Parker Offers Debris Blower

A high-velocity blower, said to clear lawns and other areas of grass clippings, leaves, and other debris in minutes, is the newest product of Parker Sweeper Co. It is particularly useful in areas cluttered by obstacles such as trees, shrubbery, park benches, or tombstones, Parker spokesmen maintain.

Called the Parker Hurricane-55, the machine's 6-hp engine develops an air blast in excess of 100 mph, the company says. Adjustment of the discharge chute controls direction of air column. Leaves and debris are blown from 14 to 25 feet (depending on moisture content), into windrows or a central point for gathering.

With optional hose attachment, the machine is useful to blow leaves and debris out of flower beds, ground cover and planter boxes.

Constructed of fiberglas, the Hurricane-55's light weight makes it easily maneuvered. Ex-



The Hurricane-55 eliminates hand sweeping and raking of lawn areas cluttered by trees, shrubbery and tombstones, Parker Sweeper Co. says.

tra large wheels assure maximum flotation.

For complete information, write Parker Sweeper Co., Springfield, Ohio.

No. Central Weed Meet Set

Plans for the next annual conference of weed control experts are now being formulated,

according to G. Clare Buskirk, Secretary-Treasurer of the North Central Weed Control Conference, Inc.

Buskirk told Weeds and Turf that the Kellogg Center on the Michigan State University Campus in East Lansing has been selected for the affair, scheduled for December 14-16.

Current officers of the organization, other than Buskirk, include president Delbert D. Hemphill of the Department of Horticulture, University of Missouri, Columbia; and vice president John D. Furrer of the Department of Agronomy, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Buskirk also revealed that there is still a supply of proceedings from past conferences available to those interested. Available years are 1947 to 1949, and 1952 to 1962.

Prices vary according to year. Details about the proceedings, and the conference itself, are available from Buskirk at 4100 X St., Lincoln 3, Neb.

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Fall Is Best Time To Control Locust Borer

All varieties of locust trees are subject to attack by locust borers, and fall is the most opportune time to apply control measures, reminds Harold Gunderson, extension entomologist at Iowa State University.

Adult locust borers are beetles 3/4- to 1-inch long, with yellow chevrons on the back.

These locust borers feed on the pollen of goldenrods and a few other flowers. The adults mate and lay their eggs on the bark of locust trees.

The eggs hatch in the fall and the young larvae eat through the bark and burrow into the tree's trunk and larger branches. They will complete their development next summer and emerge as adults next fall, Gunderson explains.

Their burrowing severely weakens the locust trees and makes them susceptible to wind damage. This damage can be



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prevented by spraying the trunk and large limbs of all locust varieties with a 5% DDT water emulsion spray. Wet the bark and all cracks and crevices with the spray, Gunderson recommends.

Newly hatched larvae must eat through this treated bark and will be killed before they get into the tree. A single application each year will protect against these pests, according to Gunderson.

Nutter Resigns from GCSAA

Dr. Gene C. Nutter, Executive Director of The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) since 1959, has resigned his position effective April 1, 1965.

Dr. Nutter, who also serves as editor of GCSAA publications, was instrumental in the association's greatest growth period. During the past five years GCSAA membership increased from over 1300 to over 2100 members, and the International Turf-Grass Conference and Show has doubled in scope and attendance.

A successor has not yet been determined. Nutter will continue professional and business interests in the turfgrass industry.

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A new pesticide that destroys cankerworms without harm to beneficial insects, birds, animals or fish was recently announced by Stauffer Chemical Co.

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Producer of Thuricide is Bioferm Division of International Minerals & Chemicals Corp. The new pesticide has been field tested for a 5-year period, Stauffer says.

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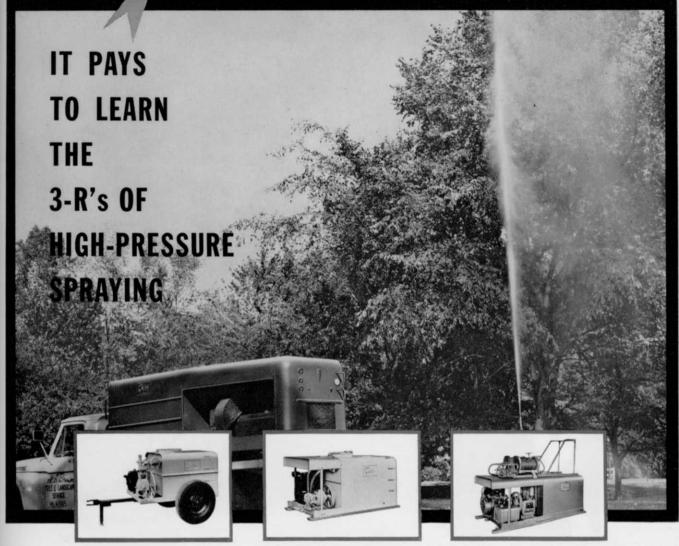
-Trimmings-

All 'round Applicator. One of our readers who fits the definition of an all 'round contract applicator as well as anyone we've come in contact with yet is Charles F. Robinson who runs the Chemical Plant Control Division of Bartlett Tree Experts in Yorktown Heights, N.Y. Charlie's calling card, which folds open to reveal a complete listing of his services, includes, among other things, crabgrass control, turf fertilization, turf insect control, fungus control, soil acidity control, weed control, soil sterilization, and even plant growth regulation. This New York applicator is singularly qualified for all these pursuits, being a graduate of the University of Massachusetts Stockbridge School of Agriculture, and having spent considerable time in the field getting actual practical know-how. Bartlett's Chemical Plant Control Division is relatively new, and we're sure manager Robinson will be off and running to good purpose!

Keeping Greenland Green. Somebody sent us a clipping the other day about a group of U.S. Air Force servicemen stationed at Thule Air Base in Greenland, whose nostalgic longing for turfgrass finally got the best of them. These turf lovers flew a box of thriving sod into the base, put the miniature lawn in a flight hanger, and now religiously clip, water, and nourish it. We wonder if they've got a chinch bug problem yet?!

Tomorrow's Treemen. One complaint heard from time to time among timers" in the International S in the International Shade Tree Conference during its convention in Houston in August was the lament that not enough young arborists were coming along to meet-ings to take active part in the goings to take active part in the go-ings-on. Said one venerable mem-ber: "T've seen the same faces here for 20 years." Well, an effective re-buttal is found in the person of such young arborists as Peter Bent of Evans Tree Service in Ardmore, Pa., whose presence at virtually every session during the Houston meeting was noticeable evidence that a fresh new crop of tree scientists is in the making. Our reporter noticed Pete, in particular, since he was busily snapping pictures with a camera much like our own, so that we had a chance to compare notes frequently during the convention. We heartily urge other rising young arborists to make every effort to get to these study sessions where the latest ideas are being exchanged, both from the podium and in talk sessions late into the evening.

Best Dressed List. One busy conference-hopping turf expert who's helping southern greenskeepers and turf management professionals make the best-dressed list is James E. Jackson, agronomist with Southern Turf Nurseries in Tifton, Ga. Jim's talks on the value of top dressing have sparked many a regional turf conference in the South, we've heard. We've noticed papers on the subject in several of the regional newsletters from various turf associations.



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