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reports Mr. John Courchene, Director of Water Quality for the Seattle Water Department

Seattle uses copper sulfate to treat not only the 725 acres but also the 7 mile shoreline of its primary storage and sedimentation reservoir. "Our primary objection to using other algae control chemicals is the difficulty of application," Mr. Courchene says. "When you total the cost of chemical purchase and application, copper sulfate is less expensive."

Seattle has been using copper sulfate for water treatment since 1940. At that time, they used approximately 20,000 pounds per year; in 1963, they used 70,000 pounds; in 1964 – 92,000 pounds. Mr Courchene says, "We usually treat the entire lake in fall, winter and spring. During the other months we generally make shoreline applications. At one time we had a problem with Isoetes, an aquatic rooted plant which rises to the surface and drifts over the lake. Before using copper sulfate we had to rake the shoreline, which proved expensive. Now that we apply copper sulfate from winter through spring, this problem is virtually eliminated."

While water can be treated by simply dragging a burlap sack of copper sulfate crystals behind a rowboat, labor costs frequently suggest more efficient procedures. The Seattle Water Department has designed and built two specialized pieces of distributing equipment. For the treatment of the lake itself, a large, bronze, mesh-screened hopper was constructed. Copper sulfate is fed into the submerged screen hopper which is mounted on the stern of a power launch. The boat is steered over parallel courses approximately 100 feet apart. Prop wash spreads the copper solution out over an area ap-



Constant sampling is one of the safeguards insisted upon by Mr. John Courchene, Director of Water Quality for the Seattle Water Department.

proximately 100 feet wide. For shoreline application, a portable blower is mounted on a truck and a belt of copper sulfate 30 to 50 feet wide is blown out over the shoreline from the truck as it is slowly driven along the top of a dike that encircles the lake.

The Seattle reservoir, when full, holds about 11 billion gallons of water, of which about 4.6 billion gallons are available to intake. "We use the available water figure when determining how much water we wish to treat. The amount of copper sulfate is determined by the quantity of water, water temperature and number and types of algae present. Both shallow and deep samples are collected each week from six sampling stations, as well as from the reservoir's source of supply and its distribution system. There is no industrial contamination and, now that we're using copper sulfate our water problems are very few."

For assistance on your water problems, Phelps Dodge Refining Corporation – one of the world's major producers of copper sulfate – can supply the following: Information on systems and equipment developed and used by water works and commercial applicators; literature, containing data and chemical formulas; technical assistance in algae and water weed control. Write: Phelps Dodge Refining Corporation Information Service, 300 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022.



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### Minimum Prices, Too?

Legislation recently passed by Congress, which became effective January 20th, will have its effect on contract applicators. Under the new law, contractors must also abide by minimum wage, fringe benefit, and working conditions rules set by the Secretary of Labor.

Any CA now servicing federal property, or contracting to do vegetation maintenance and control work at new federal building sites, will fall into this category. This is true, however, only for contracts in excess of \$2,500.

Wage scales will likely be determined by the highest union rate in the area, or lacking that, by the Federal Minimum Wage Law.

Fringe benefits will be set by the Secretary of Labor. Working conditions cannot be dangerous to either the health or safety of employees.

This law also states that contractors must post a notice of compensation required under the law at work sites.

Failure to abide by the wage or fringe benefit laws will make a contractor liable for all payments to employees. Contracting agencies will have the power to either withhold funds due the CA for payment to the employee, or be able to cancel any contract. The government will also be able to bring suit against contractors to recover remaining amounts of underpayment.

The National Labor Relations Board and the

Secretary of Labor will establish provisions which the new Service Contract Act requires. These requirements must be followed and clearly outlined in all new contracts.

Many contract applicators fall under the jurisdiction of the NLRB, and are already required to pay the Federal Minimum Wage. Generally, the NLRB will cover you if you buy or sell goods in excess of \$50,000 per year out of state.

Add these newest requirements for doing business to the higher Social Security taxes, as a result of Medicare, which became effective last month, to the detail required by increased federal and state pesticide use and licensing regulations, and you may wonder when you'll have any time and money to actually get out to do any of the vegetation work all these laws apply to. In addition, of course, the added expense of doing business is either going to come out of profits (if there are any left), or prices must be raised. And yet price cutting still prevails. Wonder if they'll ever get around to establishing minimum prices? But . . . . that's against the law, too!

