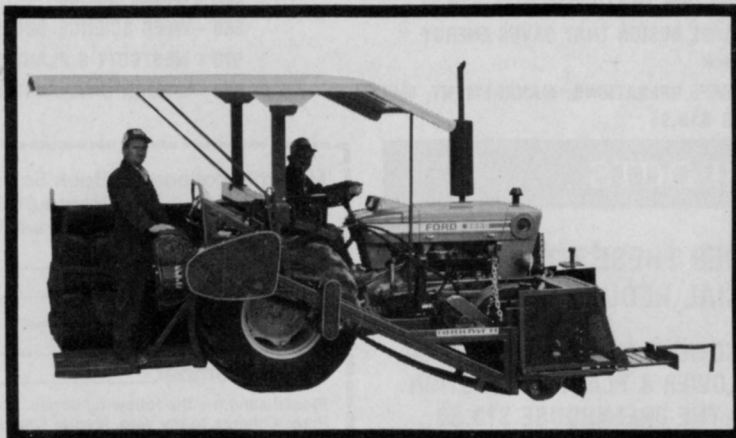
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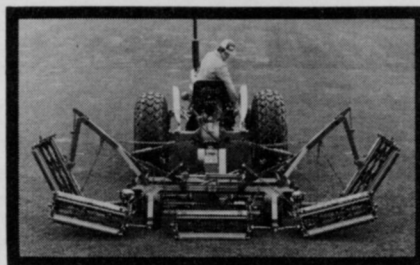


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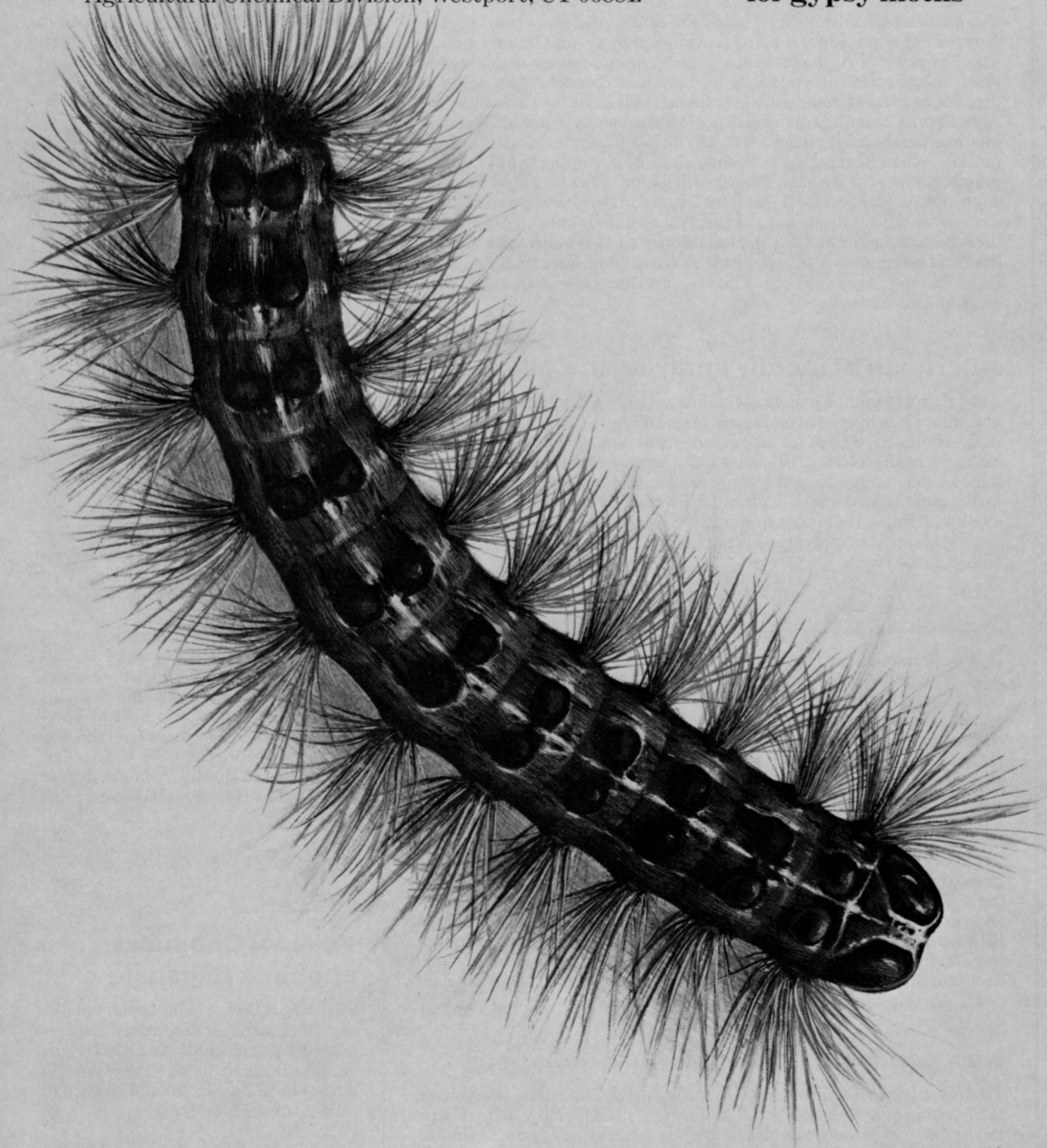
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GOVERNMENT

UPDATE

BY WILLIAM HOFFMAN

Extension service future under review

The mission of the Extension Service, the educational arm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is being reevaluated by several federal groups. The Secretary of Agriculture has appointed an advisory committee to make specific recommendations on how best Extension can serve in times of increasing competition for the tax dollar. At the same time, the Agriculture Committee of the House of Representatives started oversight hearings for the same reason—the first look at the entire cooperative extension system (federal, state, county) since its beginning in 1914. While initial testimony at the committee meetings and at the oversight hearings echoed strong support for the present Extension Service there was an undercurrent that, in these times of short funds and trouble among the nation's farmers and ranchers, the top priority was to return the system to the rural community and away from the urban and suburban programs began in the last decade or so. Final reports from both groups should be on hand late this year.

Aftermath of medfly spraying in California

More than \$10 million in damage claims have been filed against the state of California in the use of malathion to control the Medfly last year. Most of the claims have been for automobile paint damage but many are also claiming health effects. The state did a survey of hospital emergency rooms inside and outside the spray area and found no indications that health complaints increased during the spraying. They are interested in studies of long-term effects in the San Francisco Bay area where there were as many as 15 sprayings, but the California legislature has refused to authorize the funds.

Pesticides uses for nursery industry delayed

In the January issue, I reported that the Environmental Protection Agency, working with the American Association of Nurserymen, National Forest Products Association and the Society of American Florists, had developed a system that would give the nursery industry quicker access to many of the new pesticides. EPA proposed that certain uses of pesticides registered for use on food crops and used on non-food nursery sites would not be inconsistent with the labeling even though the sites were not on the labeling.

The Association of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO), representing the state regulatory agencies, opposed this plan. AAPCO was concerned that it would result in the breakdown of the legal soundness of the label and would be very difficult to enforce. They also felt that the nursery industry had not made use of state local need (24-c) registrations to obtain the needed pesticides. In light of this vigorous opposition, EPA withdrew its backing but agreed to publish the plan in the Federal Register for all to comment on. It will be late summer this year before any decisions are made so the industry will have to use appropriately labeled pesticides this growing season.

New pesticides laboratory in New Jersey

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection announced the opening of a 25,000-sq. ft. laboratory and office facility to deal with environmental problems in the field of pesticides and toxic substances. The laboratory, located in suburban Trenton, was made possible through a three year grant from EPA. It is equipped with the latest in chemical instrumentation and will offer its analytical capabilities to federal, state and local agencies.

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EQUIPMENT

Turnbull named to Toro board

Dale W. Turnbull has been made the tenth member of the Toro Company's board of directors. President of Towmotor Corporation and vice president of Caterpillar Tractor Company, he will serve in this position until Decem-



Dale W. Turnbull

ber of 1982, when he will stand for election at the annual meeting.

Turnbull joined Caterpillar as a trainee after graduating from Kansas State University in 1950. He then held a series of sales and marketing positions before becoming a president of Towmotor in 1977. Two years later, he was elected vice president of Caterpillar. Towmotor is a subsidiary of Caterpillar which manufacture Caterpillar lift trucks.

CHEMICAL

Velsicol Chemical appoints Ragsdale

Silas Ragsdale has been appointed district sales manager of the northwest region of Velsicol Chemical Corp.'s Agricultural Business Sales Group. He will cover North Dakota, South Dakota and north Minnesota from his base in Fargo, ND.

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CANDLESTICK PARK, A COMMUNICATION DILEMMA

By KENT W. KURTZ



Candlestick Park's natural field in 1980. Kezar Stadium (inset), the predecessor to Candlestick.

During the National Football League playoff games in January, the media cursed and praised the natural grass playing surface in San Francisco's Candlestick Park. Controversy is not new to Bay Area playing surfaces for back in the days when the San Francisco Forty Niners played their home games in old Kezar Stadium, the turf or absence thereof, was cursed and discussed. Kezar Stadium, a city owned facility, has traditionally been plagued with over-use problems since it is used by colleges and high schools for athletic events.

Kezar Stadium's doom was

sealed back in the early 70's when complaints out-ran the offense. In most years the only turf surface consisted of overseeded annual rye-grass and during damp weather or following rain, the glossy, slippery surface attributed to poor footing.

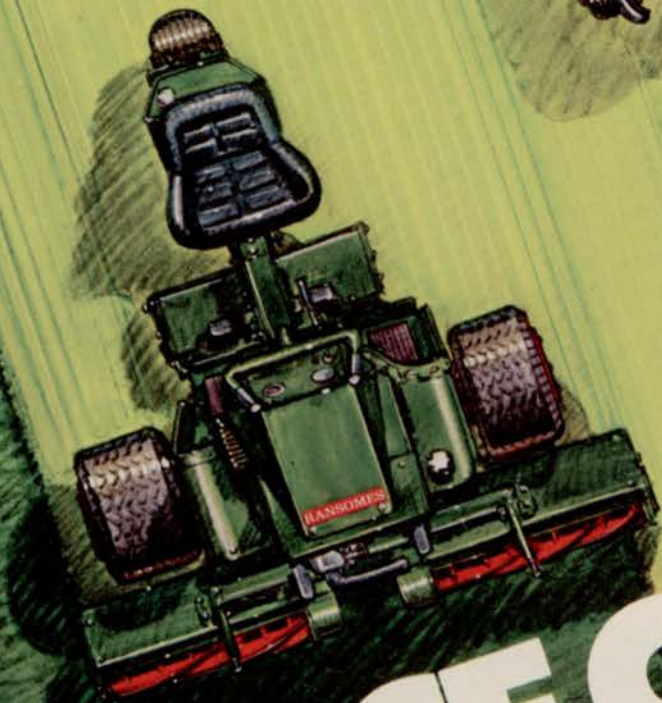
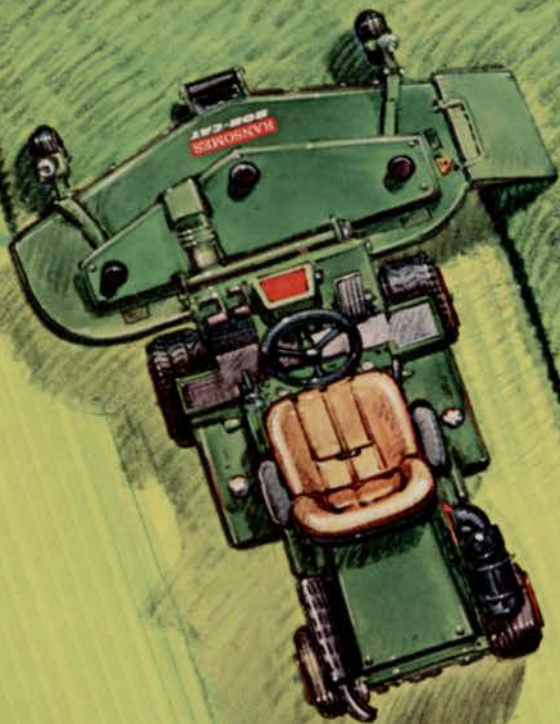
When Roman Gabriel played for the Los Angeles Rams in a game at Kezar Stadium, he was heard to complain profusely because running backs, wide receivers, and quarterbacks slipped, slid and spent much of the game on the stadium floor. Other players such as Merlin Olsen and Deacon Jones

were also vocal on the subject of playing conditions in Kezar Stadium. They actually urged the Los Angeles Rams' management to protest the condition of Kezar Stadium.

