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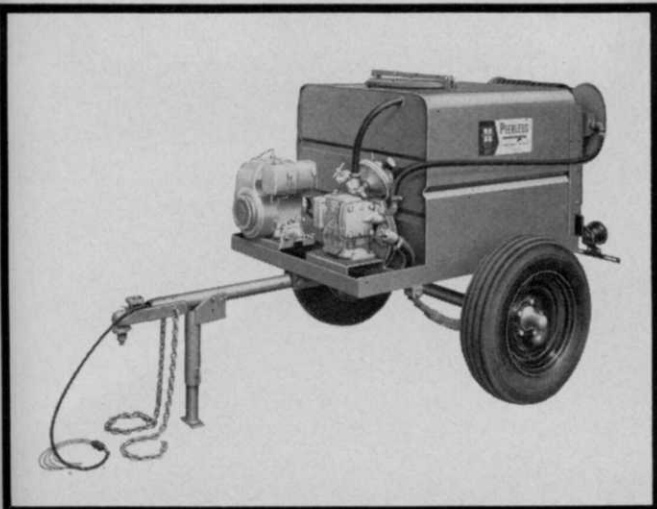
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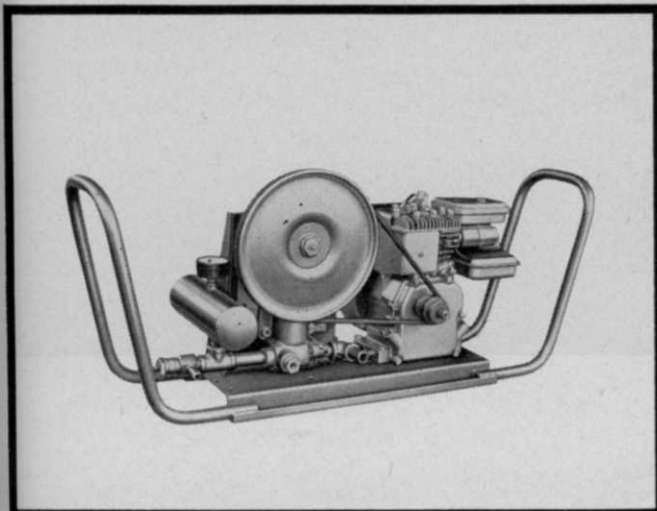
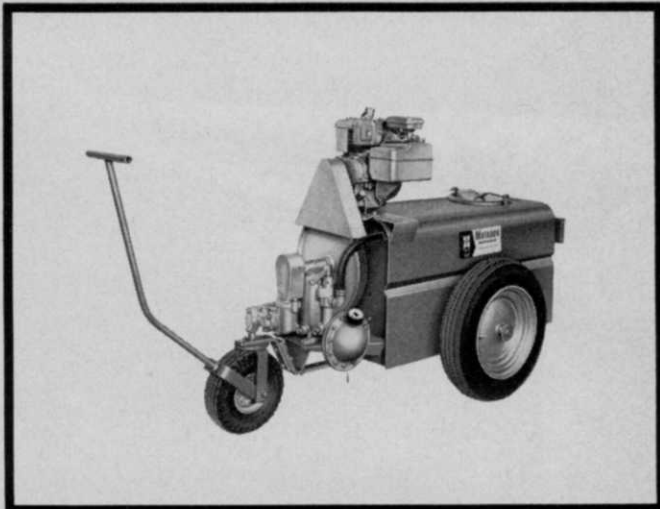
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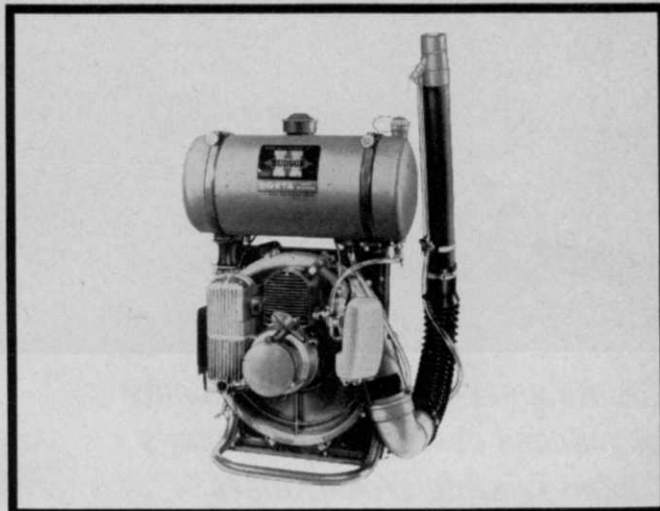
