Another season has arrived and what a difference a year can make! Last year at this time many of us were looking at "browns", not greens. Much thought was being given to what happened, why, and how to prevent reoccurrence. Many were still recovering from a hectic GCSAA Conference and Show. And I was a Golf Course Superintendent!

This year the greens I've seen look super. Much thought will be given to promoting reoccurrence. Many enjoyed the latest GCSAA Conference and Show with new appreciation for what goes into it. And I am now the Turf and Golf Course Maintenance Instructor at the Anoka-A.V.T.I. Quite a change in one swing of the calendar!

Most of you are somewhat familiar with the Anoka program so I won't take up space explaining the program. However, I do want you to be aware that one of my primary goals, which deviates somewhat from those of the past, will be to adjust class scheduling and course content to better fit your needs both in student availability and training. The administration has assured me that I will have a considerable amount of flexibility in these areas.

The goal of this program is to train students so they may become gainfully employed in the Turf industry and thereby provide you with technically competent personnel for your staffs. To achieve this goal, I encourage you to make your needs known to me so that a mutually beneficial program will exist. You may contact me by writing to: Anoka-A.V.T.I., Landscape Career Center, Box 191, Anoka, Minnesota 55303 or by calling 612/427-4920.

An Advisory Committee will be set up which will be consulted on a regular basis, but I also encourage your individual comments regarding this program.

I hope you all have a successful season, and I look forward to working with you in this new capacity.

Sincerely,
Larry G. Vetter

NECROLOGY

It is with deep regret that we inform you of the March death of Mr. Harold Ben Johnson. Mr. Johnson devoted his entire life trying to learn more about turf care and then applying this in his daily work. He was a life member and long time supporter of M.G.C.S.A.