Said Olsen, "This is the last year that NFL Football should be per-

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Dr. Kent Kurtz is professor, turfgrass management, for California Polytechnic State Institute, Pomona, California. He specializes in the care of playing fields and has observed the problems with natural and synthetic fields.



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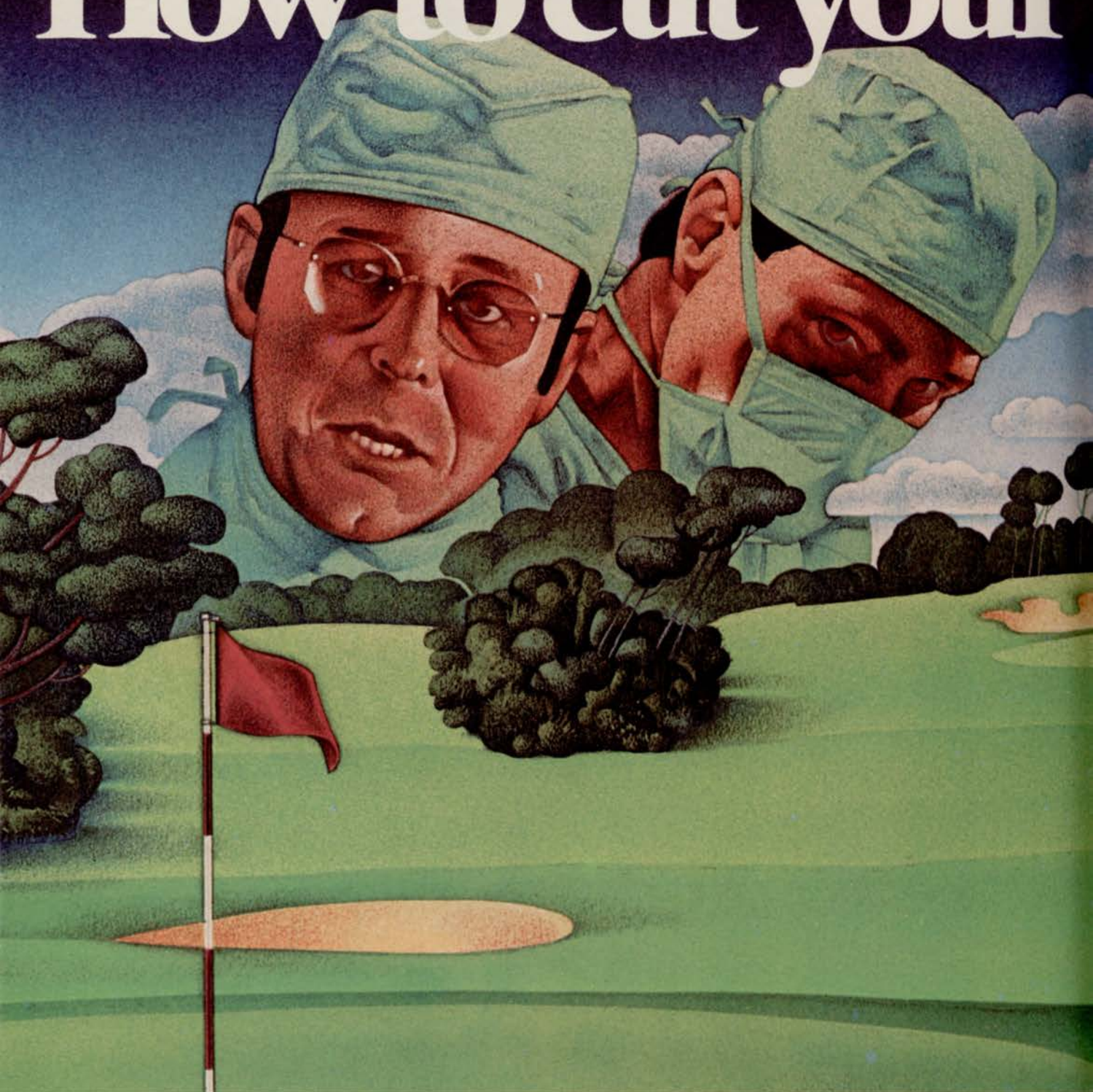
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mitted in Kezar Stadium. Although they haven't had any rain here for 48 hours, the footing was as bad as if it had rained all morning. There's no turf here and no drainage. It's the league's worst field even when it's dry." And Deacon Jones said, "It's unfair to NFL teams to play in this joint. It is as bad for the 49ers as it is for the others. The field is pure dirt. You can't play football here, and I think it's up to the commissioner to legislate some minimum standards. If he did, he'd have to throw Kezar out."

The Move to Candlestick

Candlestick Park was built and opened in 1960 when the New York Giant baseball team moved from the east coast. Baseball players complained about the soil on the skinned infield which, due to unpredictable swirling winds, picked up soil particles and hurled them into the faces and eyes of the players.

In order to resolve the complaints an artificial turf surface was selected and replaced the natural grass playing field. Additional problems began when the San Francisco 49ers moved into Candlestick from Kezar Stadium and the seating capacity was expanded from 42,500 to 58,000 (61,000 for football) in 1972.

The artificial surface was praised as the "cure all" for all of the past mistakes and ills. This praise, however, was short-lived, and was summed up on November 14, 1973 in a Los Angeles Times Sports Section lead article, "Ban artificial turf says Brodie before someone gets killed." John Brodie was the San Francisco Forty Niners' quarterback who played in Candlestick during the early 1970's.

The artificial turf surface at Candlestick Park was considered the hardest surface to play on in the NFL. Many reasons were given for the decision to replace the artificial surface at Candlestick Park and include the following:

- 1 - The under-padding deteriorated to the extent that resiliency was nonexistent and the playing surface became "rock-hard."
- 2 - The surface became matted

when the plastic grass-like blades broke down in the presence of sunlight.

- 3 - The seams split apart causing a safety hazard to players.
- 4 - Wet, damp weather caused poor traction, slippage increased and players experienced conditions comparable to those on the ryegrass at old Kezar Stadium.

Finally in 1979, Candlestick's 130,000 square feet of deteriorated synthetic turf was ripped up. Paramount in the decision was the cost of replacing the wornout artificial turf surface along with its pad for over \$6.50 per square foot. The economics of staying with the artificial field was weighed against the cost of returning to a less expensive but improved natural grass playing surface.

Advancements in Natural Sportsturf

Over a decade ago, everyone was caught up in the fervor to eliminate natural grass playing surfaces in favor of the "trouble-free" and "lower maintenance" synthetics. However, the science and technology necessary to construct a good natural grass playing surface was neither available nor perfected at this point. In those days most sportsfields were seeded to on-site native soils with few modifications for drainage or the like. Soils used were often clay or silt which became heavily compacted, waterlogged or extremely hard. The result was a shallow root system, poor soil aeration, sparse grass and wet, soggy terrain. Worn-out turf and bare spots prevailed everywhere.

With the introduction of synthetic turf, shock waves were felt throughout the turfgrass industry giving impetus and stimulation to new ideas and concepts. Many hours were spent by some of the best minds and most progressive plant scientists and soils specialists to consider alternatives to artificial turf. These alternatives were found, refined and perfected.

Today, the new natural grass sportsfields are functional and highly sophisticated. They are engineered, well-planned, and con-

structed to meet the needs and demands of both the grass plant and the competitor.

New Breed of Manager

The new natural grass playing surfaces require a new breed of sophisticated turf manager, not just an out-door janitor. He must know what to do, how to do it, and when to perform any number of particular functions. Today's turf manager must care and be concerned about the field he maintains and whether or not he receives the credit due, he feels the satisfaction and inner pride of accomplishment.

Although many concepts and innovations in the design and construction of natural grass sportsfields are available today, the one principle each has in common is a good soil mixture. The soil is the base or foundation on which the field is constructed; therefore, the basic component of each of these surfaces is sand. Sand affords good drainage, excellent root development and a consistent texture. Since sand can be managed in most any weather and is uniform, it provides good footing and is predictable because it will not seal up under heavy use.

Recently the NFL players voted. The playing surface which ranked highest was one with a sand rootzone; synthetic surfaces finished a distant last.

The Allweather Field

An example of a sand rootzone system is the Sportsturf "TD" Field (TD = total drainage). This system was installed in Candlestick Park and developed by a man who has wide experience with sand fields and their construction, Melvin Robey.

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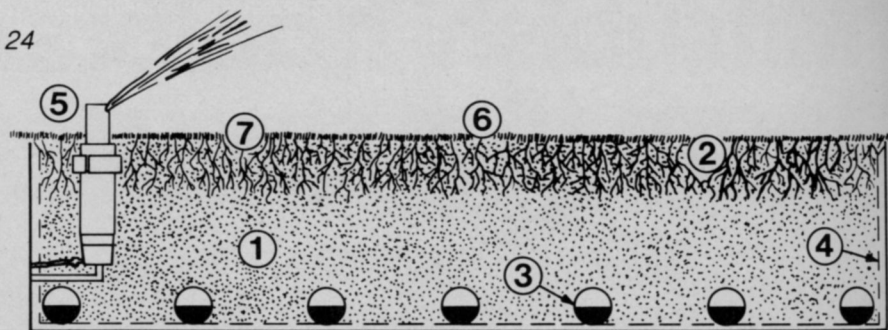
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4. PLASTIC BARRIER BENEATH SAND

To allow for total control of the water within the sand matrix, a plastic liner is frequently incorporated into the design. This line aids in conservation of water and plant nutrients, reducing the overall expenses of supplying these essential elements to the grass. Another important function of the plastic barrier is to prevent external water from the surrounding subsoil from contaminating the sand.

5. SURFACE IRRIGATION

Supplemental surface watering is an important feature in the design of a natural grass field. The duplication of Nature's rainfall plays a significant role in the normal growth and development of a good athletic field grass. Where it is re-



Profile of Sportsturf rootzone.

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6. FLAT PLAYING SURFACE

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7. NATURAL GRASS PLAYING SURFACE

According to a survey among athletes, a majority preferred to play on a natural grass field. The natural playing surfaces offer several advantages. On a hot day the grass acts as an air conditioning unit, easily reducing the surface temperature by 30 degrees, when compared to an artificial turf field. This is an important factor in insuring the safety of the players, whether it is just a practice session or an important league game. Another feature of real grass is its natural resiliency—the ability to absorb tremendous impact helps to protect the players from many serious injuries.

The Current Dilemma

During the recent NFL playoff games involving the San Francisco 49ers and New York Giants and later the Dallas Cowboys, newspaper headlines, player interviews and the broadcasting media discussed the condition of Candlestick's playing surface.

Newspaper headlines read, "Groundskeeper Tackling 49er's Tacky Turf", "Sod Squad Prepares Candlestick for Game", "Candlestick Park has Started to Show its Age", "Giants may Sue S.F. on

Candlestick, Club losing patience over bad Conditions".

The players and coaches seemed to have mixed reviews. New York Giants coach, Ray Perkins said, "it's still a horsebleep field." Linebacker Jack Reynolds of the 49er's, "it's like playing in a swampland," but running back Tony Dorsett (Dallas) said he was not concerned about the field; he gained 91 yards in the game.

Announcers for CBS said, "too much attention is being given to the playing surface." CBS announcer Irv Cross said, "everyone made a big deal about the field before the game, but it is holding up well, in fact it's in great shape, and it will be okay in the second half." Further, announcer and former Oakland Raider's coach, John Madden, said, "I've never known any field that caused any team to win or lose a game," and O.J. Simpson commented, "the players much prefer natural grass, none of the players really want to play on Astroturf."

So What's the Problem?

In January an article in a Phoenix newspaper (Republic Sports Wires) alluded to the fact that amateur groundskeepers all over the Bay area offered their theories as to why the field is cursed. Some of these amateurs theorized it was due to the location of Candlestick—excess moisture since it is adjacent to San Francisco Bay. Others said it was due to the poor soil content. One rumor, unsubstantiated of course, that the drainage system under the field was put in upside down so the water actually drains up. Let's look at some of the facts to see what the situation really looks like.

