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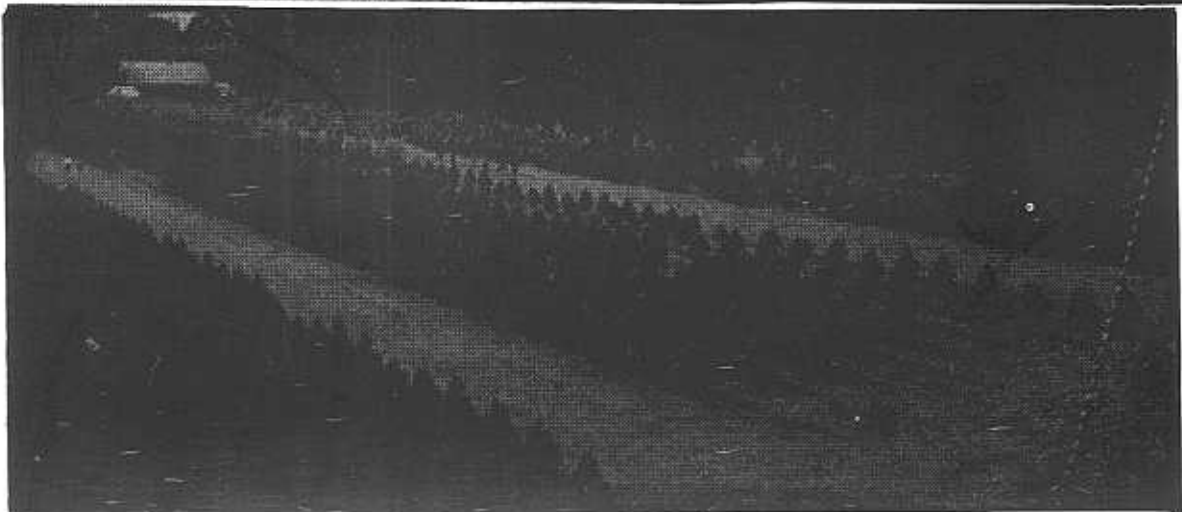
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# 2000 Annual Meeting

## The Louisiana-Mississippi Christmas Tree Association

Friday September 22	Ramada Inn, Slidell Louisiana
4:00 P.M.	Exhibitor Set-up Begins, <i>Exhibitor Chair Rob Eddy</i>
6:30 P.M.	Board Meeting
Saturday September 23	Ramada Inn, Slidell Louisiana
7:30 A.M.	Registration Opens, Exhibit Area Opens (Continental Breakfast)
7:30-	
8:30 A.M.	Registration of Contest Trees. All Association Members may enter. <i>Contest Chair Kent Milton</i>
	Morning Session
	<i>Moderator Harry May</i>
8:45 A.M.	<b>Welcome</b> David Gaude, President of La-Ms Christmas Tree Association
9:00 A.M.	<b>Christmas Tree Marketing in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Millennium</b> Dennis Tompkins-Editor of the <i>American Christmas Tree Journal</i> Sumner, Washington
9:45 A.M.	<b>Christmas Tree Recycling, Louisiana Style</b> Kenneth Bahlinger, Program Manager Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Coastal Restoration Division
10:30 A.M.	<u>Break-Visit Vendors, Vote on Contest Trees</u>
11:00 A.M.	<b>Update on Louisiana Agriculture</b> Craig Roussell, State Horticulturist Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (representing Commissioner Bob Odom)

- 11:30 A.M. **Fungal Diseases in Leyland Cypress-  
Review 1999 Test & Preview 2000 Test**  
Dr. Ken Witham, Plant Pathologist,  
Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service
- 12:00 Noon **Lunch**
- 1:30 P.M. **Depart Ramada for Shady Pond Tree Farm**  
*Caravan Leader &  
Afternoon Moderator James Porter* *Reggie Fullerton*
- 1:45 P.M. **Welcome to Shady Pond**  
Clarke J. Gernon, Sr.
- 2:00 P.M. **Tour Leyland Test Area & Review Results**  
Dr. Ken Witham
- 2:30 P.M. **Walking Tour of Fields-Focus on Exotic Trees;  
"Some did-Some didn't"**  
Clarke J. Gernon, Sr.
- 3:30 P.M. **Christmas Tree Recycling-A View from the Front  
Lines!**  
(View Sikorsky UH-60A 'Black Hawk')  
Chief Travis Johnson & Crew, Army National Guard
- 4:00 P.M. **Christmas Crafts-Wildlife Edible Decorations &  
Southern Potpourri**  
Linda Franzo, The Passionate Platter
- 4:45 P.M. **Sheep Herding Demonstration with Border Collies**  
David C. Rogers  
Perkinston, Mississippi
- 5:30 P.M. **Walking Tour of Grounds-(Adults Only)**  
**The History of Shady Pond, Camellias and Christmas  
Trees-What's the Connection**  
Clarke J. Gernon, Sr.

