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Working comfortably high above the surrounding park on a Hi-Ranger tower is Allan Nyberg of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. As a member of the city parks department, he regularly uses towers in his tree trimming work. Towers have gained in popularity in recent years. Why? See the article starting on page 28 for the answer.

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Editorial

Bucket Safety

Within the very near future, owners of vehiclemounted elevating and rotating work platforms (better known as buckets) will be under attack. The long arm of the Federal government clutching the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) is likely to swoop down and nab professional tree men for non-compliance with American National Standards Institute, Inc.

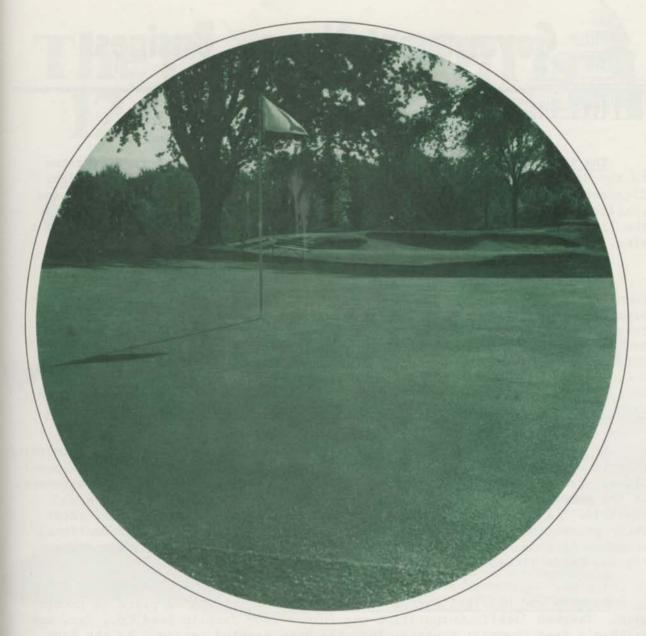
It seems that OSHA has adopted the standards of this august body which is represented by 28 nationwide firms including Asplundh Chipper Company and Mobile Aerial Towers, Inc. We feel indeed fortunate that two companies from The Green Industry comprise 7.14 percent of the total standards setting group. We can rest assured that new equipment manufactured by these firms will comply with these standards.

But what about buckets already on the job. There is a bulletin available (A92.2-1969) from American National Standards Institute, Inc., 1430 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10018, which can serve as a guide. We would suggest you get one. This brochure details at least 53 mandatory performance, design and manufacture, testing and inspection and other ratings which a new bucket must pass to get an A on an OSHA report card. All new equipment will be manufactured with these standards incorporated. However, when the OSHA inspector descends on your business your bucket may take a beating.

He may or may not ask you to define the type of equipment you own or the use you have made with it. But don't take that as nothing. The standards detail equipment covered and not covered. For example, fire fighting equipment, for some reason not known to us, is excluded from the standards. In addition, an insepctor may declare that the boom truck on which you can attach an optional bucket as a violation. Unless it is equipped with over-riding controls, instruction plates and a host of other items, the OSHA watchdog may issue a citation.

We could quote passages of the Congressional Record, OSHA regulations and other official documents as further evidence, but the specific guidelines are contained in the American National Standards Institute bulletin A92.2-1969. This bulletin expressly forbids us, you, your Congressman and the OSHA representative from quoting or reproducing in any form any portion of the publication without written permission. It is copyrighted. We are not sure why, but we believe the laws of copyright protection have worked to keep you from getting the facts.

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Government News / Business

The Environmental Protection Agency has granted expanded registrations to the Niagara Chemical Division, FMC Corporation for the herbicide Tandex. Clearances now permit treatment of the herbicide to 28 additional vegetation species in either granular or wettable powder formulations. Weeds added to the list include: dogbane, honeysuckle, Johnsongrass, rose, horsetail trumpet vine, spurge, goldenrod, aspen, oak, elm, and others.

The Committee on Toxic Materials and Harmful Physical Agents, a new committee of the American Society for Testing and Materials, has scheduled an organizational meeting in Philadelphia in October. This committee will be responsible for the development of safety and health standards (including test methods, classifications, recommended practices, and definitions) which will be responsive to the requirements of Sections 6 (b) (5), 6 (b) (7) and 8 (c) (3) of Public Law 91-596, the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, for individual or families of toxic materials or harmful physical agents. Watch for this committee to gain wider attention in the news in the future!

At presstime, only seven states were left to sign the memorandum committing them to a cooperative program started by USDA to promote the safe use of pesticides. Primary concern here are the more toxic pesticides, and state agreement to the memorandum provides for planning for precautions to take with each pesticide. After this material is prepared, USDA and the states will adopt these precautions in their pest control programs and undertake informational programs on safe handling procedures. Still to sign the measure are Alabama, Alaska, Connecticut, Iowa, New Jersey, New York, and Vermont.

Mergers and outright purchases for this year are taking place at record pace. Vaughan Jacklin Corporation was formed from Jacklin Seed Co., Inc. and Vaughan's Seed Company; Tenneco, Inc. has been granted approval by the Bank of England to proceed with the acquisition of David Brown Tractors Ltd.; Wayne Manufacturing Co. will become an operating division of FMC Corporation.

The administrative ruling on DDT was not cold yet when EPA Administrator Ruckelshaus fired another cannon at the pesticide industry. The target was aldrin and dieldrin. This time, in a "Determination and Order to Cancel," EPA used scatter shot. While most of the cancellations of aldrin-dieldrin products that relate to the Green Industry were announced March 18 (turf, aerial and ground spraying or dusting of foliage, and others), use of these products as soil toxicants to protect structures were appealed. The Advisory Committee on the matter granted the appeal. In the recent EPA action, nursery dipping of roots and tops of non-food plants were retained. Ruckelshaus is expected to rule soon on the question of suspending other aldrin-dieldrin uses.

The Green Industry regrets the passing of Einar A. Jacobsen, retired Chairman of the Board of Jacobsen Manufacturing Company. Mr. Jacobsen died July 18 at the age of 66. The son of the founder, he joined the company in 1928 following graduation from the University of Wisconsin. He led the company through its greatest sales growth years.

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