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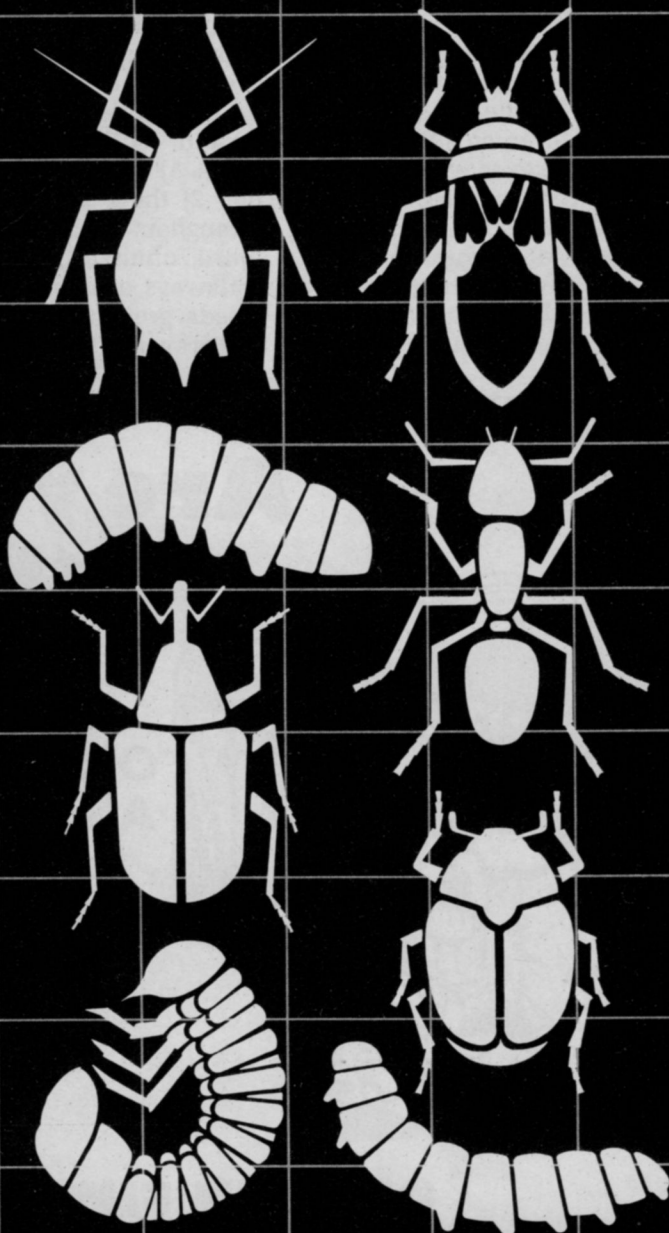
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The field is maintained by the Giants' grounds crew during the baseball season and through the first four football games. It is then turned back to the City of San Francisco Park and Recreation Department to care for the field the remainder of the football season. Baseball only mows the grass field; they do not aerify, topdress, or fertilize. The football grounds crew is not sure what has been done, if anything, so they do enough to merely get by. In other words, the right hand doesn't know what the left hand is doing.

In October, Mick Jagger and the Rolling Stones performed at Candlestick Park. The fans watched and did whatever, on a field where no protective cover was used and the results were devastating.

Since July 1, 1981, the Bay area has received 13 inches of rain, 5 inches more than normal, and 10 inches more than last year during the same period of time.

Probably the biggest problem is due to city politics and a lack of follow-through to see that problems are resolved. Ironically (according to John Hillyer, San Francisco Examiner Staff Writer) it has taken a super season by the 49ers to stimulate popular awareness of the problem at Candlestick.

Hillyer further states that "years of indifference and neglect on the part of the city have left Candlestick Park in such a shabby condition that the patience of the Giants' organization finally is wearing thin." The Giants continue to be dissatisfied with park maintenance. However, to deal with the poor playing field would be merely to check off one item on the Giants' list of complaints about the City-owned facility. Complaints include, 1) the sound system is terrible, 2) there is concrete damage throughout the park (seats coming loose, chunks of stairs missing, walkways cracking and grass and weeds growing through them, 3) rust is everywhere, 4) the restrooms

are run down, dirty, and plumbing and fixtures broken, 4) parking lot needs releveling and repaving and is poorly drained, 5) and lastly, the turf maintenance has been sub-standard.

The blame for the neglect is really difficult to pin down. Generally speaking the stadium is run by the Park and Recreation Department. However, Park and Recreation customarily responds to the ballclubs' problems by blaming City budget-makers for insufficient funds.

Before an appropriation can be put to work, it must be cleared by the Controller's office, the mayor's office, the finance committee of the Board of Supervisors, and then the full board, an unwieldy procedure that might shed some light on why it's difficult to get things done at Candlestick.

Tom Mallory, General Manager of Park-Recreation, says that "San Francisco is great for something called 'deferred maintenance'."

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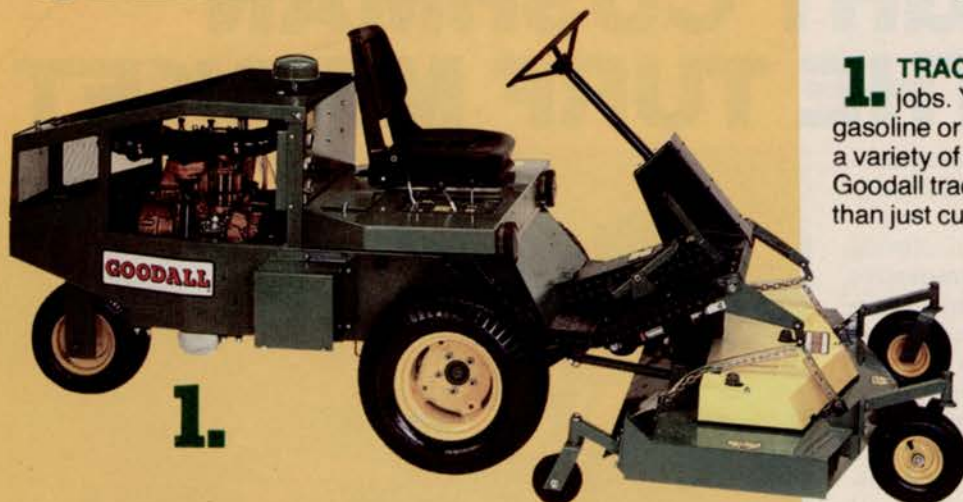
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TIRE MODIFICATION BROUGHT CUSHMAN INTO THE TURF MARKET

It was an almost token modification of a Cushman industrial vehicle that led OMC Lincoln into a major nameplate in manufacturing what still ranks as an innovative line of turf-care equipment and related accessories. Back in 1963 an engineer substituted the original tires on an industrial Haulster vehicle with wider-tread components. The intent was to provide more traction for a superintendent wanting to use the unit on his golf course. Ever since, OMC Lincoln has been rolling ahead with the production of turf-care units, only today's are custom-engineered to take the toil and toll out of landscape management chores.

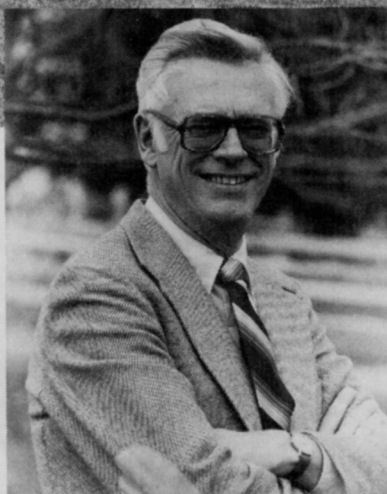
"Those first vehicles were by-products of our industrial units," reflects OMC Lincoln Marketing Director Frank McDonald. "What occurred, however, was a total facelift in our manufacturing and marketing strategy. We found ourselves moving into the turf-care industry with units that were totally dedicated in design to this marketplace."

That first vehicle was available with a 9- or 18-hp, air-cooled OMC engine and became popular with superintendents for hauling mowers, fertilizer, spreaders and sprinkler heads. They offered the advantage of reduced weight, preserving the turf so tediously manicured for golfers and park visitors. OMC Lincoln field salesmen said labor-conscious superintendents were even adding hitches for pulling a gang of mowers. That word got back to the engineering drawing boards in Lincoln indicating increased sophistication had to enter the product line.

"What developed was a corporate commitment to developing vehicles reflecting the demands of the marketplace," McDonald says. "We might have remained static and tried to condition the buyer to



Today's Cushman Truckster, adapted in 1963 from an industrial Haulster and redesigned in 1981.



OMC Marketing Director Frank McDonald.

vehicles derived from our industrial line. Instead, OMC adopted the philosophy that it would react to the market instead of it conceding to us.

"This explains why our Cushman line evolved into a 'system' for turf care," he says. "We're constantly listening to what is needed around the world in turf-care equipment and reacting with units developed specifically for the tasks at hand."

For example, in 1965 Cushman

manufactured a Haulster vehicle having an 800-lb. payload and the buyer could add several integrated accessories to the 3-wheeled units. A sprayer, cyclone seeder and fertilizer spreader were available. A fiberglass cab, snow plow, tool box, stake rack and passenger seat were other options. The players on the course may have related to Cushman golf cars, but the superintendent working alongside them was quite often using a Cushman vehicle with a directly related mission, McDonald observed.

In 1966 a Cushman model with a half-ton payload rolled out. It had a six-speed, dual-range transmission and variable-ground speed governor to lend operational discipline and flexibility to the chores served. A year later, this translated into an even more newsworthy thrust—a

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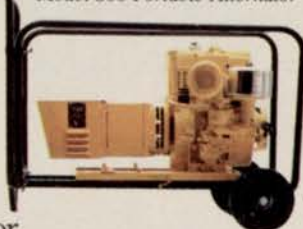
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SPRAYER WAS JOHN DEERE'S FIRST LANDSCAPE PRODUCT



Two generations of John Deere lawn and garden tractors, the 1964 model of the 8-hp 110 Tractor (right) and the 1981 model of the 14-hp 214 Tractor.

John Deere entered the landscape business in 1962, the same year that *Weeds, Trees & Turf* began publishing. The first John Deere landscape product was the No. 5 Lawn and Garden Sprayer. In 1963, John Deere built its first lawn and garden tractor, a 7 hp model 110 with such attachments as a center-mounted mower, snow thrower and front blade. The 110 provided a three speed trans-axle with a special feature: variable speed drive varied ratios on a belt and pulley system to allow the operator to slow down or speed up any gear without clutching and shifting. The tractor was available only through John Deere agricultural equipment dealers in the eastern part of the United States in 1963. An 8-hp 4-speed version of the tractor was sold through most John Deere agricultural dealers in the United States and Canada in 1964. The tractor was manufactured at the John Deere Horicon Works in Horicon, Wisconsin.

During the early 1960's, the Horicon Works became the world's largest producer of agricultural grain drills (mechanical seeders). But, because grain drill sales were subject to seasonal fluctuations, the

John Deere organization sought a product line that would help the factory use its facilities more uniformly.

Gary Lindquist, division manager, grounds care at the Horicon works, explained why John Deere entered the outdoor power equipment business. "We had several research studies done for us on the lawn care business in the early 1960's. At that time, there appeared to be good potential for growth in this market. The research also determined that lawn care products would provide additional sales for John Deere agricultural equipment dealers. We found that the John Deere reputation for building high quality farm tractors and implements would help our CP (consumer products) business in rural areas, providing a strong springboard to sales in suburban areas. One of our early goals was to develop independent CP dealerships to help us penetrate the suburban, nonfarm market. It remains an important objective for our organization."

In 1966 John Deere added a 6-hp 60 Lawn Tractor and a 10-hp 112 Lawn and Garden Tractor. John Deere produced a 14-hp 140 Hy-

drostatic Tractor in 1967.

John Deere introduced a new utility tractor in 1968. The 820 Tractor was powered by a 3-cylinder diesel engine producing 31 hp at the PTO. It was manufactured at a John Deere factory in Mannheim, West Germany, and marketed in North America through the John Deere Tractor Works in Waterloo, IA.

During 1969, John Deere's Horicon Works experimented with custom colors, providing some lawn and garden tractors with seats and hoods of orange, red, yellow and blue—instead of the traditional green hood with yellow seat and wheels. It was soon found that customers preferred the green and yellow combination. "Once you establish a good reputation, your colors come to represent that reputation," said Lindquist.

Another significant event occurred in 1969. The Horicon lawn care equipment business had grown to such an extent that the production of grain drills was transferred to a John Deere factory in Iowa. The Horicon Works began devoting all its time and energy to the development of consumer products.

In 1970 John Deere replaced its 60 Lawn Tractor with a 7-hp 70 Lawn Tractor, and expanded the lawn care line to include six models of walk-behind rotary mowers, two riding mowers, lawn sweepers and a 12-hp 120 Hydrostatic Tractor. Walk-behind tillers and snow blowers joined the line in 1971. From 1972 to 1974, John Deere added an electric-powered riding mower, dumpcarts, and gasoline-powered edger-trimmers.