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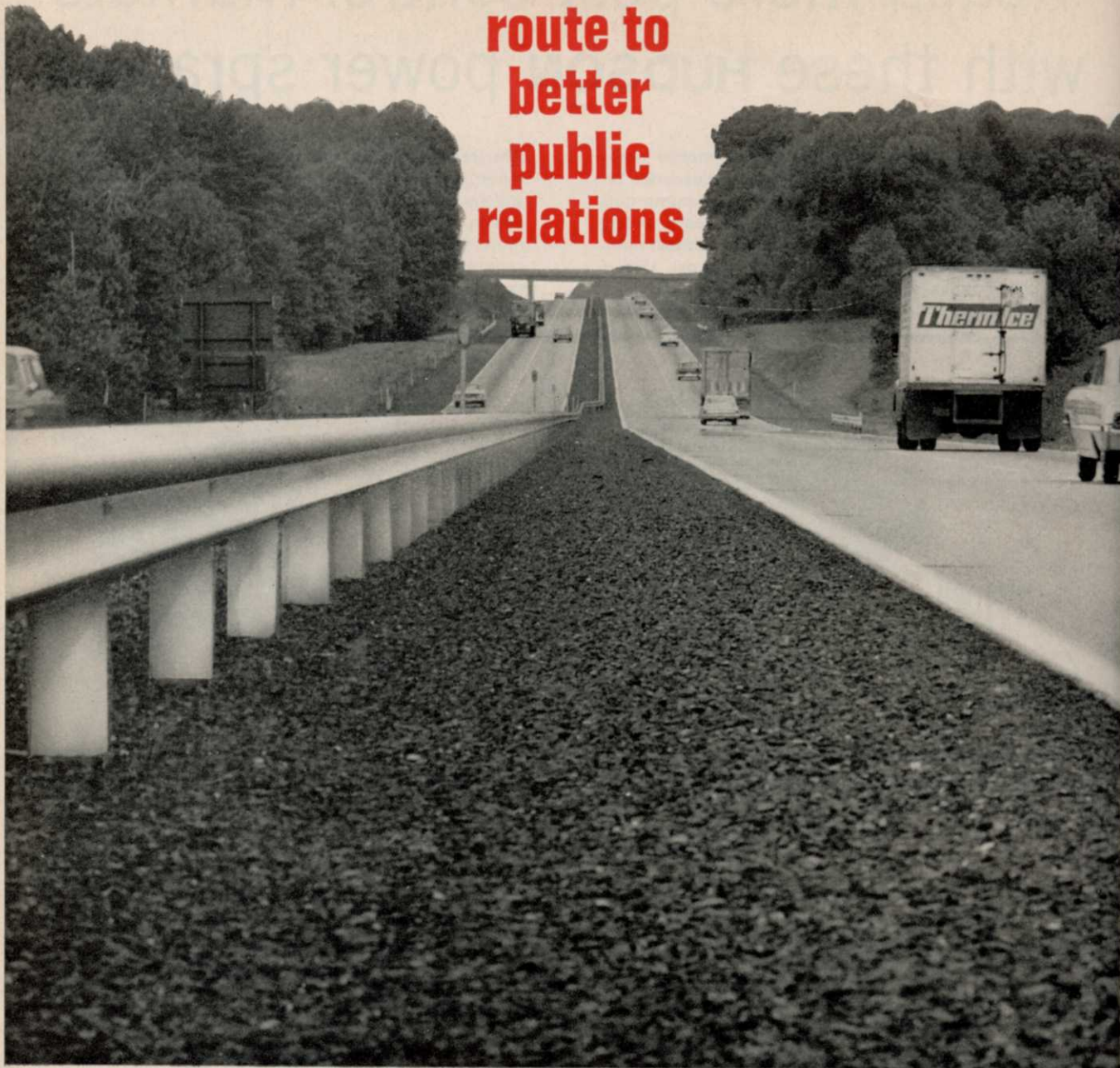
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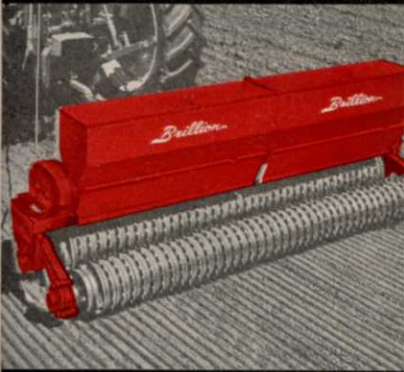
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## We Wonder At The Wisdom