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<sup>1</sup> Subject to cancellation because of weather or unexpected military activity.

Christine Wiltz-Author of The Last Madam a Life in the  
New Orleans Underworld

- 6:00 P.M.            **Cash bar opens**
- 6:15 P.M.            **“Etouffee Then-Etouffee Now”**  
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- 6:45 P.M.            **Dinner**  
Chef Roy
- 8:00 P.M.            **Entertainment/Auction**

## **Sunday, September 24**

### **Ramada Inn, Slidell Louisiana**

*Moderator Pete Hartzog*

- 8:15 A.M.            **Religious Service**  
Brother Charles “Mickey” Hillery Pastor  
Riverside Baptist Mission, Slidell, Louisiana
- 9:00 A.M.            **National Directors Report**  
Clarke J. Gernon, Sr.
- 9:15A.M.            **Association Business Meeting-Election of Officers and  
Directors**  
David Gaude-President
- 10:15 A.M.            Break
- 10:45 A.M.            **Project Learning Tree-A Promotional & Educational  
Opportunity**  
Jim Culpepper, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry
- 11:30 A.M.            Adjourn & Visit Vendors, Purchase & Deliver Supplies

Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology

**Fire Ant Control**  
**by J. Pat Harris**  
**Extension Entomologist**

Fire ants are a nuisance and a painful pest to Christmas tree growers in Mississippi. It is unlikely we will eradicate this pest any time soon, but we can remove the problem associated with them with good management. This involves reducing their populations to tolerable levels by using safe and effective methods of control.

The most successful practice for fire ant control is to use granular baits in the early spring followed by soil drenches 4 to 6 weeks later, if needed. Broadcast granular bait applications are most effective; however, it may take 4 to 6 weeks to give control. Early spring application is ideal because it controls recently developed queens before they leave on their nuptial flights and establish new colonies. Killing the queens is the only way to eliminate fire ant colonies. Follow-up granular bait applications usually are necessary in mid-summer and another one in the fall.

Apply baits when the ground is dry, and when ground temperatures are between 70

and 90 degrees F with no forecast of rain. Apply baits around the base of mounds. Baits are picked up by foraging ants looking for food, taken back to the ant colony, passed through the food chain, and fed to queen ants for their control. Granular bait recommendations are listed below.

In summer and fall, apply bait in the afternoon when temperatures are cooler. Baits may rapidly degrade on hot, sunny days. By the time ants pick up the bait, the heat may have broken down the active ingredient, losing its effectiveness.

When treating mounds with any insecticide, **do not disturb mounds before treating.** If you do, they colony will immediately take the queen or queens to safety, either deep down in the mound or move them laterally to establish satellite mounds.

Fire ant control programs are most effective when every neighbor within an area treats. People should take a team approach when implementing their fire ant management program.

### Controlling Fire Ants

Insecticide	Rate/mound	Rate/acre
Amdro Bait (hydroemthylon)	5 tablespoons	1 to 1 ½ lb.
Award Bait (fenoxycarb)	1 to 3 tablespoons	1 to 1 ½ lb.

Generally it takes 1 to 2 gallons of water to drench a fire ant mound effectively. A mid-morning Drench treatment is best when the sun starts warming up the colony. The following insecticides may be used as mound drenches:

Insecticide	Brand Name*	Rate/gal. Water/mound
carbaryl	Sevin 50 WP	1 tablespoon
acephate	Orthene 75 TT&O	1 teaspoon
chlorpyrifos	Dursban TI	1 ½ teaspoon
	Dursban 50 WSP	1 ½ teaspoon

Orthene 75 TT&O may be used as a dry powder as a mound treatment using 1 to 2 teaspoons sprinkled over and around the mound.