The 820 Utility Tractor was replaced in 1973 by a more powerful Mannheim-built tractor—the 830 developed 35 hp at the PTO. It was powered by a 3-cylinder diesel engine and featured an 8-speed transmission with 2-lever control and built-in shuttle shift.

1974 was a pivotal year for John Deere. The company introduced what it termed the “second generation” of lawn and garden tractors, lawn tractors and riding mowers for sale in 1975. “We put side panels on the tractors and enclosed the engines for quiet operation,” according to Lindquist. “We styled the tractors so they would have a family resemblance to John Deere farm tractors, a feature that we

thought would appeal to both rural and suburban customers. We were the first manufacturer to offer a complete line of quiet lawn and garden tractors and riding mowers.”

On January 12, 1977, the Horicon Works celebrated a milestone by manufacturing its half-millionth tractor. The event pointed up the dramatic progress the factory had made in only 15 years. Factory plant area had increased by 81 percent, and average yearly employment had more than doubled.

John Deere added compact utility diesel tractors to its grounds care line in 1978. The 22-PTO-hp 850 and the 27-PTO-hp 950 are marketed through the John Deere Tractor Works in Waterloo. Both tractors are powered by 3-cylinder diesel engines. A 33-PTO-hp 1050 Tractor joined the line in 1979. The 1050 is powered by a turbo-charged 3-cylinder diesel engine. An MFWD (mechanical front wheel drive) option gives the 1050 positive traction in mud, slush and snow. The MFWD option was extended to the 950 as well.

In 1981 John Deere added two more compact utility diesel trac-

tors: the 14.5-PTO-hp 650 with a 2-cylinder diesel engine, and the 18-PTO-hp 750 with a 3-cylinder diesel engine. Johnny A. Dickinson, division manager, utility tractors at the Waterloo factory, said, “These new diesel tractors are designed to fill the gap between John Deere gasoline-powered lawn and garden tractors and our higher-horsepower diesel tractors. Our research shows that prospects require a greater range of forward speeds than is now available in many competitive tractors. They want ample ground clearance, a compact size for storage in a utility shed, a more convenient implement attaching system, and the availability of a full line of implements. Our compact utility diesel tractors meet these objectives.”

The lawn tractor business has been a significant growth area for the John Deere consumer products organization. From 1977 to 1981, the annual production at the Horicon Works has increased by 1041 percent.

The most recent addition to the John Deere compact utility tractor line is the 1250—a 40-PTO-hp diesel tractor.

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full model line.

The 1967 models were dedicated designs for turf care. There was an 18-hp Turf-Truckster vehicle having a pickup-style bed, an 8-hp unit with the same feature and one having a stripped chassis. A unit oddly enough named the Lobster had an 8-hp engine, along with a sister unit powered by a 5-hp engine to provide personnel transports.

Always sensitive to the user, OMC Lincoln entered the 1968 season with a 12-hp Turf-Truckster and beefed up the 5-hp Minute-Miser vehicle with a 6-hp engine. A new sprayer having rear boom delivery operated by the vehicle PTO emerged as another innovation.

The 1969 season evolved into Truckster vehicles powered by 18-hp, air-cooled engines equipped with pickup beds, wide-box dumpbeds and a 12-hp pickup and dumpbed were other options.

McDonald notes with pride the 18-hp OMC engine's legacy of durability and performance. While major automakers were constantly building bigger blocks, OMC Lincoln decided to make its engine simply better with ongoing refinements of the same standard design.

The '60s rolled out and the '70s in with the unveiling of a 4-wheeled truckster. The Lobster lost its niche in the product line, however, just as the Cushman Eagle motorscooter did in 1965. The demand simply wasn't there, so OMC Lincoln focused its product emphasis elsewhere.

The year 1973 reflects that fact. OMC Lincoln was heralded then for introducing its quick-change, pin-disconnect system on Turf-care units. The ability to promptly swap utility beds and accessories saved manhours and lent new flexibility in a vehicle having consolidated roles. That year the firm also introduced its Runabout vehi-

cle which has become a mainstay in its turf industry marketing.

“That one feature placed us so far ahead of the competition that we didn't undertake another major refinement until 1978,” McDonald notes. “That year, however, we introduced our radial frame on the Runabout and added a Greensaver aerator attachment to those accessories already established. The Turf Minute-Miser went the way of the Lobster. In 1979, we began marketing a 2-seat Runabout and the following year a power converter to accommodate the growing number of electric tools used out on the course.”

The Turfcart model followed a year later, providing the industry with a low-cost transport for minor chores. Cushman begins 1982 with a totally redesigned model line.

“The industry is unique so we will continue listening to what it needs and reacting accordingly,” McDonald predicts. “We intend to maintain our role as a bellwether.”

HORTICULTURAL SPRAY OILS FOR TREE PEST CONTROL

By WARREN T. JOHNSON



Figure 1. The dark spots on the undersides of Amur maple illustrate an injury symptom caused by a spray containing excessive oil.

Figure 2. The tiny purplish spots with yellow halos illustrate injury symptoms on Redbud from spray containing excessive amounts of oil.



Dr. Warren T. Johnson is professor of entomology for Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. He is the national expert on oil sprays for tree and shrub pest control, doing most of the research on the subject.

Why should we expand the use of oil for pest control at a time in history when this would further deplete a non-renewable resource? If we reflect for a moment that the pesticide industry is mostly a petrochemical industry, the question becomes no more pertinent to horticultural spray oil than it is to synthetic pesticides.

Then why do we pick a 100-year old commercial product and reinstate it into a pest control program when the claim for modern chemicals is that they do a more efficient job? This is an appropriate question, but to respond requires an analysis of the situation and a bit of historical reminiscence. First, the history.

Oil is one of the oldest *natural* pesticides. In the first century A.D., the Roman scholar Pliny wrote that mineral oil would control certain plant pests. It was also known at that time that the oil was liable to injure plants. Jumping ahead several centuries and to the United States, oils were used to control insects before the Civil War, and by 1865, kerosene (then known as coal oil, because it was derived principally from oil-bearing bituminous shales) was recommended for the control of scale insects on Florida citrus. By World War I, U.S. Department of Agriculture entomologists were recommending an oil emulsion that was later dubbed "United States Government boiled

emulsion" for the control of San Jose scale on apples.

Between 1942 and 1970, teams of petroleum chemists and entomologists made great strides in spray oil science and technology. Now, there is a good understanding about the components of oil that cause phytotoxicity and the oil fraction needed to kill insects and mites.

During the three decades prior to 1970, every major oil company had its favorite horticultural oils and much marketing competition. Most of these were sold for dormant use with a viscosity range from ca. 100 to 220. None were exactly alike in terms of physical properties (see Table 1). There were four state agri-

cultural experiment stations—Florida, Texas, California, and New York—that had scientists studying the various oil properties. These scientists established specifications for the oils to be used in the control of fruit insects and mites in their respective states, based upon the needs of their fruit growers.

Arborists and nurserymen benefited from the work on fruit trees because many of the pests controlled by oil were the same pests that injured shade trees and shrubs. Remembering that spray oils were developed for fruit trees, it is easier to understand why some of these oils when applied to certain shade trees and shrubs, not only killed arthropods, they occasionally injured the plants that the applicator was trying to protect. The development of so-called 60- and 70-second viscosity superior spray oils added to our confidence in the phytosafety considerations of ornamental plants because they evaporated more rapidly from treated plants.

The 1982 Spray Oil

Today, superior horticultural oils are being produced by four oil companies. Chevron refines horticultural oil primarily for use in California. They have withdrawn their product, Ortho Volck spray oil, effective in 1982 because they can make a greater profit from other kinds of petroleum products. Exxon and Gulf have a 70 second viscosity superior oil in tank car and barge shipment quantities for use on citrus in Florida and the Rio Grande Valley. This oil is refined to meet the Florida-Texas citrus spray oil specifications. The Sun Refining and Marketing Company supplies spray oil to a wide range of markets throughout the United States with sales largely to agricultural chemical companies for repackaging and marketing. The Ag chemical companies prepare their own labels and sell in small quantities (1 pint to 55 gallons) to home gardeners, arborists and other spray contractors. The oil you use in 1982 will have the typical properties shown in Table I, some of which will be stated on the label.

Table I.
Specifications for Superior Spray Oil

Properties	Standard
Saybolt Universal Viscosity at 100° F, seconds maximum	*
Gravity, ° API (minimum)	30°
Unsulphonated residue (UR) (minimum) (%)	92%
Pour point, °F (maximum)	20°
Distillation at 10 mm Hg, °F	
50% point	420 ± 8°F
10-90% range (maximum)	80°F

* For technical reason, a specific viscosity standard has not been made a part of these specifications. Oils otherwise defined here may fall within the 68-74 second viscosity range.

Spray oil specifications are couched in the jargon of petroleum chemistry but this important information should not be difficult to understand. Viscosity is a measurement of oil heaviness; the time it takes for a given amount of oil to flow through a hole of precise size and measured in seconds. The gravity test is another technique to weigh oil. When related to viscosity and unsulphonated residue (UR) it provides an index to the oil paraffinicity; spray oils must be largely paraffinic to be safe for plants. The gravity specification is measured in terms of degrees; the higher the number, the more paraffinic the oil. Thirty (30°) degrees is the minimum standard. The *unsulphonated residue*, expressed in percent, is a measure of purity or degree of refinement. The process involves the chemical reaction of oil with concentrated sulfuric acid. That part of the oil that reacts with the acid (aromatic portions) can be separated, leaving the unsulphonated residue or paraffinic oil. White mineral oil is a paraffinic oil that goes through the sulfonation process several times and is used for pharmaceutical purposes, e.g. lotions, cosmetics and laxatives. It has a UR of about 99.5%. *Distillation* temperature range is a measure of the volatility of an oil and is the most valuable criterion for determining the pesticidal activity and paraffinicity of an oil. Volatility is monitored by controlling the 50% point of the distillation range to a narrow specified range and the 10%-90% range to a maximum of 80°F. The distillation profile and the unsulphonated residue are the two most important tests assuring an acceptable spray oil. Without the above specifications, there is no

scientifically acceptable way to compare pest control or phytotoxicity results with other oils.

Mode of Insecticidal Action

Modern spray oil can kill arthropods in two ways: (1) by penetrating the egg and interfering with the vital metabolic processes or (2) by preventing respiration through egg shells or respiratory passages (tracheae) of both immature and mature insects. In the egg, a growing embryo must have a constant exchange of gases. Interrupting this gas exchange, even for a few hours, may bring about its death. A dormant egg in autumn or winter has a minimal need for gas exchange. An oil film around a dormant egg may evaporate before vital processes are seriously affected. If an oil-sprayed, dormant, overwintering immature or adult insect can "hold its breath" for a week or more, it may overcome the presence of oil. One may extend the oil residual period by increasing the dose. The key feature in oil efficacy is the arthropod's oxygen requirement. During the dormant season, the dosage may range from three to five percent. During the summer, or verdant season, most insects require an uninterrupted source of oxygen. If impeded for a few hours in the case of eggs, the arthropod will not be able to survive. Normal dose for summer treatment varies from 1 to 3%.

Oil Phytotoxicity - Its Mode of Action

"Do not spray on oil sensitive plants!" This admonition is often found on old superior oil labels, but who knows what it means? Some very delicate annual flowering plants such as Impatiens will show

TABLE 2

An abbreviated sample of a proposed label as submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency.

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*Unsulfonated Residue	92% min.
Grade of Oil	Superior/FC-412-66/Unclassified
Weight per Gallon	7.1 lbs.

CAUTION

General—All horticultural oils interfere with or slow plant transpiration and respiration during the period of evaporation. Do not apply during periods of drought or when plants exhibit moisture stress. Never apply concentrated spray oil to any part of a plant. Do not use 6E in combination with or immediately preceding or following applications of dinitro compounds, sulfurs, captan, folpet, Dyrene, Karathane, Morestan, or Sevin. Check tank mixtures for chemical and physical compatibility.

Ornamental Plants—Oil will remove the glaucous (blue) bloom from such evergreens as Colorado blue spruce and Koster spruce. Use with caution and reduce dosage for summer applications to Japanese red maple, Amur maple and black walnut.

Timing of Treatment—You must determine the precise timing to fit local growth and climatic conditions.

MIXING DIRECTIONS

1. Add sufficient water to the mixing tank to allow proper agitation by pump or paddles.
2. Add other desired pesticides as listed on left panel mixing thoroughly prior to the addition of oil.
3. Add oil under agitation when $\frac{3}{4}$ full topping off with water to form milky solution.
4. Maintain agitation until solution is used.
5. In small equipment lacking agitators—stir or shake diluted spray frequently during application.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

CROP	INSECTS AND MITES	Application Rate 6E Gallons per 100 Gallons of Dilute Spray	Time of Application (Stage of Development)
APPLES	Apple Red Bug	2	Dormant
	European Fruit		Dormant
	Lecanium Scale	2	Dormant
	Fruit Tree Leaf	3	Dormant
	Roller		
	European Red Mite	2	Green Tip to Delayed
	San Jose Scale	2	Dormant $\frac{1}{2}$ Green
	Scurfy Scale	3	Delayed Dormant $\frac{1}{2}$ Green
PEARS	Fruit Tree Leaf Roller	3	Dormant
	Pear Leaf Blister Mite	3	Dormant
	Pear Psylla	2	Late Dormant
PECANS	Obscure Scale	3	Dormant
PEACHES	Cottony Peach Scale	3	Dormant
PLUMS & PRUNES	European Red Mite	2	Dormant to Delayed
	European Fruit		Dormant $\frac{1}{2}$ Green
	Lecanium Scale	2	
TREES & SHRUBS	Spider Mites	3-4	Dormant
		2-3	Verdant
	Eriophyid Mites	3-4	Dormant
		1-3	Verdant
	Scales & Mealybugs	3-4	Dormant
		2-3	Verdant
	Psyllids & Whiteflies	2-3	Verdant
	Aphids & Adelgids	3-4	Dormant
		2-3	Verdant
	Plant Bugs,		
	Treehoppers	3-4	Dormant
	Leafhoppers	2-3	Verdant
	Leafrollers,		
	Leaf Tyers		
	Webworms	3-4	Dormant
	Cankerworms	2-3	Verdant

SEE MIXING DIRECTIONS ON OPPOSITE PANEL

no adverse reaction to oil used at summer dosage. What, then, are the oil sensitive plants? First, let's deal with some basics. Concentrated oil is a herbicide. As a concentrate it penetrates both bark and leaf tissues wreaking havoc with living cells. Oil painted in narrow bands on the bark of certain young trees such as red maple or sumac will kill them.

When diluted oil is sprayed on foliage, twigs, and small branches, the stomates of the leaves and the lenticles of the bark get covered with a thin deposit of oil that interferes with the exchange of gases. This becomes the basis for phytotoxicity. There are other factors too, that may cause plants to re-

act adversely. Usually, it's the state of growth that makes the difference. A dormant plant can tolerate a heavier deposit of oil than a plant growing actively. Some of the hundreds of leaf stomates may be closed by a film of oil but whether symptoms of injury will appear depends upon the number of stomates that are closed, the amount of oil that is deposited, how fast the oil is evaporating and the clearing capacity of the stoma guard cells. Some plants, such as Scots pine, can tolerate a tremendous dose of oil on new and old needles (33% oil) even in early July with the temperature exceeding 90° F. Other plants, such as the Japanese maple, can tolerate no more than 3% oil

under the best of growing conditions. Other trees and shrubs sensitive to oil are Amur maple, black walnut and Aucuba. This is not to say that oil should never be used on them for insecticidal purposes, but other factors need to be considered.

Environmental conditions such as soil moisture, relative humidity and wind speed are of major importance. Any plant suffering from moisture stress is a candidate for severe foliage injury if it is sprayed with oil. I am of the opinion that any common woody ornamental plant can tolerate 2% of oil in the verdant condition if it is healthy, the soil moisture is adequate, and

the relative humidity creates conditions for fairly rapid evaporation of the oil. Under normal application temperatures, (35° - 100°F), it appears that temperature alone is not a factor.

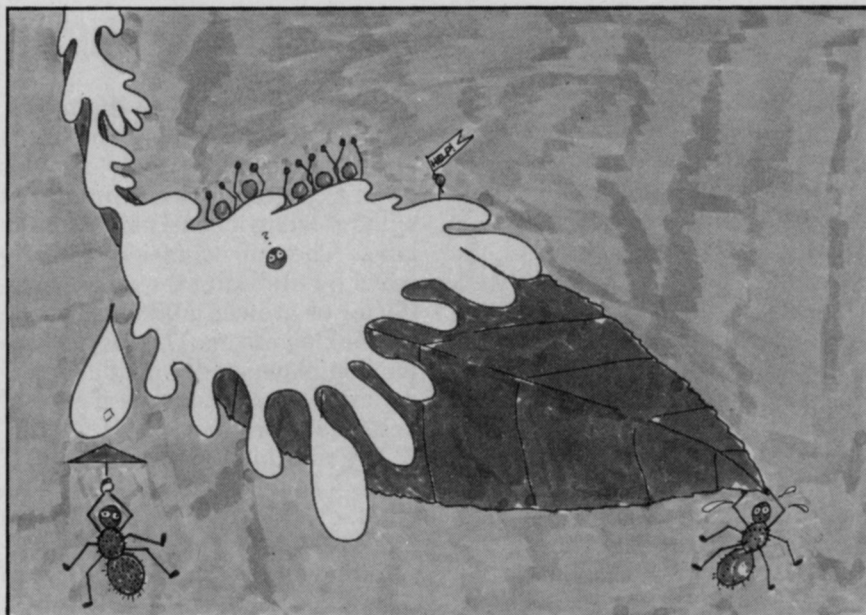
Oil Persistence on Foliage

Immediately following a spray treatment, the foliage will have a pleasing, shiny luster, the result of a thin film of glistening oil. The actual amount of oil that will remain on a leaf will depend largely upon the pubescence and other physical characteristics of the leaf. Honeylocust leaves, for example, sprayed with 4% oil will have a shiny appearance, particularly on the upper surface, for more than eight days. Plants with abundant leaf hairs (trichomes) on the undersurface will have an altogether different appearance when oil is on them. They will feel oily but will not glisten. Some leaves with large numbers of leaf hairs will appear to be soaked with oil.

Plant leaves with a vast number of trichomes hold a larger volume of the spray solution and thus receive a higher concentration of oil after the water evaporates. Because the concentration of oil is higher, the oil remains on the plant longer and takes longer to evaporate. Leaf hairs may be both beneficial and deleterious. On the one hand, they retain the oil on the insect for a longer period, but on the other, they block the stomates for a longer period, also. In general, leaves with dense pubescence should be considered oil-sensitive and should receive a lower rate of oil.

Symptoms of Phytotoxicity

When leaves are deprived of stomatal functions for any reason, the foliage becomes slightly yellow. This symptom occurs when an excessive amount of oil is uniformly distributed over the leaves. More often than not, there will be a larger deposit of oil at the leaf tip or margins. If the oil on the margins remain too long, the margins become yellow; later they darken appearing water soaked, not unlike some stages of edema, and later they become dark purple. The ultimate symptom is brown, necrotic tissue. The injury is not always



marginal but may occur as small spots following the same symptom sequence (Figure 2). If the symptoms do not progress beyond the water soaked stage (Figure 1) the leaf recovers or at least can function with a fair degree of efficiency.

Efficacy

Since much of the oil used ten or even five years ago was not the same as that used today, efficacy comparisons may seem inappropriate. Fortunately, data taken from plants treated with 60 and 70 second oils compare favorably with the oil that is currently available. With the distillation, UR, and gravity properties of older oils for comparison, one can interpolate the probable efficacy of the new oil. From interpolated data we can assume that the currently refined spray oil (Table 1) will kill the eggs of any of the following arthropod groups: spider and eriophyid mites, armored and soft scales, mealybugs, psyllids, asphids, adelgids, whiteflies, plant bugs, leafhoppers, treehoppers, leafrollers, leafyeters, webworms and cankerworms. We can also assume that the new oil will control a wide range of arthropods in stages other than the egg. Some of the recommendations found on the new label is based on such interpolated data.

A film of oil interferes with the feeding capabilities of viruliferous sucking insects, but except for this spray oil (Stylet Oil*) seems to have little if any tactile effect on crawl-

*trade name registered in Florida

ing insects, or flying insects migrating to oil treated surfaces.

Labels and Brand Names

Because of the inherent safety to humans and mammals of purified paraffinic oils, the Environmental Protection Agency has exempted these products from many of the regulations imposed upon the promoter's of synthetic organic pesticides, namely residue requirements. There has also been a relaxed attitude regarding the way oils are described on their labels. Some labels' ingredient statements were so vague (before EPA) that the product described would have also been a good description for a machinery-lubricating oil.

Since superior horticultural spray oil has no precise formula, it is impossible to provide a precise ingredient statement. The source of the crude oil makes a major difference in the product that comes from the distillery's pipes. Likewise, a few degrees of difference in the distillation temperature can make a difference in the potential for phytotoxicity and pesticidal activity. Nonetheless, today's product must have a better identity via the ingredient statement. Green Industry users of horticultural spray oils have been without a property description largely because it was not on the label and further, few knew that it existed. It was assumed, erroneously, that an oil label was as complete and as explicit as the label for a synthetic organic insecticide.

We are closer now to a standard

product than ever before, in part because there are fewer refineries in the business of making horticultural oil, and in part because only one oil refining company actively promotes its product beyond the citrus industry.

In March 1982 the Sun Refining and Marketing Company presented EPA officials with a change in their horticultural oil label which may prove to be the best thing that has happened to promote spray oil in the past thirty years. In terms of its physical properties, Sun's oil comes fairly close to the specifications developed by the several agricultural experiment stations, but it does represent a compromise. The abbreviated label (Table 2) shows some of the major changes and additions under consideration.

For the first time there is an attempt to provide an acceptable common name—*Superior Horticultural Spray Oil*. The use recommendations and directions are greatly expanded with some spe-

cific and some general directions. General directions allow the user a greater degree of freedom to use his own experience and judgment without being inconsistent with the label. This, of course, works two ways by allowing the spray contractor or grower a greater chance for making errors. The former distinction between dormant and verdant oils now becomes a matter of dosage; the product is the same.

The caution statement gives a short, condensed sentence about what oils do to plants; "(They) interfere with our slow plant transpiration and respiration while the oil remains on the plant." The most critical point about the potential for phytotoxicity is in the admonition "Do not apply during periods of drought or when plants exhibit moisture stress." Specific precautions are limited to conifers with a glaucous bloom; reduced dosage is suggested when oil is used on Japanese red maple, Amur maple and black walnut.

There will continue to be brand

names, but if a standard label is developed the only difference will be in the art work and the visual appeal of the label.

Summary

With one major producer of superior horticultural oil and one basic label there should be one set of recommendations. The user can expect control over a wide range of species and if the applicator maintains proper "quality control" over mixing and spraying there should be no problem with phytotoxicity. With phytotoxicity based upon excessive dose, and tree and shrub turgor, oil will take its rightful place in the arsenal of weapons for use in integrated pest management. If the new proposed label is approved, the arborist and spray contractor will legally be able to use oil on hundreds of woody ornamental plants, and, if his judgments are just and reasonable, he will be able to do a better job at less cost to the consumer while properly using one of our safest insecticides. **WTT**