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A Nemagon spray knocks out nematodes fast, and thoroughly. Turf isn't disturbed. And nearby plants won't be injured.

nutrients can pass freely through roots. Turf can respond fully to fertilizer and irrigation. Risk of stunting, poor appearance and dead patches is eliminated. So is the risk of a reseeding or



**Protecting** a golf green with Nemagon eliminates any chance of unsuspected nematode infestation causing costly damage and disrupting play.

#### resodding.

Nemagon is easily drenched into soil following a spray application. There's no need for special equipment and grass isn't disturbed. Easy-to-follow directions are printed on every package.

### Soil insect control with dieldrin

Dieldrin controls all species of grubs, including the larvae of Japanese and June beetles. It can be used ahead of time to prevent damage from ever starting. Or you can apply dieldrin to stop an infestation when discolored turf indicates that soil insects are pruning roots and limiting the crop's access to fertilizer and water.

Dieldrin can be applied any time after soil warms up. Effectiveness usually lasts 3 to 5 years. Control is so thorough that grub-eating moles and rodents can't find food in the treated area and leave. Dieldrin can be put on in fertilizer, or in granular form. Liquid concentrates and wettable powders are available for spray use and drenching.

Full details on using dieldrin for



This root-chewing white grub can kill turf or make it look sick. So can a host of other grubs and soil insects. Dieldrin stops them all.

control of soil or surface insects are on every package label.

Nemagon and dieldrin are both available as branded products of wellknown manufacturers and sold where you normally buy insecticides, and other turf maintenance products.

For more information, write Shell Chemical Company, Agricultural Chemicals Division, 110 West 51st St., New York, New York 10020.

Follow label directions carefully when using any pesticide.



Tricks of the Tree Trade

T HE TREE TRADE has more than its share of "tricks." By tricks we refer to things more of a physical nature than to the scientific knowledge which every man engaged in tree care should have.

#### Country Boys: Instinctive Climbers

We prefer country boys, though the breed has about run out. They climb as if it were instinct. It is said that a veteran woodsman is recognized by the way he uses his feet. He never puts a foot down without knowing where he is putting it. He is not conscious of watching his feet; it's instinctive. So these good climbers use both their hands and feet.

Secondly, country boys know how to use a saw and fell a tree. The same sure-footed principles are applied to removal of a limb or treetop. And, of greater importance, good country climbers know trees and the qualities of



Hinge cuts (H) allow workmen to guide a tree's fall by pulling the treetop with a rope. Cut is made opposite the fell side of the tree which stands upright until the surgeon gives it a jerk in the right direction.

their wood in all stages of growth from sapling to giant when they are green or dead.

#### **Use Tree Virtues**

Quality of wood, as it relates to strength characteristics, is of prime importance in tree operations and safety maintenance.

Trees hinge during a fall after cut is made partially through their trunks. A thick sapwood and bark strip left intact by the tree surgeon restrains tree's fall for an easy landing on lawns, driveways, or other protected areas. Cut is not made so deep that trees fall by themselves; the hinge is thick enough so worker must pull the tree over.



For example, never trust a dead pecan limb as a foothold when climbing, regardless of its size. Even though pecan limbs are very strong when alive and green, dead pecan limbs snap and break easily and offer very little, if any, support. Galls and hollows, and other faults affect the strength of wood in many trees. The criterion then, is: know your tree before you climb it; use its virtues; avoid its hazards.

#### **Tree Hinge Cushions Fall**

The "hinge cut" is the most useful trick available to tree workers. Though widely used, there are still many good operators who do not understand and



Fall cuts are made where a swift and hard impact on the ground is allowed. A back cut (B) is made first nearly through the tree's trunk. Then a smaller undercut (U) is chopped just below the back cut on the fell side of the tree.

use it fully. A tree worker's "hinge" is the bark and sapwood of the tree, and its strength varies with every tree as well as with its size and age.