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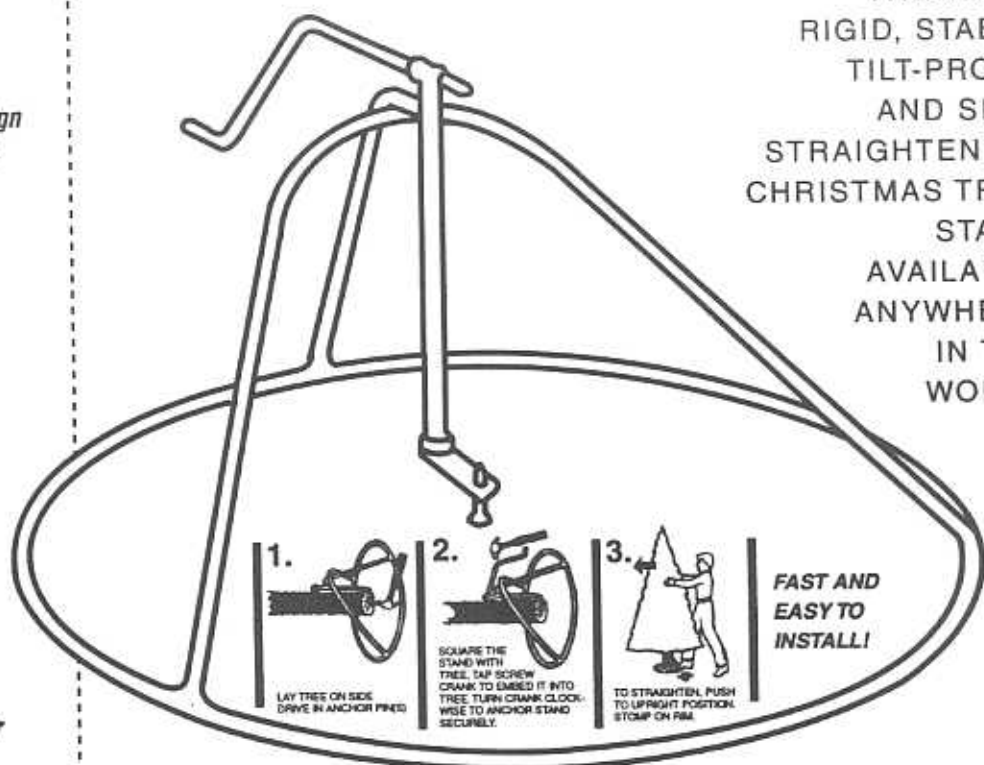
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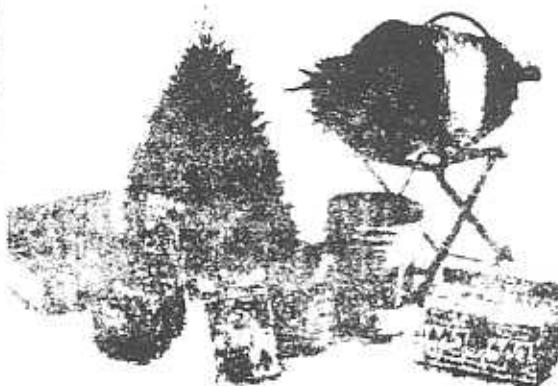
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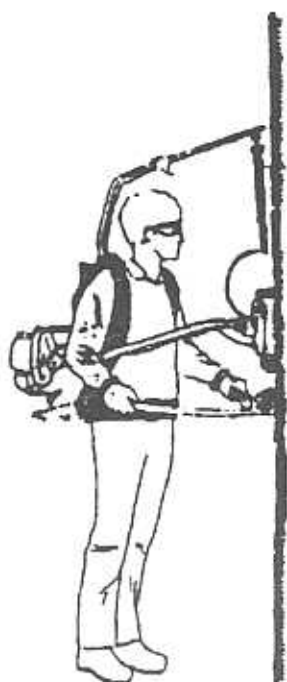
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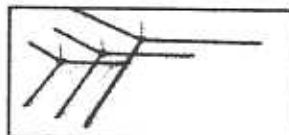
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