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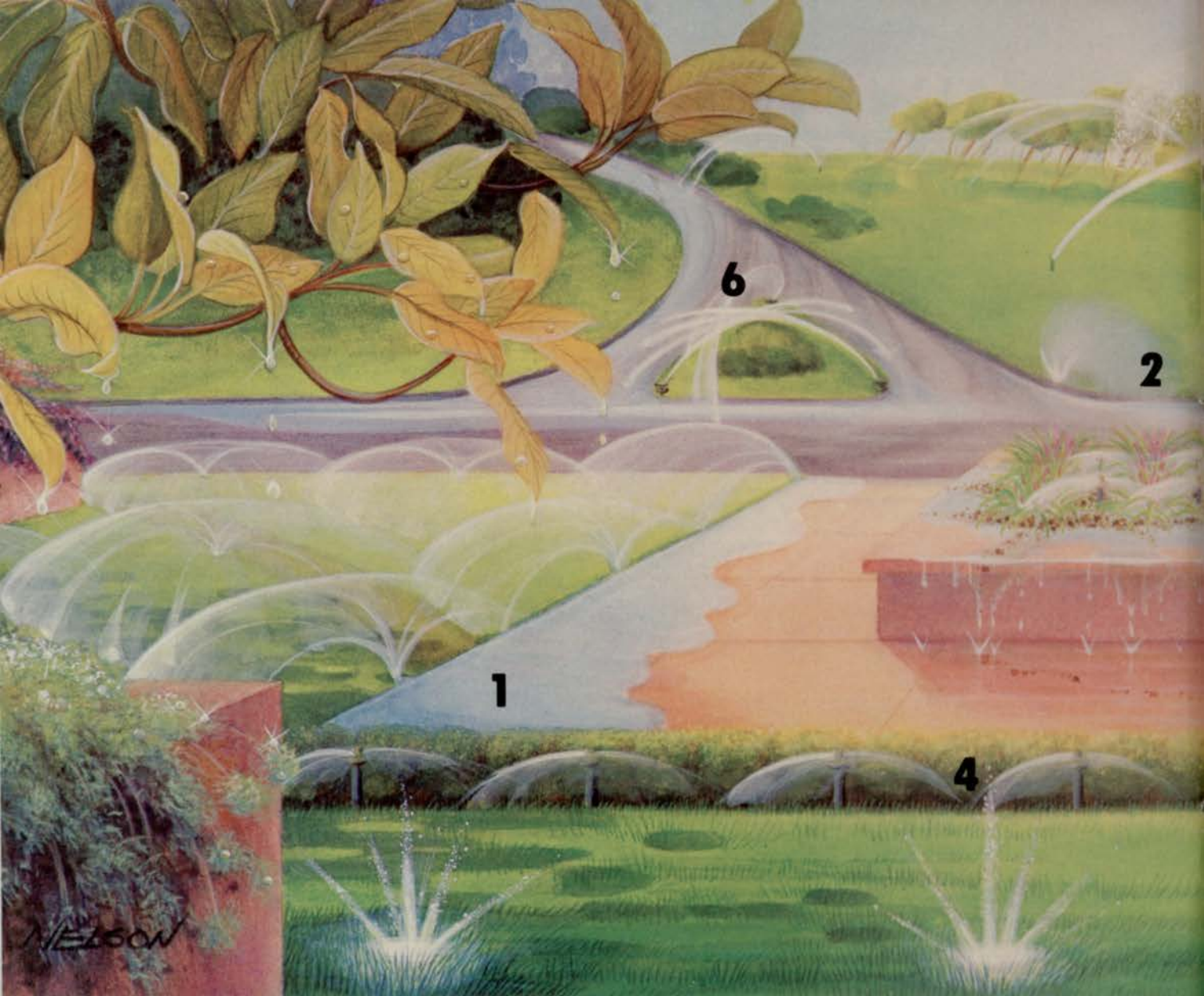
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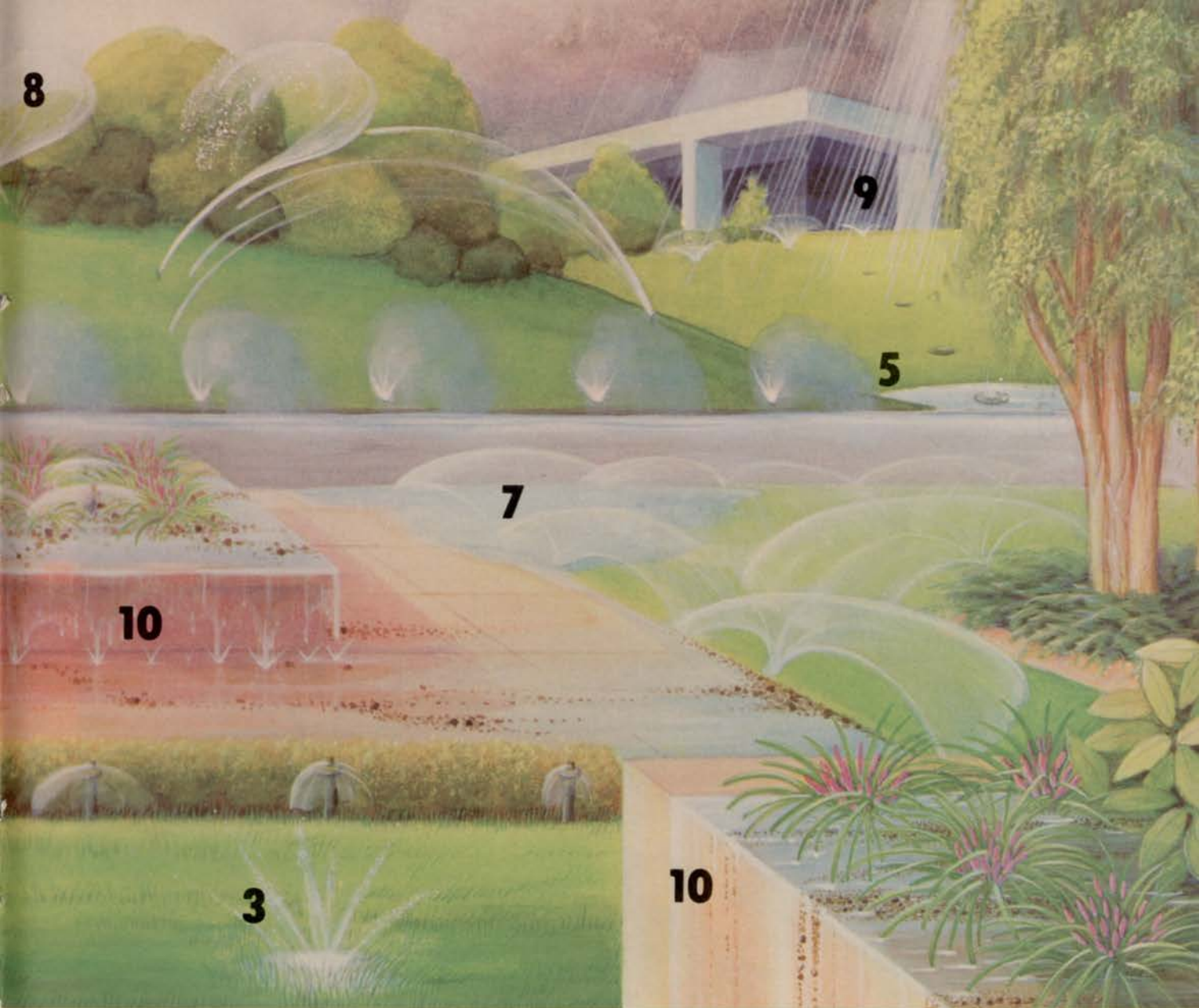
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PIERIS, LEUCOTHOE, AND DAPHNE BROADLEAF EVERGREENS FOR SHADED LOCATIONS

By DOUGLAS CHAPMAN



Pieris floribunda is a dense, bushy evergreen with white flowers on upright panicles. It is tolerant of shade and high pH.

The group known as broad-leaf evergreens is dominated by rhododendrons. But if one is considering diversity, ease of maintenance, and shade tolerance, then pieris, leucothoe, and daphne should highlight your shade plant list.

There are two pieris readily available—Japanese Pieris (*Pieris japonica*) and Mountain Pieris (*P. floribunda*). *P. japonica* is an upright, broad-leaf evergreen shrub, somewhat compact in habit, with spreading branches, reaching 6 to 8 feet in height and 5 to 6 feet in spread in central Michigan and 9 to 12 feet in height with a 6- to 8-foot spread in central Ohio.

This slow-growing ericaceous plant has lustrous dark green foliage during the summer months

(formed in rosettes), that becomes somewhat dull in winter. When considering leaf color, the most exciting is rich bronze which the new growth displays during mid-April. The perfect, slightly urn-shaped white flowers are effective during mid-April. They are borne on 3- to 6-inch long pendulous panicles. During a cool spring, they can be effective in the landscape for two to three weeks. The flower buds are formed during mid-summer, taking on this pendulous habit which is extremely effective in the landscape for late summer and winter months.

The most significant problems as far as insects include mites and lace bugs—two sucking insects which can easily be controlled if they

build up beyond an economic threshold. Diseases such as Phytophthora or leaf spots can become problems, but with the new pesticides, they are controllable.

This specimen broad-leaf evergreen is extremely effective in border plantings or as single specimen plants, grown in the shade with deep-rooted trees or other ericaceous plants.

Being ericaceous, it has a rather shallow-fibrous root system, rarely extending more than 18 inches into the soil. Therefore, *P. japonica* should be planted in moist, yet

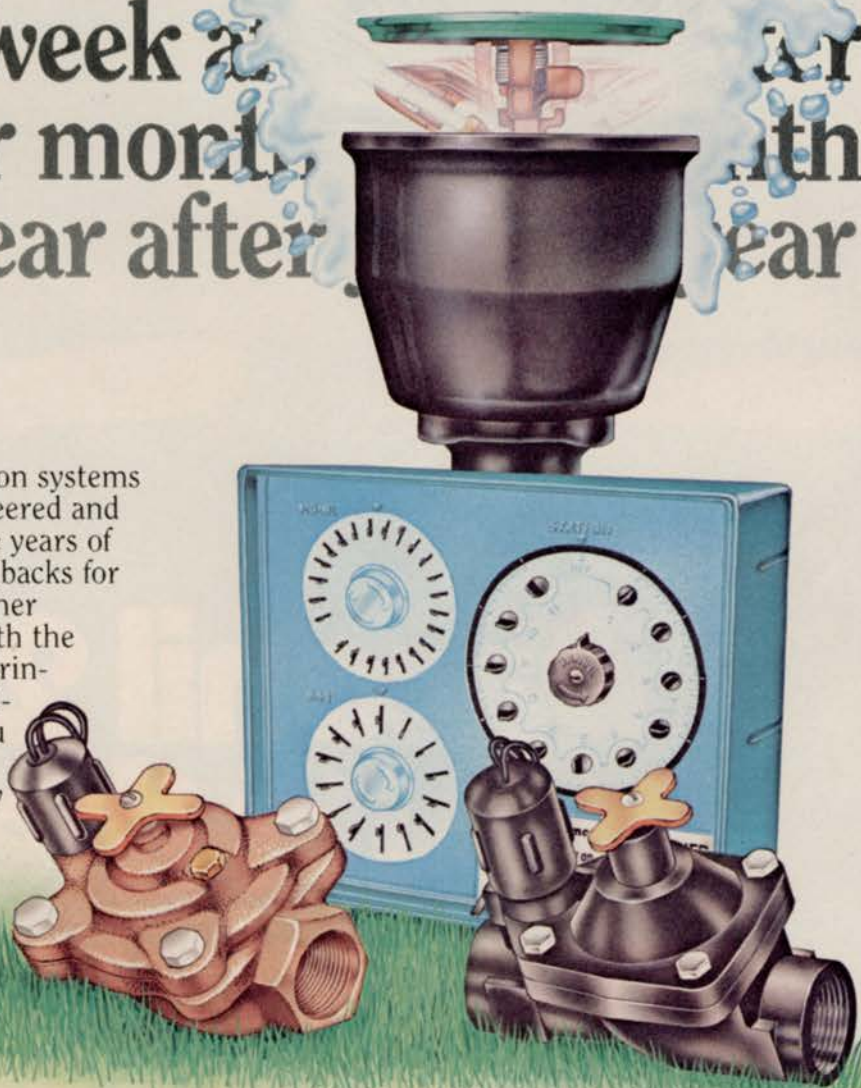
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Leucothoe transplants easily but is sensitive to late winter dessication. It is a colorful understory plant.

well-drained acid soils high in organic matter.

It is extremely effective when planted in partial or full shade locations. Pruning is rarely required, making this plant relatively maintenance free.

Mountain Pieris (*P. floribunda*) is an exciting evergreen shrub, bushy in habit, low and rounded, rarely getting over 3 to 6 feet in height and width. It is extremely dense.

The white flowers, which are quite fragrant, are borne on 2 to 4-inch panicles that are held quite upright. One should expect to see this shrub flowering during mid to late April. It can be extremely effective for two to three week periods during cool, moist springs.

Like the Japanese Pieris, it grows well in high organic, acid, well-drained soils but is extremely tolerant of higher pH's. It is outstanding as a specimen or mass-planting.

This ericaceous shrub grows well in companion with deep-rooted plants, such as pine, spruce,

or oak. Of the two pieris, Mountain Pieris is least available, yet for American gardens, it is probably best suited. It requires little maintenance, being a rather upright shrub, rarely succumbing to insect and disease problems. Further, it grows well in a range of pH from 4 to 6.5.

Drooping Leucothoe (*Leucothoe fontanesiana*) is perfect for almost any naturalized or woody landscape. It is probably best grown in a container or planted with companion trees, such as pine or oak.

Leucothoe is a low-spreading with somewhat arching habit, graceful plant, reaching 3 to 5 feet in height and 4 to 6 feet in width. The new growth is bright lime-green, becoming a rich dark green during summer which changes to a light bronze color during the winter months. The flowers, in central Michigan, are not seen until late May and are white, perfect, fragrant, and borne in long axillary racemes under the foliage, ac-

centing the arching-pendulous habit of this shrub.

