

UPDATE

Reagan highlights agriculture, education in State of Union

President Reagan emphasized the needs of the U.S. educational system and agribusiness during his third State of the Union Address in January. The Green Industry stands to benefit from any program designed to help agriculture or education, especially math and science training highlighted by Reagan in his address.

Reagan clearly sees retraining as part of economic recovery. He wants to encourage growth industries and industries with export potential. Agriculture and high technology industries should be receiving national support according to Reagan.

The President also reemphasized Federalism, the return of government functions to the states. Unemployment has caused states to cut back on many programs because of falling income tax revenues. But Reagan claimed "America is on the mend . . . but recovery won't come in a short, sharp spurt."

Subsidization of math and science education and an income tax deduction for college savings were two of Reagan's four points to help education. Since he stressed agriculture in addition to science, an increase in Federal funding to Land Grant Universities for agricultural programs could result. Horticulture and agronomy could benefit from such funding.

AAN lobbyist Donahue recovers from minor stroke

Leo Donahue, government affairs director for the American Association of Nurserymen, suffered a minor stroke during the Kentucky Nurserymen's Association Meeting in Louisville in January. He was transferred to Bethesda Naval Hospital and doctors report they expect a nearly complete recovery. Ray Brush, director of the National Landscape Association, said they expect Donahue back at his desk within the next few weeks.

Research to net new labels

Five representatives of the interregional research project #4 (IR-4) recently met at the AAN office to update AAN and the Society of American Florists staff on research under way to obtain data for registering pesticides for nursery and florist uses. Drs. Guest and Biehn (IR-4 headquarters), Rutgers University, Powell (Plant Pathology, Ohio State University), Lindquist, (Entomology, Ohio Agricultural Research Center), and Frank (Weed Control Research USDA-ARS) responded to added AAN/SAF requests for registration needs and said that most had been anticipated and research has already begun.

Migrant worker act signed

The Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act was signed into law by President Reagan in January. The Act repeals the Farm Labor Contractor Act which put unnecessary paperwork and enforcement requirements on employers of seasonal and migrant labor. AAN lobbied for the repeal of the Farm Labor Contractor Act with other organizations.

over the past 30 years, including potted flowering plants, cut flowers, unfinished stock, cultivated greens, bedding plants, foliage plants, sod, bulbs, corms or rhizomes, cultivated mushrooms, nursery products and vegetable and flower seeds.

"Throughout the book, the author concentrates on basic, fundamental information that would benefit anyone in the industry," Brush says.

The book outlines developing profit-boosting strategies for nursery businesses as well as informative educational material for educators and students.

"A Research Summary of the Census of Horticultural Specialties" is available for \$10 per copy (\$7.50 for educators and students) from the Horticultural Research Institute, 230 Southern Building, Washington, D.C. 20005. The book is free on request to HRI contributors.

GOLF

Columbia Car names new executive

Donald V. Conway has joined Columbia Car Corporation as executive vice president. Conway was formerly executive vice president of Rayovac Corporation in Madison, WI. Columbia's president and Chief Executive Officer Joseph Noll said Conway would share responsibilities for all the firm's operations.

"With Columbia Car's plans for developing new products and new markets, we will look to Don to direct this expansion," Noll said.

Columbia Car, a golf car manufacturer, has new manufacturing facilities in Deerfield, WI. Columbia Management bought the golf car division of the Harley-Davidson Corporation in Milwaukee and moved the manufacturing operation from Pennsylvania to Deerfield.

HORTICULTURE

Amfac names Kemp to director's post

John W. Kemp of San Francisco has been named director of strategic planning for Amfac, Inc.'s Horticulture Group.

Previously, Kemp, 40, had been manager of strategic planning for Xerox Corporation in Greenwich, CT. In his new position, Kemp will be re-

Continued on page 19