The other day we came across a suggestion that nurserymen and sod growers might find an answer to complaints about rising prices and taxes on land next to cities by taking advantage of those skyrocketing land values and consider their property as an investment that can be sold at a profit.

Since nursery operators grow their crops in moveable containers, and sod growers strip their land, the counselors say these growers don't have to tie up large amounts of money in permanent improvements on their growing grounds. For that reason, the advice is, these growers might well buy land as it starts to increase in value because of city expansion, and plan to sell it a few years later at a handsome profit.

Higher taxes, which go along with rising land values, should not be a serious problem because nurserymen don't need the tremendous acreage and per-acre income is high compared to surrounding farm land, according to R. Bruce Ricks.

Many a nurseryman now feels he must sell when property taxes begin to rise and move to an inexpensive site, the University of California Graduate School of Business staffer commented recently at an industry meeting. Instead, he recommended, nurserymen should buy close-in land which will be converted to urban use more quickly, land which is entering the "predeveloped" stage of rapidly rising values. At first blush this does indeed look like an easy way to make a relatively fast buck. But we wonder.

In the first place, most nurserymen, and sod growers, have a sizeable investment in the cultivation and development of their land. Not all nursery stock is grown in pots, particularly trees and many ornamentals. And sod growers don't yet raise turf on flats. The land on which these growers nurture their crops requires constant, tender care through fertilization, maintenance of the right balance of chemical elements, and irrigation. They do indeed have a considerable investment in their soil. It isn't always easy to find suitable land on the nearby fringes of promising metropolitan areas, nor to change addresses.

The idea of such land speculation is an intriguing one, but we wonder at the relative costs involved in such maneuvering over the finally-to-be-realized profit a grower would get. And, there is always the risk that property values may drop or that projected population movements may not materialize.

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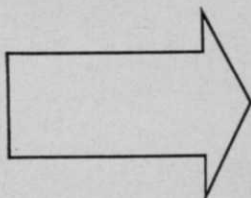
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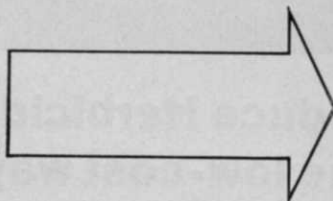
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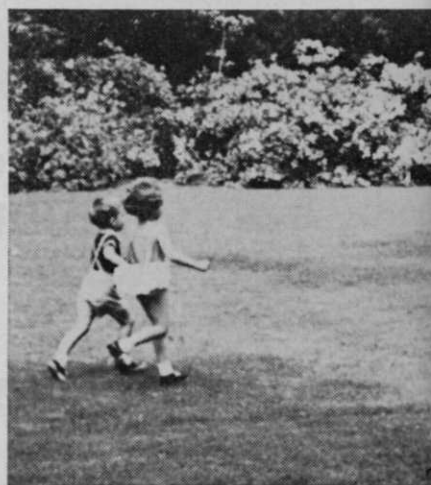
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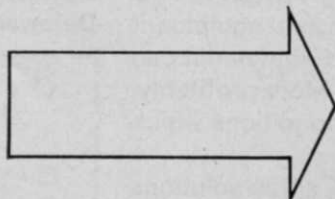
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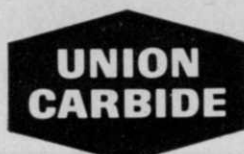
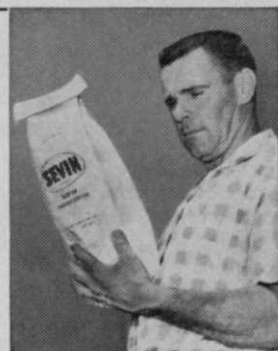


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I have just read with interest the article, "Tricks of the Tree Trade," in your Feb. 1966 issue. I certainly wish to take issue with the author, as he is teaching a method of falling a tree that is positively the most dangerous and foolhardy thing a tree cutter could do. Your author calls this a hinge cut and two diagrams and one photo indicate falling a tree with a back cut only. This would get you fired in my organization as a serious violation of safety rules.

It is practical to use a thick hinge to slow the fall of a tree or to make it hang on the stump, but every tree over six inches in diameter should be notched first.

A chain saw operator that attempts to fall a tree with a back cut is placing his person in serious jeopardy. The minute a cut like this is opened, there is the possibility the tree will split up and the butt will shoot back, sometimes at tremendous speed. I know of two fatal accidents in

this area that happened in just this fashion.

I would like to suggest as a first-class safety rule: "Never fall a tree over six inches diameter without first cutting a notch."

I enjoy your magazine very much and am very happy to see that it includes articles of interest to the arborist.

James W. Taylor

Newburgh, N. Y.

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Author Bryan's (Tricks of the Tree Trade, WTT Feb. 1966) first day in any tree crew in this area would be his last day.

Casual reflection brings to mind three men killed in this area by barber chairing of trees or limbs cut by his hinge method. The list of property damage claims from this same cause is fantastic. Our crews can "gentle" a tree down on a properly made hinge incorporated in a felling cut, but our own safety standards absolutely rule out the method described by Bryan.

The unfortunate part of the article is that some person who

is unaware of the danger of Bryan's method might try it since an expert recommended it.

Robert C. Gardner

Manager  
Abalene Spray Service, Inc.  
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We asked for author Bryan's comments to add to this exchange of ideas covering tree felling practices. He answered:

Concerning the "kickback" hazard mentioned in letters from alert tree men, we too have long been aware of this danger. But it is a hazard not only when the "hinge" is used but also with a "fall cut." A tree which is easily split, such as an old hollow Red Oak, which is leaning against the cut or which is tilted with a "pull," is liable to kick back at the butt. And a fall cut is no insurance against a kickback, though in many cases it may prevent it. But the most dangerous kickback is from a fall cut, because the tree will be falling faster, and the kick-back will be sharper.

We feel our article dealt ade-



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