Leucothoe transplants easily, thriving in well-drained, high organic acid soils. It is particularly sensitive to desiccation by wind or bright sunlight during late winter. Therefore, it must be grown in woody settings. Drooping Leucothoe is outstanding as a park plant or in naturalized areas in individual home landscapes.

There are two daphnes which are readily available while being almost opposites. Rose Daphne (*Daphne cneorum*), a small, ground coverlike plant, and February Daphne (*D. mezereum*), a shrub.

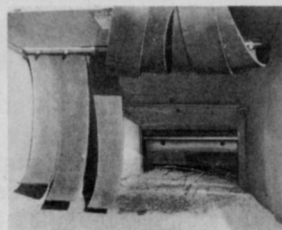
Rose Daphne is a small, low-spreading evergreen shrub, reaching only 6 to 10 inches in height and 2 feet in width. It is most effective in the home landscape, be it in a rock garden or as a woody, almost wild flower plant.

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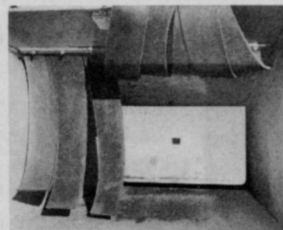


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D. cneorum is shade-labile, that is, it must be grown in shady locations. It does extremely well as a companion where rhododendrons are effective. The small leaves are almost needle-like. Being a lustrous green throughout the summer they become an almost dull grey-green through the winter months. The bright pink fragrant flowers often appear during late April or early May.

Some have observed flowering a second time during late summer. These flowers are similar to *Iberis sempervirens*—rather tight clusters, being pink in color.

Rose Daphne is best grown in a container. It transplants successfully when planted in early spring. It should be grown in well-drained high organic soil with a pH somewhere between 6 and 7. If the area is exposed to southwest sun or wind, Rose Daphne soon declines.

The key is planting in medium shade, giving a north to northeast exposure and well-drained soil.

This plant is best when used as a detailed or intimate plant in home landscapes while rarely having a place in the commercial or golf course setting.

February Daphne (*D. mezereum*) is a deciduous shrub with erect branches, reaching 3 to 5 feet in height and width. It is most effective when grown in partial to full shade. In central Michigan, one can expect the lilac or magenta fragrant flowers to appear during early to mid-April. The fruit, which is about 1/3 to 1/2 inch in diameter, is brilliant red and matures in June.

Of the *D. mezereum* cultivars, the most outstanding is *D. mezereum* 'Alba' which has pale yellow to white flowers and exciting yellow fruit. This yellow fruit can be outstanding during summer and fall. The leaves are rosettes near the terminal.

February Daphne does well in high organic, loamy, well-drained soils. It is perfectly hardy to 20 degrees below zero. This shrub has been grown or cultivated in the

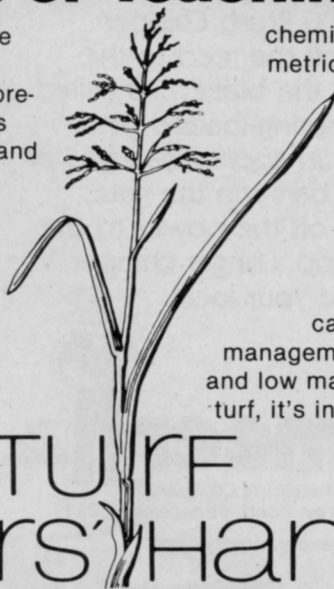
U.S. since colonial days and naturalizes well. One should consider it not only an outstanding specimen or mass planting shrub in the individual home landscape but also one that integrates well into commercial or large-area landscapes as a companion plant for deep-rooted medium-large trees, be they deciduous or evergreen. It is a plant that does extremely well when planted with a north to northeast exposure.

Pieris, leucothoe, and daphne are outstanding broad-leaf evergreens. Certainly leucothoe, with its somewhat pendulous, shrubby habit; *P. floribunda*, which holds its flowers in a very formal, upright manner; and February Daphne are outstanding in woodsy plantings. Rose Daphne is almost insect- and disease-free, yet a plant that wants to be grown in areas where it receives little or no foot traffic. Foot traffic or heavy use areas soon lead to plants declining. If one has that intimate woodsy location, these three genera are a must to consider.

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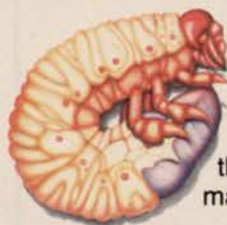
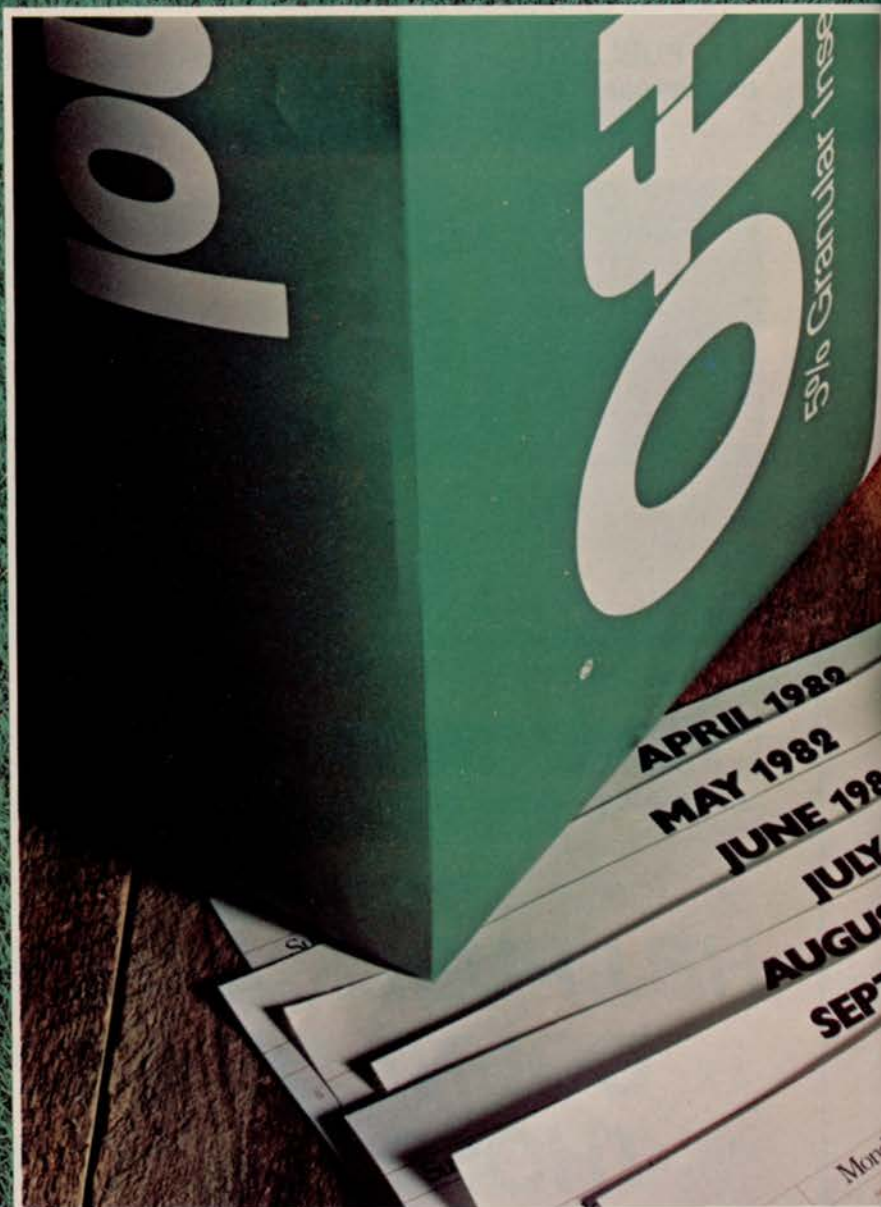


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VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

By Roger Funk, Ph.D., Davey Tree Expert Co., Kent, Ohio

Q: What causes the galls on the stems of oleander, and how can we control them? (Florida)

A: Both fungal and bacterial galls have been reported on oleander but, unfortunately, neither can be controlled with chemicals. Cut off and destroy the infected parts, and sterilize the pruners between each cut with alcohol or clorox.

Q: Stripe smut is the number one problem in our area. I would appreciate knowing the latest practices for controlling this disease on homeowner lawns. (Ohio)

A: Stripe smut disease called by *Ustilago striiformis* (West.) is the most common systemic disease of Kentucky bluegrass (*Poa pratensis* L.) in the United States and is considered to have no good control. The success or failure of a disease management program is dependent upon prompt diagnosis and the proper timing and application of fungicides as well as proper cultural practices.

The first symptoms are long, parallel, yellowish streaks on leaf blades which darken as the disease progresses. Blades finally rupture, exposing black, sooty spores after which the shredded blades turn straw-colored, shrivel and collapse.

The fungus reactivates in spring or fall resulting in gradual decline of turf. Intensive irrigation and fertilization can promote progressive decline by thinning the turf. There is some evidence that sodded lawns decline faster than seeded lawns. Diseased areas may be from an inch to more than a foot in diameter.

Some of the factors contributing to the progress of stripe smut are susceptible cultivars, heavy thatch, cool temperatures (50°-60°F.), intense irrigation, and heavy fertilization.

New growth can be infected by systemic spread of disease. Best control can be achieved by use of relatively resistant Kentucky bluegrass cultivars, moderate cultural practices and use of fungicides. Your local extension service should be able to help you select cultivars best suited to your area.

For established turf in home lawns, proper management practice should minimize the disease.

Do not overfertilize or irrigate turf heavily where the disease is present.

Systemic fungicides, such as benomyl (Tersan 1991) and the thiophanates (Clearly 3336, Fungo 50), applied once or twice in early spring and mid-to-late fall and heavily watered into the soil for maximum absorption by the roots, may prevent but will not eradicate the disease.

There is some evidence that the stripe smut pathogen (fungus) may develop resistance to systemic fungicides. Therefore, use a single application in the spring and fall if possible, but do not exceed two applications in either season. READ THE LABEL AND FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS.

Q: How effective are the fluid limestones that are being used by some lawn care companies? (Pennsylvania)

A: Fluid limestones contain limestone particles ground to a fineness of at least 200 mesh and clay to help keep the limestone in suspension.

The effectiveness of any limestone in neutralizing soil acidity is dependent upon its carbonate content and particulate size. Limestones coarser than 20 mesh are very slow to react and have limited value in turf management; limestones finer than 100 mesh react within several weeks after application.

Because of their fineness, fluid lime reacts very quickly. However, dry limestone of the same fineness will react at the same rate.

Fluid limestone has two advantages over the use of dry limestone: it can be spread more evenly and has no dust problem. The biggest disadvantage is the volume of material handled. Since a fluid limestone mix will contain about 50% limestone, it requires twice as much on a weight basis as an equivalent limestone applied dry.

Q: What do you think about the new plastic foam sheets to protect container stock during winter? (Ohio)

A: In 1979, Dr. Gouin, Professor of Horticulture at the University of Maryland, reported that conventional techniques of overwintering container-grown plants cost about four times more than protecting plants with polypropylene microfoam sheets. I suggest that you contact Dr. Gouin for the current status of his research.

Q: Can siduron be used to prevent crabgrass when seeding Kentucky 31 tall fescue? (Idaho)

A: According to a study conducted at the University of Nebraska, siduron can impair establishment of Kentucky 31 even when applied at the recommended rate. It is recommended that the Kentucky 31 seeding rate be increased by 10% and that the seed be applied as early as possible in the spring. The application rate of siduron should not exceed six pounds per acre.

Q: Could you tell me where I can buy a product called Deer Away? Will it protect young conifers? (Michigan)

A: If you contact the Weyerhaeuser Company which has been assigned the patent for Deer Away, I am sure they could provide the name of the nearest distributor. We have not tested Deer Away, but it is registered with the EPA as a deer repellent for conifers, seedlings, ornamental plantings and orchards.

