sweet gum and elm, Fusicoccum canker of mountain ash, Melanconium canker and dieback of birch, and Botrysophaeria canker of redbud and tupelo were among unusual bark diseases discussed by Dr. Carter. Usually, he pointed out, these diseases are more severe on less vigorous trees and on those growing under unfavorable conditions.

Watering during dry periods, fertilizing to stimulate growth, surgery in some instances (when the affected areas can be pruned away), and complete removal of trees not responding to treatment for these bark diseases were recommended controls.

Stem diseases covered by the Illinois expert included witchesbroom in pine, spruce dwarf, and fasciation. Causes of these unusual diseases are not known. Witches-broom in pine and fasciation disease of several species can usually be controlled by pruning away the affected branches. Spruce infected with dwarf disease should be removed and destroyed.

Too Many Trees

Dr. Paul Tilford, editor, International Shade Tree Conference, described the typical small-city street tree problem as one of "too many trees of the wrong kinds." This situation has come about because most small cities have not controlled street plantings. Abutting property owners have planted-and usually overplanted—whatever kinds of trees they wished. In many places these practices continue, with the result that each spring brings new problems that will become serious 25 years later.

To prevent such problems, cities must take over control of street trees by ordinance, Dr. Tilford stated. Cities must either plant the trees or require abutting property owners to obtain permission before planting approved trees at properly spaced intervals. Without control, new problems will continue to be created. Dr. Tilford cited the street tree ordinance of Wooster, Ohio, and the Wooster Shade Tree Commission as one small city's effort to do something about its shade tree problems.

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opening session will be talks on
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Midwest Regional Turf Foundation will hold its annual banquet
on Monday evening.

Tuesday morning, participants will reconvene in special sessions for golf course interests, general turf interests, and sod growers. Golf men will look at "Personnel on Wheels," "Automatic Irrigation Saving Time," and "Upgrading from Poa annua and Crabgrass", then will hear personal experiences with different grass varieties from experts in the field. General turfmen will consider seed supplies, St. Louis Stadium, and "Performance of New and Old Turfgrass Varieties," among other topics. "Developing a New Sod Farm" and "Sod Farm Irrigation" are two subjects on tap for sodmen. Set for Tuesday afternoon are discussions of various way to regulate irrigation water.

On Wednesday, Mar. 8, basic information on grass varieties, soils, grass development, sod, and herbicides will be offered for fledgling turfmen. Oldtimers will hear talks on ornamental horticulture training and artificial turf, as well as new ideas

on wilt reduction, herbicides, and additives. Readers desiring more information on this conference, which has a \$10 registration fee, should contact Dr. W. H. Daniel, Department of Agronomy, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind. 47907.



James Burdett (standing, right) 1966 president of the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation, looks on as three featured speakers discuss the program for December's 7th University of Illinois Turfgrass Conference. Seated is Dr. M. C. Shurtleff, University of Illinois plant pathologist, who urged participants to use caution in tank mixing of turf chemicals because of the lack of basic knowledge on compatibilities, and offered some combinations not recommended because of known incompatibilities. Standing (left) is Dr. Roscoe Randell, U. of I. entomologist, who related sod webworm damage in bluegrass turf to management practices, pointing out that good management (irrigation and monthly fertilization) during the hot, dry summer months of webworm buildup can help grass to "outgrow" a good bit of the damage. Standing (center) is Dr. Paul Rieke, Michigan State University staffer, who investigated techniques for growing sod on Michigan's muck soils, where its production has become the fastest growing segment of the state's agricultural industry. The Conference drew specialists from across the country with its exchange of up-to-date ideas for maintaining quality turf. Proceedings are published by the University of Illinois, which sponsors the event in cooperation with the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation.

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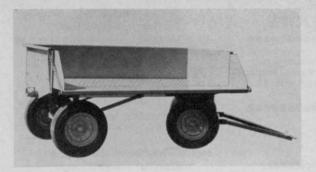


Virginia Hosts Dixie Arborists, Mar. 12-15

Arborists from throughout the South will gather at the John Marshall Hotel, Richmond, Va., for the '67 Southern Shade Tree Conference, Mar. 12 to 15. Equipment exhibits and educational sessions will get underway Monday morning, with the role of trees in recreation, problems in highway beautification, new insecticide developments, and safety in tree work among opening topics.

Conference participants will tour Richmond's Park System and see arborists' equipment demonstrated on Tuesday. Wednesday's activities will return to the host hotel, with discussions to include tree planting programs, economics of underground utility lines, and a forum on utility-municipality cooperation.

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Turf Insects

A BILLBUG

(Sphenophorus phoeniciensis)

Arizona: Medium infestation reported in many lawns in Salt River Valley. Larvae are feeding on roots.

A FLEAHOPPER

(Spanogonicus albofasciatus)

California: Nymphs and adults infesting dichondra lawns at Orange,
Orange County.

Insects of Ornamentals

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New Mexico: Cinara spp. heavy on various junipers in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County. Oklahoma: C. tuja-filina appearing in evergreen hedges at Stillwater, Payne County.

ARMORED SCALES

Alabama: Phenacaspis pinifoliae reported on isolated loblolly and slash pine in ornamental plantings in Lee County. California: Aonidiella citrina heavy on cymbidium plants at La Mesa, San Diego County.

A WHITE FLY

(Tetraleurodes acaciae)

California: Medium on coral trees in San Diego County.