Use of the hinge begins with tree felling. A tree or limb will swing on a hinge just as a gate swings on a hinge, the only difference being that a gate swings horizontally and a tree swings vertically when cut. A hinge is By HORACE P. BRYAN Bryan Tree Service Dallas, Texas

formed when a single, incomplete cut is made in a tree or limb.

The traditional method of tree felling is a "fall cut"; a cut made on the "fell" side of the tree a little below a cut made on the opposite side. The fall cut helps to throw and direct the tree's fall. When the fall cut is used, a tree falls free with the impact of all its weight. This can be hard on



Limbs are hinged (LH) horizontally if their direct downward fall might damage structures, flower beds, driveways, or shrubs. At the cut, a small portion of sapwood remains attached. The tree surgeon swings the branch on a rope either to the right or left until it can be cut free and fall without causing property damage.

the customer's lawn, walk, or driveway.

With the hinge, a fairly large tree can be laid down like a lamb. The ease with which a tree or limb may be leveled to the ground by a hinge, depends upon the tree and tensile strength of its wood. Hinge cuts should not be tried on trees which have been dead so long they are rotten or "bone brittle." Green hickory, pecan, American or Chinese elm, hackberry, maple, and oaks, one inch or more in diameter, can be pulled over on a hinge and laid down without damage even to shrubs or flowers. Any



Tree surgeon, David Barnes, uses a guy rope to swing a limb sideways on its hinge at the cut.

tree, except a brittle dead tree, even a giant tree can be felled on a hinge with only a slight impact if a fall cut is used.

#### Limbs Hinged And Cut For Pinpoint Landing

Perhaps the most useful phase of hinging is in the daily job of limb removal over buildings, power lines, and other obstacles. Frequently we have taken down huge limbs piece by piece, or have swung them 45 degrees to the side before they were lowered. We use the hinge if the tree is not too brittle and will hinge.

To rig a limb for hinge cutting, we put a guy rope through a



Undercuts (U) are made about one inch closer to the tree trunk than topcuts (T) to avoid stripping bark from beneath a limb. This method is used when a limb is to fall directly below, butt end first, without hinging.

high crotch in the treetop and tie one end of the rope as far out as possible on the limb to be cut. The other end is anchored to some solid object (stake, tree trunk, or another worker). The



Butt ropes (B) are tied near the hinge cut in a trunk or limb and threaded through a nearby crotch to support the trimmed section and prevent hinge breakage during the fall.

weight of the limb is kept on the rope until we are ready to lower it, and we prevent breaking the hinge until the limb is removed completely. After the "hinge cut" is made and while the limb, still attached by its bark hinge, hangs supported by the guy rope, a snatch rope is used to swing the limb to a position where it can be lowered. Then the limb is lowered with tender guidance and the hinge is finally cut. The whole side of a huge tree often can be cleared by one rigging. Climbers can maneuver limbs



Oakville, Connecticut



Ropes tied to trimmed branches, one near the cut (C) end and another near the tip, allow tree surgeons to "cradle" a limb's fall so it will land without harm to customer's property, in this case a flower bed.

suspended by a rope, with a slight push or tilt, to the most exact landing position. Thus workers and such obstacles as buildings, lines, or flowers are protected.

#### **Undercut To Avoid Bark Strips**

Tree surgeons employ the "undercut" to avoid stripping bark from beneath a limb. Hinge cuts always strip and are used where a lower cut is to be made or where stripping does not matter such as when the entire tree is to be removed. Not only is the undercut a trick to avoid bark stripping, it is a method we use when we want a limb to fall "dead" or straight down without swinging; often called a dead fall cut. Both the butt and leafy ends of limbs hit the ground at the same time. Thus, limbs do not hit on the springy end and jump into a window glass or pounce on shrubbery.

The undercut is used also in the "jump cut" to avoid stripping. An undercut is made as deeply as possible on the underside of a limb about one inch



Nylon rope (N) stretch qualities are used for those big bruisers that lean over structures, fences or lines. A portable pulley system hooked up to a winchlike "come-along" (C) is used by the surgeon to hoist lumbering trees on their hinge (H) in a safe direction away from buildings.