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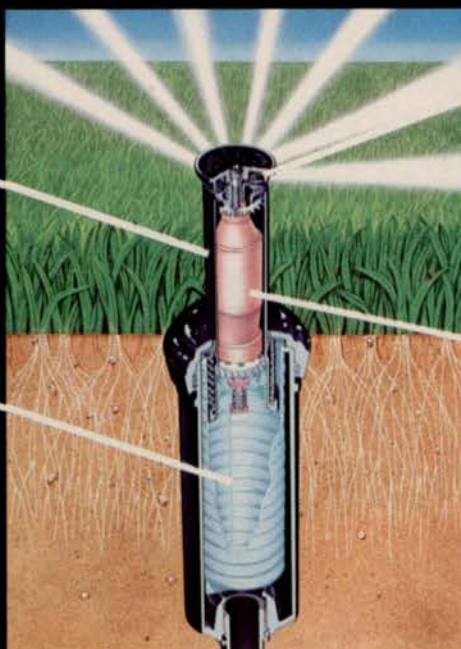
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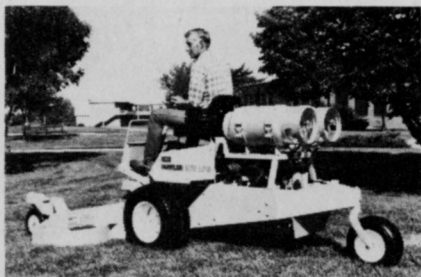
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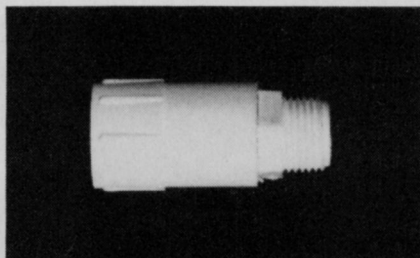
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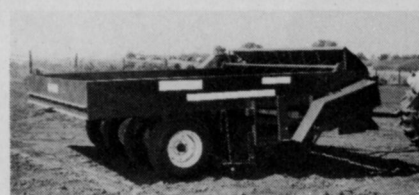
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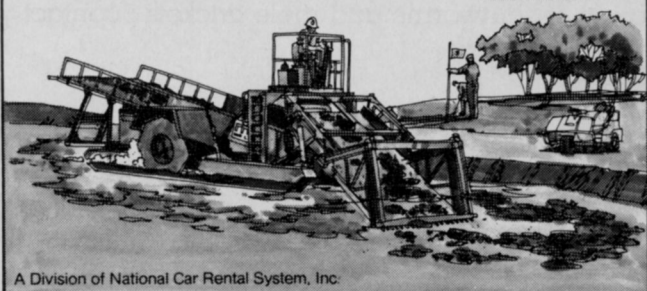
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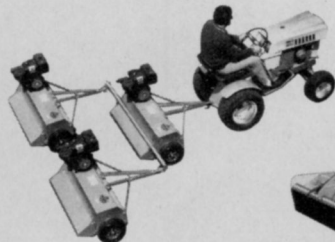
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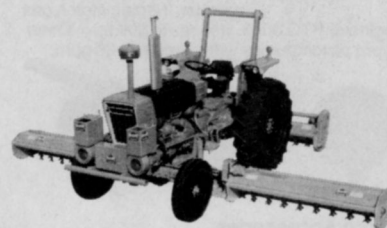
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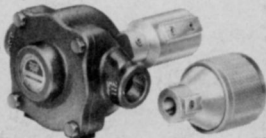
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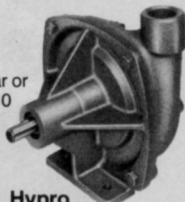
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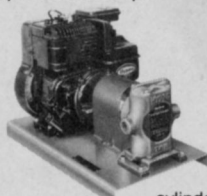
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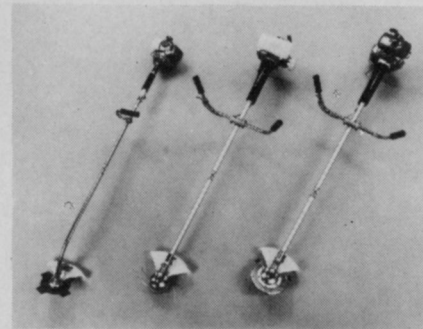
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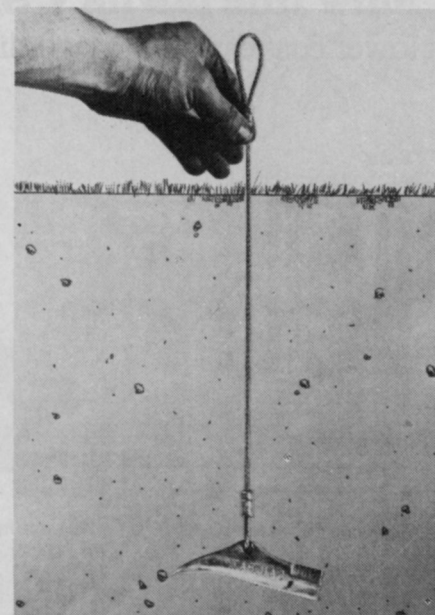
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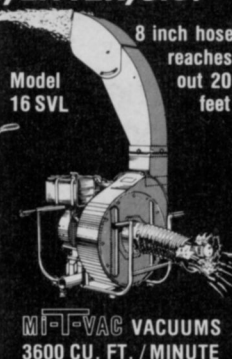
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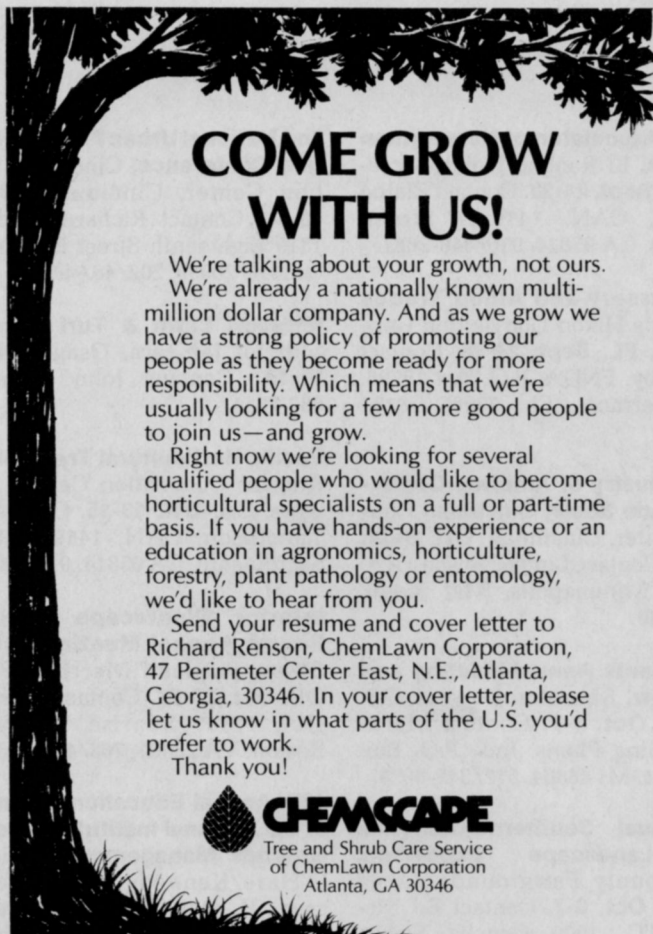
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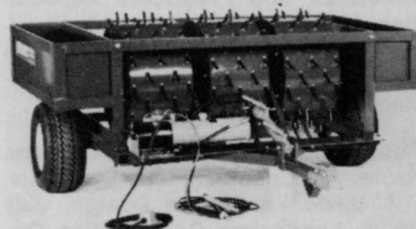
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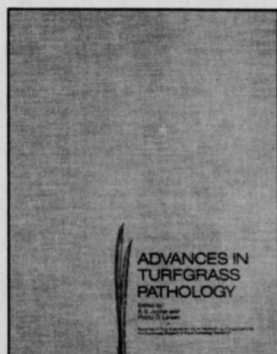
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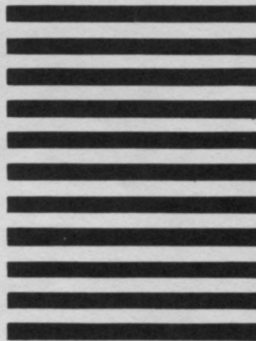
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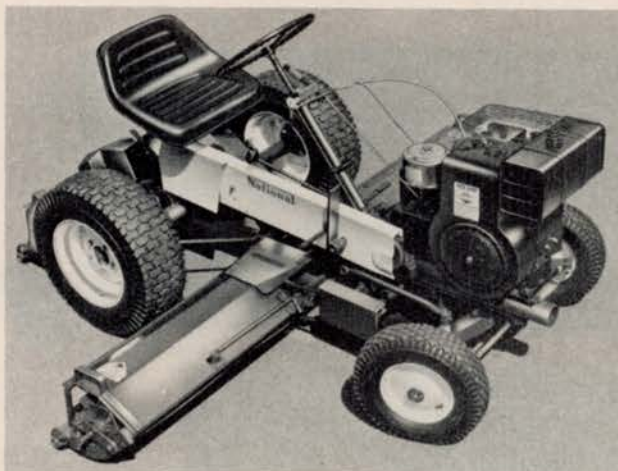
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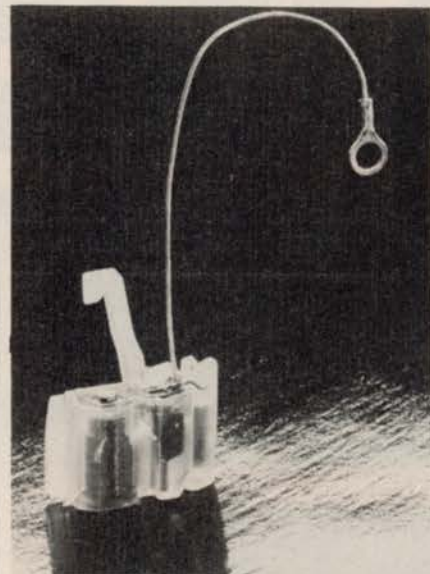


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The Candlestick leases specify that maintenance of the playing field is the Giants' responsibility during the baseball season but the City's during the football season. This clumsy system has not worked.

Back in 1979 after the Giants had lost the fight to return to astroturf, the Giants suggested that an outside consultant be brought in to help direct the turf maintenance. Coincidentally, it took a play-off bound team (49ers) and the NFL to put the advice to work almost three years later. For the play-off games, the center of the field was stripped of all Kentucky bluegrass turf and replaced with clay grown sod containing Kikuyugrass obtained from a city park. With George Toma from Kansas City supervising the operation, the field was in acceptable condition for the games. But the main problem is still evident—continuity of field maintenance and one overall knowledgeable supervisor.

Analyses and Solutions

Before one can offer solutions to the Candlestick Park situation, perhaps the following questions should be addressed:

- 1 - Who or why didn't someone within the City of San Francisco attempt to find out what was going on and make some overt attempt to resolve it?
- 2 - If the field failed to function as originally designed, why wasn't someone in the city asking questions or seeking help?
- 3 - Why weren't the field maintenance problems recognized before they developed or certainly before they got out of hand where they could not be resolved by local officials?
- 4 - Why wasn't the firm who designed and constructed the Sportsturf TD Field, who had offered technical and agro-

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practices available to him. The San Francisco Giants and 49ers must initiate a cooperative effort to communicate about what the other is doing and then combine this information into a yearly maintenance program and schedule. Such a solution will work as evidenced by the cooperation, hard work and dedication the City of San Francisco and their personnel gave to George Toma during the NFL play-off games. **WTT**

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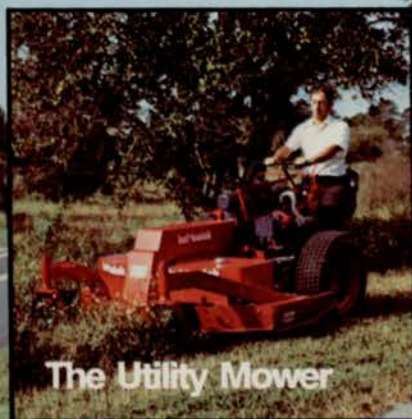
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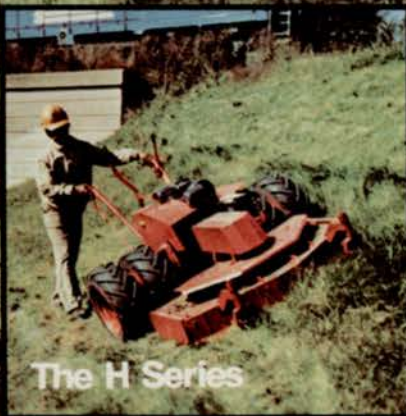
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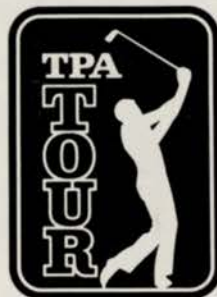
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