Tree Insects

APHIDS

(Eulachnus spp.)

Alabama: Feeding and increasing on pine needles in central part of the State.

SMALLER EUROPEAN ELM BARK BEETLE

(Scolytus multistriatus)

Colifornia: Adults heavy on elms in rural area near Stockton, San Joaquin County for a new county record. Nebraska: Heavy in dead elms at Lincoln, Lancaster County.

RED TURPENTINE BEETLE

(Dendroctonus valens)

California: Locally heavy in pines at Los Gatos, Santa Clara County.

A GALL MIDGE

(Contarinia sp.)

California: Defoliating Douglas fir trees in 6,000-acre stand in Bluff Creek area and 15,000 acres in Red Cap Creek area. Most severely affected are shaded and depressed trees.

A FALSE SPIDER MITE

(Brevipalpus pini)

Colifornia: Heavy populations reported infesting numerous Monterey pines on Vandenburg Air Force Base, Santa Barbara County.

Literature you'll want

Here are the latest government, university, and industrial publications of interest to the readers of Weeds Trees and Turf. Some can be obtained free of charge, while others are nominally priced. When ordering, include title and catalog number, if any. Sources follow booklet titles.

How Trees Grow. Catalog No. A 13.20/3:T 71/2/966, 1966, 21 x 24 in., 20¢, Supt. of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

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Suggested Guide for the Use of Insecticides to Control Insects Affecting Crops, Livestock, Households, Stored Products, and Forest Products. Agricultural Handbook No. 313, \$1.25, Supt. of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

Turfgrass Varieties for Colorado. Pam. 6-S, Colorado State University Extension Service, Ft. Collins, Colo.

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New Chemical for Control of Bluebell,
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Turf. Pam. 7-S, Colorado State
University Extension Service, Ft.
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Applicators Meet in Nebr.

A program beamed primarily toward commercial and municipal applicators has been planned for the 3rd annual Nebraska conference on "Selection and Handling of Pesticides," set for April 3 and 4, at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education, University of Nebraska, East Campus, Lincoln.

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Sodman Becomes Manufacturer

In last month's WTT, Daymon Manufacturing Corp., Gregory, Mich., introduced its new line of specialized equipment for sod producers. Bob Daymon, president of Daymon Manufacturing, says the decision to enter equipment production was based on sod growers' labor problems and cost-price squeeze.

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-Trimmings -

Of mice and miscellany. We were sitting in the front row of the Commodore Hotel's East Ballroom, in New York City, during the opening session of this year's Northeastern Weed Control Conference. The speaker was Rutgers entomologist, Dr. B. R. Wilson. The room wasn't crowded near the front, it being a human characteristic to avoid front rows wherever people gather, so we may have trouble gaining corroboration for this mouse tale. But there it was —peeping from under the speakers' platform at the august assembly of weed controllers: one small wide-eyed gray mouse. Apparently, the mouse decided it was all right to venture out on the theory that a roomful of weed experts wasn't interested in a single rodent. Another look around. Pause. Discovery of entomologists and pest controllers in the audience. And a very hasty retreat.

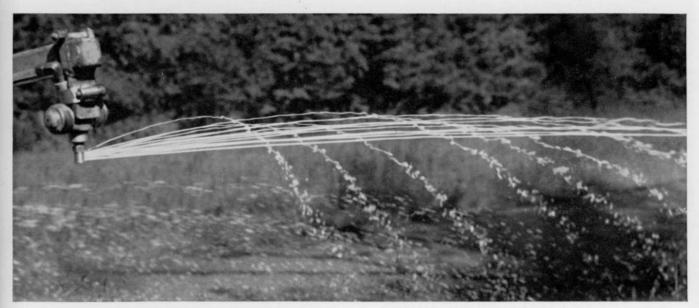
Exit mouse, and there are more than a few vegetation maintenance men around who wish all rodents would beat such a hasty retreat. It seems to be the season for rodent damage to trees and shrubs. As Richard Crumm, Hoosier entomologist, points out, "rodents cause more damage when snow covers their food supply." Thiram fungicide, brushed or sprayed on plants, "can often turn the rodents' attention to other less important food," he suggests.

Second thoughts on above notes: Mention of the solitary gray mouse is not intended as a reflection on the Commodore Hotel. Indeed, NEWCC's host hotel was most cooperative to visiting weedmen, and Northeast controllers decided before the meeting was out to hold their '68 conference there, too. We hope the mouse will be back next year. But probably the shock was too much for it.

Congratulations to the new Mid-Continent Weed Control Association, to Al Price, Ralph Reid, John Lehr, Dick Evans, Tom Graham, and company. The need for applicators to band together for the protection of their legitimate interests has never been more apparent.

Trovelling Tifdwarf. Received an invitation to attend the opening of the new Kauai Surf Golf and Country Club, in Hawaii of course. Deeply regret that our jampacked travel schedule prevents us from attending any but winter meetings held in northern latitudes and summer meetings in southern latitudes. We don't know why it works out that way, but it always seems to. If there's a winter turf conference in the Aleutian Islands next year, it will probably show up on our schedule. Remarkable thing about the Kauai course is that it's ready for play, when the greens were sprigged with Tifdwarf bermudagrass just last October. First time for this popular new grass variety in Hawaii. It took Cal-Turf's new Hawaii operation more than a year to ready the grass for the Kauai greens. Now everything is set for surfside putters. Happy putting out there...

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