Air Pollution Effect
Researched On Grasses

New research on how air pollution affects turfgrasses is underway at the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

Professor J. L. Eggens, in charge of the studies, reports that, to date, the older the grass, the more susceptible it is to pollution damage. Dr. Eggens reports that early tests indicate perennial ryegrass is quite susceptible to air pollution. A single ozone treatment caused this grass to develop a more narrow and shorter leaf. Creeping red fescue seems the most resistant variety studied, he reports. This, he continues, is probably because it is a highly compressed, almost drought-resistant grass. It prevents water from escaping easily and allows little room for foreign particles to get in.

Other grasses in the test are Kentucky bluegrass and creeping bent grass.

All are being subjected to relatively high concentrations of ozone, a harmless gas at low concentrations but an irritating pollutant in the high concentrations common in urban, industrial areas.

Congdon’s Announces
A Name Change for ’71

The well-known nursery business known for years as Congdon’s Wholesale Nurseries at North Collins, N.Y., has announced a name change beginning this fall. Henceforth, according to a principal of the company, Robert S. Taylor, the company will become Concord Nurseries.

New York Arborists
To Meet Jan. 9-12

Business operation subjects, including such areas as salesmanship, fleet operations, purchasing of supplies, accounting and insurance, are highlights of the New York State Arborists Association Convention, Jan. 9-12. Meetings will be held at the Nevele Country Club, Ellenville, N.Y.

Charles Fromer, director of Pesticide Control of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, will speak on the 1972 Insect and Pesticide Outlook on Monday, Jan. 10. Guest speaker at the banquet, Tuesday evening Jan. 11, is Charles Paut, Commissioner of Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation.