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The white amur controversy goes on. Florida has placed a temporary moratorium on further stocking of the fish in state waters, according to the Aquatic Plant Management Society. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and several Florida state and county agencies have initiated a long-term study in Lake Conway in Orlando. The cooperative study between Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission and Department of Natural Resources did not resolve the issue of effect of the white amur on the native fish populations. Several lakes in the state of Florida that have weed problems were stocked with white amur before the stocking moratorium was agreed upon. These lakes are being monitored by various agencies. Weed control results appear too variable in these lakes.

Warren Shaw has been named staff scientist for Weed Science on the National Program Staff of the Agricultural Research Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture. He replaces William Ennis, Jr., who retired. Shaw was formerly the NPS staff scientist for plant physiology and growth regulators from 1972 through last year. He is a past president of the Weed Science Society of America.

Bell Helicopter Co. is now Bell Helicopter Textron. The company is based in Fort Worth, Texas. Bell president James F. Atkins said the name change comes as part of a new corporate-wide identification program of Textron, Inc. for all its divisions. The new identification program is intended to maintain the valuable equities and public recognition of its divisions as well as to identify them visually and verbally with the Textron parent company.

The ever-increasing intrusion of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency may be unconstitutional, according to a Florida golf course superintendent. Dan Hall, superintendent at the Countryside Country Club in Clearwater, spoke at the recent Florida State Golf Association Fall Management Seminar and said: "Gentlemen, we are talking about money. The superintendent is liable, the club is liable as a whole, and club officers and directors are liable if these laws are not kept." He said he feels some of the powers granted to the EPA in recent years are unconstitutional but urged that club managers and superintendents make themselves thoroughly aware of EPA requirements to avoid fines and expensive litigation in the future.

PVC pipe price increases are tied to federal rules, not demand, manufacturers have charged. Precision Polymers, Inc. a national plastic pipe and fittings maker based in Mountainside, N. J., said it is increasing prices of all its polyvinyl chloride pipe and fittings 10 percent last month, and probably by an additional six to eight percent this month. Other companies also have raised prices. Marvin Rosenblum, president of the company, said the major factor in the need for increased prices is the sharply rising cost of vinyl chloride, the major ingredient in PVC pipe. He attributed this to federal standards and to the anticipation of further federal standards. In addition to other restrictions, the federal Environmental Protection Agency has proposed a standard for manufacturers that would require a 90 percent cut in air emissions of vinyl chloride. The agency itself estimated this would cost manufacturers $198 million plus another $70 million each year to maintain the required emission of the cancer-linked chemical.
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"The game of golf," University of Maryland agronomist Dr. John R. Hall explained last month, "has been a source of leadership for what's happening in the green industry."

We concur, of course, and hasten to add that the world of golf business has fostered much of the motivation for this leadership as well.

In these days of society's pressures, a higher rate of government participation in industry affairs and the changing needs in our country, qualities of leadership and motivation are becoming more and more important.

Dr. Hall suggests that politics, the energy crisis, food scarcities and similar subjects are going to have quite an impact on golf course management of the future.

For one thing, many new golf courses are going to be on poorer land. There will be more land use restrictions, and alternate uses — bike paths, picnic areas, etc. — are sure to be major considerations for golf courses of the future.

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And Dr. Hall issued the challenge of the decade as he spoke to members of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America convention in Minneapolis.

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Turf seed analysis is available today—but complete testing is not the norm. Only a few seed companies do more than the various state laws demand. Those who do earn the premium price they have to get for their seed. For the user, the extra cost is often considered nominal when compared to the direct value he receives.

For example, state laws require only that one gram of bluegrass seed for up to 66,000 pounds of seed be tested for the percentage of crop, inert, weed and pure seed. Commercial labs doing such testing readily admit the single gram tested is insufficient to pinpoint impurities which may exist.

The 25-gram test demanded by some companies and the 100-gram tests which are much more expensive go much further in giving both seller and buyer the information necessary to determine worth of a seed lot.

Seed Technology, Inc., at Marysville, Ohio, has tested for most major U.S. and some foreign countries over a 20-year period. Tests are made on a custom basis—and the seed house orders options to meet its own set of seed standards. All options extend well beyond the legal requirements.

Foreign seeds are rated as (A) uncontrollable, (B) controllable, or (C) no problem. The specific seeds, whether weed or crop seed, vary by the particular area of the country. Some seeds which are foreign when found in a turfgrass seed lot are problems in the Midwest but may be no problem on the west coast. The classifications have been worked out in cooperation with university researchers in the various geographic areas of the nation and the seed analysis is made on each test accordingly.

Seed quality standards—the highest legally required in the nation and set up by the state of Washington for certified sod quality seed—call for a statement of minimum purity, minimum germination, the maximum percent of certain other crop seed (0.1% or more in some cases allowable), and the maximum percent of weed seed (0.03% allowable). However, the allowable other crop seed excludes such thing as rye-grass, orchardgrass, timothy, bent-grass, big bluegrass, Canada blue-grass except for Kentucky blue-grasses, Poa trivialis, smooth brome-grass, reed canary grass tall fescue and clover. The allowable weed seed excludes such things as dock, chickweed, crabgrass, plantain, black medic, annual bluegrass, velveteen.
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Note: The (A) classification represents uncontrollable seeds in the sample; the (B) classification is controllable; and the (C) group represent no problem.

At first glance, these standards appear formidable. But, they do not include a requirement that other crop seed be listed.

Agencies producing and promoting certified seed recognize the inadequacy of the one gram seed sample results. They require 25 gram tests to ascertain whether seed is free of certain weeds such as quackgrass and wild garlic. But neither the government nor certification agencies require that other crop seeds be listed. The professional grower needs data on specific turf weeds and other crop seeds which may be in his seed lot.

Assume that a test shows one tenth of one percent crop seed and if that crop happens to be bentgrass, a factory lawn or a fairway could be exceedingly spotty. A 400-yard by 50-yard area would contain almost a million bentgrass seeds in the normal 200 pounds of bluegrass seed.

Or suppose the foreign crop seed is timothy, allowable in many states. A grower would be seeing a quarter million timothy seeds in the 400 x 50 yard lawn or fairway. In the case of tall fescue, he'd put down more than 50,000 seeds. There are numerous others which need to be avoided.

Inert materials also need to be labeled for protection of the grower — but the law requires only that the percentage by weight be listed.

Competent technicians and equipment designed to do the job are conducive to accurate testing. At these laboratories an electronic evaluator is used to count seed, a vibrator has been designed to direct seed past the technician for evaluation and to literally shake the small seeds such as bent from the larger seeds to which it often clings.

Most important today for the turfgrass seed user, based on the thinking of researcher Dale Kern, president and founder, is that turfgrass seed analysis must be tailored to the needs of the grower who wants his seed analyzed. This requires (1) more seed be tested; (2) better equipment be used; and (3) that more complete reports be made available.

Kern goes beyond these suggestions in his own evaluation of seed testing as now being done. He believes that much more emphasis must be placed on the specific weed and/or crop seed which is found in seed. Even the gold label seed which demands a premium price does not include on the label the specific foreign seeds. It provides only the label. This simply means that once the seed comes up the grower could find a number of crop and weed seeds he did not expect and may not be able to readily identify. Some may be exceedingly harmful, and some be uncontrollable. Some could never be a problem.

For example, downy chess, nutgrass and speedwell are not restricted by law or agency standards, but present difficult management problems for the turfgrass professional. By contrast, windgrass, hairgrass, shepherds purse, and buttercup are also not listed as a rule, but at the same time do not offer major problems.

Only a more complete turf analysis report can forewarn the user, or aid in solving the problem prior to seeding. A grower must determine for his own area what his problem weeds are. Many which are big headaches in some areas (water foxtail in Wisconsin is an example) may be minor nuisances in other regions.

No longer can the grower depend on standards set by outside agencies, Vern said. He must know his seed and identify his own problems. A complete turf seed analysis is his first step. This identifies foreign seeds in the lot. The second step is to be sure that any foreign seeds which are problems to him are not seeded.
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Tree Feeder System Aids Washington Elms

The nation's capitol prepares for the country's 200th anniversary with an evangelical fervor. Construction, restoration and renovation is underway on almost every corner of the capitol, anticipating the millions of visitors who will make the trek to the tree-lined streets seeking a link with the historic atmosphere that permeates the city.

One of the biggest projects connected with the bicentennial is the Bicentennial Mall, a massive improvement project for the grassy stretch that lies between Capitol Hill and the Washington Monument. Vehicular traffic has been closed off, and 40-foot aggregate pathways installed to accommodate the crush of tourists that have already started the pilgrimage.

Lining the boulevard, as they have for perhaps the last 75 years, are over 120 native American elm trees. Already designated as the official bicentennial tree in a ceremonial planting at the White House last year by Betty Ford, the elms are the main component of the mall project, and as such were priority-rated by the Capitol Park region of the National Park Service. Because of the construction involved in installing the pathways the length of the mall, the already-distressed trees were subjected to even more abuse.

Feeder roots that had lain in the heavily compacted soil surrounding the trees were disrupted, and as the aggregate was installed the trees' capacity for obtaining nutrients was further diminished. Clearly a method of delivering food and water to the trees was needed. Elwood Rensch, registered landscape architect and the government coordinator on the job, decided to try the W.A.N.E. (Water, Air and Nutritional Exchange) Tree System, which had been developed precisely for this type of situation.

According to Rensch, "The original design of the walkways did not include anything to protect the trees. Because of the hard surface of the sidewalk and the 40-foot width, we knew we had to do something to help the trees." He contacted Wayne Smith, head of A.A.A. Tree Service in Tampa, Fla. Smith is the inventor of the system; he developed and tested the system in his garage. Smith arranged for shipment of the 1,100 units needed for the job.

The system is a piece of equipment that is placed at regular intervals around the tree, the total number needed depending on tree size and the particular situation of the tree. A PVC liner is inserted into augered holes that have been backfilled with about six inches of gravel. Then, a specially designed filter element is inserted and the unit is capped with one of two different plastic lids.

Designed to use a slow-release fertilizer mix, a vapor-release packet or a custom mix of nutrients, the units are protected from damage due to the collars and lids that are attached to the four-inch diameter liner. Able to withstand heavy vehicular traffic, the rise above grade is 3/32-inch after installation. The rest of the 13-inch unit penetrates well into the feeder root zone of the tree, allowing an even distribution of water and nutrients. In northern areas, a frost anchor is provided, while more temperate regions need only an epoxy bond between the top collar and the paved surface for permanent placement.

The feeder is built around a 13-inch long cylinder, which has a plastic collar attached to it. The four-inch diameter tube is placed into an augered hole that has been backfilled with aggregate. Once the liner is in place and secured, a filter element which contains the necessary nutrients is inserted and the unit is capped.
Almost 200 members of the American Sod Producers Association attended the association’s mid-winter conference last month at the Sheraton-Sand Key Hotel in Clearwater Beach, Fla. Many members of the association brought their wives and families along on the trip to take in the sights of sunny Florida, which turned out not to be so sunny after all. The weather held up for a dusty field trip to Pursley Grass Co. in Palmetto, and then opened its skies with rain for the long bus ride back to the hotel. Indoors, association treasurer Tom Thornton of Thornton’s Turf Nursery, Elgin, Ill., put together a well-attended educational session of many nationally known speakers.

Tom Mascaro, of Safe-T-Lawn in Miami led off the speaker’s session with his well-practiced talk “Dew Is Not Dew”. He said the grass plant exudates water which is sticky and can be associated with some diseases. He said dollar spot spores grow better in this medium. He said the spore germinates in the droplet and moves up and destroys the blade. He said the water can drop down and if there is quickly available nitrogen there, its mixture will produce leaf burn. Spores also move more rapidly in exuded water. He said there is a definite relationship with this water and disease. He said it is time to take the existence of this water into consideration in turf management, and that early morning watering dilutes the water and makes it less harmful to the grass. He also said each type of grass exudes water at different rates.

Dr. Henry Indyk of Rutgers University led a panel of experts discussing new products on the market for weed control. Dr. Everett Burke of the Agricultural Experiment Station in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., discussed “Kerb” for control of Poa annua on warm-season grasses. Paul Jacquemin of O.M. Scotts, Inc., Marysville, Ohio, discussed his company’s new “Selective Poa annua Control” which is now available in the Midwest and part of the East. Steve Carlyle, of Ag-Division, Rhodia in Gainesville, discussed his company’s “Ronstar” a pre-emergence herbicide for crabgrass. Dr. Al Turgeon of the University of Illinois discussed use of “Bosagran” for control of yellow nut-
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sedge. Ed Jordan, senior sales specialist for Monsanto, discussed his company’s “Roundup” for perennial weed control.

Doyle Jacklin of Vaughan-Jacklin Seed Co., Spokane, Wash., and Dr. Bill Myer of Turf Seeds, Inc., Hubbard, Oregon, conducted a panel relating the seed industry to the sod grower. Jacklin explained the continuing benefits of the “Certified Sod Quality Gold Tag Program” which allows only up to 0.02 percent weeds in seed while the prevailing standard certified quality seed can now contain up to 0.30 percent weeds.

Jacklin explained seed prices have been extremely depressed in the last 16 months, because of the poor economy, low housing starts (which means less house sod), and record seed production which has produced an oversupply of grass seed. He said availability for fine ryegrasses has further increased the bluegrass problems for his industry. With prices down, he said grass seed growers were quick to react. He said 50 percent less bluegrass acres were harvested last year, and fescues were cut even more, while ryegrasses were down only 20 percent.

Dr. Myer discussed problems of burning fields in the Willamette Valley region of Oregon, where much of the seed production for the United States is done. Burning of the straw in the fields negates the problem of what to do with the straw, and also sanitizes the field for future plantings. But environmentalists and the Oregon legislature want the seed industry to be pollution-free, Myer said. He said smoke management programs using planes to determine good days to burn based on wind patterns have proven somewhat successful thus far. Also, field sanitizers, which burn the straw internally with little smoke have also proven successful, but are much too slow for the scope of burning needed. He said flexibility is needed within the government structure and that the industry can and is confronting the problem now.

Association legal counsel Bill Harding listed areas in which the association helped members during the year with legal problems.
Dr. Al Turgeon (left), Dr. Bill Myer and Doyle Jacklin, speakers at the American Sod Producers Association winter conference.

A break from the bus tour of Pursley Grass Co. gave conference attendees a chance to relax and sip soft drinks under some Florida foliage.

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Malpass Chosen President Of GCSAA in Minneapolis

Richard W. Malpass, superintendent at Riverside Golf and Country Club, Portland, Oregon, moved up to become president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America at the association's 47th Annual Turfgrass Conference and Show last month in Minneapolis. Malpass, whose home town will host next year's show, succeeded Palmer Maples, Jr., superintendent at The Standard Club, Atlanta.

Final attendance at the show was 3,142, compared to 3,544 the previous year at the show in New Orleans. But this year, about 700 distributors were allowed to attend the show under a special ruling, so comparative figures would have to show the total attendance at 2,442 compared to last year's attendance. Last month's show had 1,039 superintendents in attendance, compared to 1,384 superintendents in 1975 and 1,250 in 1974. It was the least amount of superintendents since 1971. There were 148 exhibits, compared to 150 last year.

At the annual membership meeting, a resolution to raise annual dues to $90 from $65 was passed with little discussion. Also passed was a bylaw providing for a national director to succeed himself. A major resolution that did not pass was one that would have barred local officers from being elected if they were not a member of the national association.

Distinguished service awards were present to Leo J. Feser, Tom Mascaro and Dr. Joseph Duich in opening ceremonies. Bringing the total number of recipients for this award to only 25 for the association's 50-year history, each of the three men were nominated for exemplary activity and contributions to the GCSAA and the profession. Feser's son David accepted the award for his father, who is bedridden in Arizona. George Plimpton, noted author, was keynote speaker at opening ceremonies.

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Dr. William Daniel, speaker, Purdue University.

Ben Krueger (left) and Lou Haines. Krueger is superintendent at Vail Golf Club, Vail, Colo., President Ford's vacation choice; Haines is superintendent at Denver Country Club, and a national director of the GCSAA.
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NEW JERSEY TURF EXPO
draws 700 in second year

The second New Jersey Turf Expo, held recently at Sheraton Poste Inn, Cherry Hill, N.J., attracted a record attendance of more than 700 registrants. The event has combined the traditional well-known New Jersey Turfgrass Conference along with a trade show. It is co-sponsored by the Soils and Crops Department of Cook College of Rutgers University and the New Jersey Turfgrass Association.

The Educational Program organized by Dr. Ralph E. Engel, turfgrass research professor, Cook College — Rutgers University and assisted by Paul Boizelle, superintendent, Fiddler's Elbow Country club, Far Hills, New Jersey, got off to a very enthusiastic start in the first general session with a keynote address by Tom Mascaro of the Safe-T-Lawn Company on the topic of the “Past, Present, and Future of Turfgrass”. The following sessions included research reports on calcium arsenate induced Fusarium bight, fungicide studies on rhizoctonia, pythium, and stripe smut, biology and control of a new insect problem — *Ataenius spretulus*, minimum mowing and Kentucky bluegrass fertilization studies. Various panel discussions dealt with such subjects as nematodes, golf course tees, golfers viewpoint of turf, hot weather diseases, athletic fields, sod production and use, and home lawn problems. Other presentations included such topics as golf course construction, insecticide resistance in Japanese beetle grubs, hyperodes, excess water, and turfgrass nurseries. The concluding session on Thursday was devoted to training for state certification as pesticide applicators. In addition, as a part of this training session, the official state test for certification was administered by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to more than 150 of the registrants enrolled in the training session.

Interspersed between the educational sessions were periods of opportunity to attend the trade show. A wide range of turfgrass equipment and products were displayed by the participating exhibitors thereby providing the registrants an opportunity to observe and discuss his needs as well as new equipment that is becoming available for better and more efficient turfgrass culture and management.

The banquet program on Wednesday evening attended by more than 450 registrants, featured
awards and a guest speaker. Peter Loft of Loft Seed Company, the outgoing president of the New Jersey Turfgrass Association, presented the Kilmer Oak gavel as a symbol of the office to Bert Jones, Andrew Wilson Company, the newly elected president for 1976. President Jones, also acting as emcee presented Loft with a plaque in behalf of the association in appreciation for his services to the organization.

Highlighting the awards was the presentation of a $500 scholarship designated as the New Jersey Turfgrass Hall of Fame James Smith, Sr. Scholarship and the New Jersey Turfgrass Hall of Fame Award for 1975. The scholarship was presented by Mr. James Smith, Sr. (developer of Fertil-Soil topdressing mixture) to Steve Cosky, who is a senior student at Cook College — Rutgers University, majoring in turfgrass management. Steve plans to pursue his turfgrass interests in graduate school. Mr. Smith, as the recipient of the first New Jersey Turfgrass Hall of Fame Award initiated in 1974, was given the honor of making the scholarship presentation. At the age of 87, Mr. Smith is still very active serving as president of a bank.

The New Jersey Turfgrass Hall of Fame Award for 1975 was presented to Dr. Howard B. Sprague in appreciation and recognition of his many contributions for the advancement of turf during his long, devoted, and illustrious career in agriculture. The award was presented by Mr. Roy Bossolt of Terre Company, who is a past president of the New Jersey Turfgrass Association. In his so-called retirement, Dr. Sprague continues to be very active serving international agriculture as an agricultural consultant.

The banquet activities were concluded with a presentation by the guest speaker, Fred McClure. McClure, a junior student majoring in ag economics at Texas A & M University, captivated the audience with his presentation entitled "America's Plan For The Future". Commenting on McClure's banquet address, Dr. Henry W. Indyk, who served as general chairman of New Jersey Turfgrass Expo, stated that the general theme of his presentation, "getting it all together", very appropriately described what New Jersey Turfgrass Expo hopes to achieve. The turfgrass industry consists of various facets with different but also at the same time common interests. All too often, turfgrass conferences are strongly oriented toward a specific interest group. A major objective of New Jersey Turfgrass Expo is to improve and advance the turfgrass industry by providing an opportunity for all facets of the industry to meet together, not only to discuss mutual problems and concerns, but also to become increasingly aware of problems specific for a particular facet of the industry.

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Instead of a quick, massive kill obtained with familiar industrial brush control compounds, the agent controls bud break, suppresses growth and delays the extension of woody plant terminals. The compound is applied as a foliar spray in late summer or early fall, after the main flush of annual growth has hardened. On most species of deciduous brush, it produces only a slight visible effect on the foliage. Normal leaf drop occurs in the fall, but leaf bud development the following spring is either severely limited with miniature, abnormal leaves showing — or bud development is prevented entirely and the plant subsequently dies.

The mode of action of the agent has not been fully ascertained, but the compound seems to be absorbed by stems and foliage; and this affects bud development. Deciduous woody species appear to continue their normal life processes following application and defoliate at the end of the growing season, so there is a normal delay till the next spring before a full reading can be made of the results of the treatment. Pines, however, show immediate discoloration; most are susceptible.

This new brush control agent is being recommended for use in areas with susceptible species of woody plants and especially in environmentally sensitive areas where little or no brown-out is desirable. It also looks like a promising compound where volatility or drift of other herbicides can be a problem or where low toxicity and no soil residue are desired. In addition, it offers special interest as a compound for brush control on land adjacent to domestic water reservoirs, streams, lakes and ponds.

There is another interesting concept. Side trimming of woody growth that may be encroaching on a right-of-way has been a feature of this new material that has aroused the interest of many maintenance men. Applications made to encroaching foliage and stems of adjacent trees have usually resulted in only the control of this undesirable growth.

It is active on more than three dozen species of woody plants. The initial label indicated control can be obtained on the following: hawthorn, red oak, white oak, water oak, sweet gum, wild blackberry, alder, ash, cherry, elm, black gum, sassafrass, and willow. Development work is continuing on a number of other species, and it is expected that the label will be extended as tests are completed.

A number of species such as balsam poplar, rhododendron, box elder, honeysuckle, mountain laurel, and Kudzu and others are not controlled however. Most herbaceous species are not affected. Hence, undesirable woody plants may be controlled, without eliminating a desirable green cover from a treated area.

The new compound is a water soluble liquid that is nonvolatile and nonflammable. It is readily absorbed by soil particles and is decomposed quickly by soil microorganisms, with a half-life of a few weeks, depending on soil, moisture and other conditions. It has been widely tested prior to EPA registration and in 1975 it was applied commercially in an introductory program.

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Professional Turf and Landscape Conference, Ramada Inn, North Haven, Conn., March 3.

Golf Course Superintendents Association of America seminar on “Principles of Fertilizer Usage”, Austin, Texas, March 3-4.

Western Canada Turfgrass Association Annual Conference, Vancouver, March 3-5.

University of Massachusetts Fine Turf Conference, Treadway Inn, Chicopee, Mass., March 3-5.

Ontario Shade Tree Council Annual Conference, Oshawa, Ontario, March 4-5.

Wisconsin Landscape Federation Convention, Scotsland Resort, Oconomowoc, Wis., March 7-8.

Southern Turfgrass Conference and Show, Cook Convention Center, Memphis, Tenn., March 7-9.

Canadian Golf Superintendents Association 27th Annual Turfgrass Show, Inn-on-the-Park, Toronto, Ontario, March 8-10.

Iowa Golf Course Superintendents Association Annual Conference, Iowa State University, Ames, March 8-10.

Northeastern Forest Pest Council Winter Meeting, Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston, March 10-11.

Pennsylvania Parks and Recreation Society 29th Annual Meeting, Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Champion, Pa., March 14-17.


Rocky Mountain Golf Course Superintendents Association Meeting, Indian Tree Golf Club, Colorado, March 18.


Golf Course Superintendents Association of America seminar on “Principles of Landscape”, Portland, Oregon, April 6-7.

Arizona Turfgrass Council Second Annual Turfgrass Materials and Equipment Show, Veteran’s Memorial Coliseum, Phoenix, April 14.

Rocky Mountain Golf Course Superintendents Association Meeting, Fox Hills Country Club, Longmont, Colo., April 15.

Southern California Turf and Landscape Institute, Royal Inn, Anaheim, Calif., April 28-29.

Tennessee Golf Course Superintendents Association Meeting, Rockwood Country Club, May 3.


Georgia Golf Course Superintendents Association Educational Program and Business Meeting, Atlanta Athletic Club, Duluth, May 11-12.


International Shade Tree Conference Western Chapter Meeting, Hyatt Regency Hotel, San Jose, Calif., May 23-26.

Golf Course Builders Association Meeting, Fresno, Calif., June 25.

Aquatic Plant Management Society, Annual Meeting, Pier 66, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., July 11-14.

Tennessee Golf Course Superintendents Association Meeting, Crockett Springs National Golf Course, Brentwood, August 2.

International Society of Arboriculture Annual Meeting, Stauffer’s Riverfront Towers, St. Louis, Mo., August 8-12.

Georgia Golf Course Superintendents Association Educational Program and Business Meeting, Northwood Golf and Country Club, Lawrenceville, August 9-10.

Symposium on Reclamation of Drastically Disturbed Lands, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, Wooster, Ohio, August 9-12.

Plant Growth Regulator Working Group, Baton Rouge, La., August 11-14.

International Symposium on Biological Control of Weeds, University of Florida, Gainesville, August 30-Sept. 2.


Central Plains Turfgrass Conference, K-State Union, Manhattan, Kansas, Oct. 21-22.

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Toro Company's Irrigation Division reports its 1976 product catalog is ready for distribution. The 54-page book with four-color cover gives complete information on features, specifications and performance of the company's full line of irrigation equipment for either hydraulic or electric systems. The line includes 43 models of automatic controllers, 18 different automatic valves and sprinklers ranging in size from bubblers and shrubs sprays to a 60 series rotary sprinkler capable of discharging 82 gallons of water a minute over a 225-foot-diameter circle. Other product categories covered are: impact sprinklers and quick-coupling equipment, backflow preventers and installation tools and accessories. Details of the company's limited one-year warranty and seven-year extended parts coverage are also included.

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A four-wheel drive trencher designed to fill the gap between small two-wheel trenchers and the larger sophisticated rubber-tired trenchers, the Fleetline 14-4, has been introduced by Davis Manufacturing, Division of J I Case. The 14 horsepower trencher is equipped with a Kohler air-cooled electric start engine. It trenches from four inches wide, 45 inches deep to 12 inches wide, 26 inches deep at infinitely variable digging speeds to match varying soil conditions. It has a transport speed of 2.1 miles per hour.

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Midwest State Officials Search for Amur

Recent findings of amur (grass carp) in Minnesota and Wisconsin have officials of those states nervously searching ponds and lakes and streams, trying to keep the species from proliferating.

Officials of those two states say they have found that while amurs feast on vegetation in weed-choked lakes, weed beds are only controlled with dense populations of the fish. Officials also said the amurs preferably feed on insects.

The destruction of rooted vegetation by amurs, Minnesota biologists say, will result in prolific algae blooms because the inefficient digestive systems of the amur passes partially digested plant matter into the water, thereby enhancing algae growth. And when algae takes over a pond, its demand for oxygen results in summer and winter kills of fish, Jim Dudas reported in the Cleveland Press.

"Arkansas has experimented with the amur extensively," according to Tom Wasson, fisheries biologist of the Ohio Wildlife Division. "But we don't know how they will react to this climate and until there has been extensive research by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service we feel they could be a problem." He said the maximum penalty in Ohio for possessing or importing amur is $200 per fish.

Control Program Developed For Highway Landscape Pests

An integrated control program for highway landscape pests is under development in California. Among the pests in the landscape system are stem-feeding aphids. Formerly, the shrubs were treated with organophosphate insecticides to control early outbreaks of these aphids.

This treatment, while effective in temporarily suppressing the aphid populations, kills parasitoids and predators of both the aphid species and the red-humped caterpillar, another important pest in the highway landscape. Soap sprays have been a traditional means of aphid suppression for over 100 years and are considerably less toxic to insects than organophosphate insecticides. This it seemed possible a dilute soap spray could provide the required suppression of the aphids and probably cause less mortality among the parasitoids and predators than would the newer insecticides, thus permitting more effective long-term biological control.

A specially formulated soap spray was effective for removal of the aphids on highway plantings in California. Water alone produced a removal rate of close to 50 percent, and a general pattern of increased removal rate with higher concentrations of the soap solution was noted. The maximum soap concentration tested, 0.1 percent, produced removal rates of up to 79 percent. The work was reported in the Journal of Economic Entomology and excerpted in the Journal of Arboriculture. The work was done by Dudley Pinnock, Richard Brand, James Milstead and Nancy Coe.

New officers of the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council recently elected are (seated) Dr. Fred V. Grau; (standing, from left), C. William Black, superintendent at Fountain Head Country Club, Hagerstown, Md., vice president; Arthur D. Wick, Lakeshore Equipment & Supply, Sewickley, Pa., president; and David M. Boyd Jr., D. M. Boyd Co., New Wilmington, Pa., treasurer.
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Hyacinth Control Society Changes Organization Name

The Hyacinth Control Society has changed its name to The Aquatic Plant Management Society, which its members believe better reflects the thrust of the organization.

The change was decided at the organization's recent annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas, and the new title indicates the broad interests of the society membership. Ray A. Spirnlock, of the central and southern Florida flood control district in Lakeworth, is the new president.

Horticulture Legally Part Of Agriculture, Exec Says

Over the past decades, the nursery industry has been involved in numerous battles to defend its rightful place as a part of the broad concept of agriculture in federal, state and local statutes.

"For the past 38 years," explained American Association of Nurserymen executive vice president Robert F. Lederer, "the AAN has led the battle to retain the legal status of horticulture as part of agriculture. And over those years we have won many significant victories. The most recent and one of the most important was in the energy field where horticulture retains its position in the agricultural priority for fuel.

"Unfortunately, the battle is a constant one. The subject continually arises in all sorts of federal, state and local legislation. For this reason, we have had our attorneys prepare a catalog of AAN victories in this area to help others in the nursery industry defend its position as part of agriculture," Lederer said.

The AAN Special Summary on Legal Status of Horticulture reviews the status of horticulture under the principle federal statutes — wage/hour, labor, tax, OSHA, social security, energy and interstate commerce — and covers the major state statutes in general.

"When involved in questions of definition for the purposes of state and local legislation it has often proven useful to be able to present to a legislature, court or administrative agency a review of the treatment of horticulture in other areas of the law," Lederer said. "That is the purpose of this summary."
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Ohio Reclamation Symposium Is August 9-12 in Wooster

Interest in returning disturbed lands to productivity has intensified recently as more lands are being disrupted in the search for energy. In light of this interest, a group of scientific organizations has organized a symposium on “Reclamation of Drastically Disturbed Lands” which will bring together experts from several disciplines to summarize what is known about reclamation and to identify areas where more information is needed.

The symposium will be held at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center in Wooster, Ohio August 9-12. It is being sponsored by the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, Soil Science Society of America, Society of American Foresters, Soil Conservation Society of America, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and other organizations.

For further information, contact: Dr. Paul Sutton, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, Route 6, Caldwell, Ohio 43724.

Researchers Urged to Work With Nursery Businessman

One of the most serious problems in the nursery industry is the lack of communication between the research scientist and the nursery businessman, according to Robert F. Lederer, executive vice president of the American Association of Nurserymen. His remarks were before the Symposium on Better Trees for Metropolitan Landscapes, held in Washington, D.C. recently.

“All of the nursery businessmen I know need the results of the efforts of all of the research scientists I know,” Lederer said. “In order to be properly oriented, research scientists need the opinion of the nursery businessmen. But how often do the two get together? When researchers come up with results, often they are held back waiting for publication in a scientific journal where credits as a scientist can be made. Often, good useable results never arrive at that point where they can be put into operation, because people who can use them are not those who read scientific journals.

“When you develop your research program,” Lederer told researchers, “keep very much in mind that your inclination may be to develop projects that are of most interest to you. Overcome that inclination. Base your projects on what will be of most practical value to producing better products, better chemicals, better plants for our customer.

“I ask you, why work in a vacuum?” he said. “If your goal is to develop a fine Norway maple, the place to start may very well be by asking the municipal arborist or forester or all of our northern growers to share with you the best Norway maple they know of. He can take you to it right away — he has been watching it for years, but nobody ever asked him about it.”

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Report Discusses Managing Power Line Vegetation

There are about 3,600 electric utilities in the United States. In 1971 it was estimated that these utilities were operating more than 300,000 miles of overhead transmission lines, occupying about four million acres of land for rights-of-way, according to a recent report done by the State University of New York.

With the demand for electrical power doubling each decade, it was estimated that 100,000 miles of new transmission lines would be constructed on 1.5 million acres of rights-of-way each decade for the rest of the century. This would mean an estimated 600,000 miles of overhead transmission lines on seven million acres of land by the year 2000.

Vegetation management on these lines is a matter of great concern to the power companies and to others concerned with the environment. This report was written after an extensive review of the literature, interviews with the vegetation managers and researchers, and on-site inspections of many transmission lines throughout the eastern United States. Copies of this report are available upon request from the State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse, N.Y. 13210.

Rhodia Inc. Announces Plan For New Herbicide Plant

Rhodia Inc., Monmouth Junction, N.J., has announced plans to construct a new herbicide manufacturing plant at its Portland, Ore., location.

When completed this fall, the plant will double Rhodia's production of two methyl, four chlorophenoxyacetic acid (MCPA) as well as bring on stream ability to produce two methyl, four chlorophenoxyproprionic acid (MCPP). The company said MCPP is a herbicide used to control weeds and clover in turfgrass and lawns. Spokesmen for the company said the production of both products has been planned to supply the current and anticipated market needs and the plant can be expanded further as the market requires.

Representatives from 19 states participated in the recent legislative conference sponsored by the American Association of Nurserymen in New Orleans. The meeting, attended by state and regional association executives and legislative chairmen, dealt primarily with state legislative problems, such as taxation, labor laws, OSHA, license laws, etc. Participating in the conference were (from left): Roy Hacanson, Wash.; Gary Gern, Mo.; AAN administrator Leo Donahue; Honore Hacanson, Wash.; Curtis Peterson, Fla.; Jane Barry, Mont.; AAN president Palmer W. Bigelow, Jr.; AAN executive vice president Robert F. Lederer; and Joe Weston, Mo. (middle from left) Dr. James A. Foret, La.; Harold Thornhill, Ala.; Rudy Hough, Miss.; Hunter Boulo, Ala.; David Spencer, Ill.; Keith Law, Minn.; Dr. J. H. Tinga, Ga.; Larry Little, N.J.; and Bill Bradshaw, Tex. (top from left) Jack Wick, Calif.; George Hoar, Utah; Charles Barre, Conn.; Hugh Vann, N.C.; David Laird, Va.; Howard Davis, Pa.; Bill Fullingim, Tex.; Charlie Dunn, Fla.; Kent Langlinais, La.; and John Flemer, N.J.
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Standing behind a model of a new bisphenol-A plant to be built at Haverhill, Ohio, Duncan J. MacLennan (left), president, and William W. LaRoche, vice president, USS Chemicals, Pittsburgh, discuss details of the planned 120-million-pound-per-year facility. End uses of the product include fungicides, bactericides and rubber compounds.

Four Medicap Meetings

Creative Sales, Inc., is sponsoring four dealer-applicator meetings this month: two in Ohio and two in Michigan, to review the firm’s Medicap injection program . . . iron chlorosis, manganese chlorosis and an update on the experimental systemic insecticide program. EPA clearance for the latter program (Orthene/Medicaps) is expected later this month.

Locations and dates for the meetings: Dayton, Ohio, Imperial House South, March 16; Columbus, Ohio, Ramada Inn North, March 17; Southfield, Mich., Ramada Inn, March 18; and Grand Rapids, Mich., Hospitality Inn, March 19.

The Ohio program will feature Dr. Elton Smith, Extension Specialist in Landscape Horticulture with The Ohio State University. The Dayton, Southfield and Grand Rapids meetings will also feature Dr. James Kielbaso, Associate Professor of Forestry with Michigan State University.

Dr. Smith will discuss Ohio State results with iron and manganese, and Dr. Kielbaso will talk on manganese deficiency/maple decline. Dr. Kielbaso has indicated that manganese deficiency is a major contributing factor to much of the north central and New England maple decline.

Registration ($5 in advance) can be made with Warren D. Wolfe, 402-727-4800.

Response of Woody Species To Urban Air Pollutants

In a recent study conducted at Rutgers University in New Jersey, it was determined that among the gaseous pollutants that caused significant damage to plant life were hydrogen fluoride and ozone. The study was done by Eileen Brennan and Ann F. Rhoads.

They said sulfur dioxide damage was conspicuously absent, no doubt due to legal restrictions on burning high sulfur fuels during the period of the study, 1973 through last year. A particulate causing extensive damage was cement dust, and this occurred in a native oak forest 30 years after the dust had been emitted into the ambient air from a local source. Along heavily traveled highways another particulate, cadmium, was detected in appreciable quantities in certain tree species, particularly in pin oak. The paper appeared in the Journal of Arboriculture.

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Poa annua in Kentucky bluegrass varieties grown for sod production purposes can be satisfactorily controlled with 2.5 to 5.0 kg/ha of granular linuron, according to a report given at the recent 30th Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Weed Science Society in Boston. The report was prepared by Dr. Paul Henderlong, Ohio State University professor, and Paul L. Jacquemin, research agronomist at O.M. Scott & Sons Co., Marysville, Ohio.

In their paper, entitled “Selective Control of Poa annua in Kentucky Bluegrass”, the researchers noted their studies were conducted to determine the minimum effective application rates of granular linuron under varying environmental and soil conditions. A representative for O.M. Scott & Sons Co. told WEEDS TREES & TURF its ProTurf Selective Poa annua Control is registered in Colorado, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, New York and Wisconsin for use on bluegrass sod fields only, because of the low linuron tolerance of other grass species.

Butz Names 12 Scientists To Plant Genetics Board

Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz recently announced the appointment of 12 scientists to a United States Department of Agriculture advisory committee of plant genetic resources. Appointed to two-year terms were:

- Dr. D. F. Beard, vice president of research, Waterman-Loomis Co., Adelphia, Md.;
- Dr. William L. Brown, president, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa;
- Dr. Paul J. Fitzgerald, associate deputy administrator, North Central Region of USDA’s Agricultural Research Service, Peoria, Ill.;
- Dr. W. H. Gabelman, professor of horticulture, University of Wisconsin-Madison;
- Dr. Charles O. Gardner and Meyer Katz, professors of agronomy, University of Nebraska-Lincoln;
- Dr. Harold D. Loden, executive vice president, American Seed Trade Association, Inc., Washington, D.C.;
- Dr. Don C. Peters, professor and head, Department of Entomology, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater;
- Dr. Charles M. Rick, professor and geneticist, University of California-Davis;
- Dr. H. F. Robinson, chancellor, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, N.C.;
- G. F. Sprague, professor of plant breeding and genetics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; and
- Dr. Sterling Wortman, vice president, Rockefeller Foundation, New York, N.Y.

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Kenneth Sipe, Welsbach's Midwest regional manager, leased a Ditch Witch R65 Combo to handle the underground aspects of the job. The unit is manufactured by Charles Machine Works, Inc., Perry, Okla.

"We plowed in almost all of the conduit," Sipe told WEEDS, TREES & TURF. "Maybe 100 feet or so was trench." Since the unit has both a trenching assembly and vibratory plow on the rear of the vehicle, the one machine was able to do both the trenching and plowing.

"We had never plowed this type of job before," he said, "and I'm extremely pleased with the way it went. I don't believe it would have been possible to trench any faster than we were able to plow. We got a good 30 feet per minute on the plow runs. We never ran the unit a full day because we couldn't keep up with it setting the poles."

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Stauffer, Allied Chemical Post Fourth Period Gains

Allied Chemical Co., Morris Township, N.J., and Stauffer Chemical Co., Westport, Conn., reported large fourth quarter earnings gains. Stauffer’s full-year profit was also ahead of 1974. Allied’s was 20 percent lower than a year earlier, although 1975 was its second-best year ever.

Stauffer said fourth quarter net was $22.9 million, up 16 percent from $19.7 million a year earlier. Sales rose five percent to $239.1 million from $226.8 million. Allied said based on preliminary unaudited figures, its earnings in the final period were about $33.6 million, a 41 percent increase from $23.8 million of a year earlier. Allied said the company’s chemical business, paced by fertilizers, had recorded increased earning during the year.

Nurseries Miss Bigger Sales, Merchandising Experts Says

One of the nation’s foremost merchandising authorities told about 200 plant nurserymen recently they could be missing many opportunities for bigger sales.

Richard Marcus, president of Nieman-Marcus, Dallas, advised members of the annual Nurserymen’s short course at Texas A&M University that sales can be improved by honoring three fundamentals: service, merchandising and an attractive physical environment. “Looking upon the nursery business from the standpoint of hobbyist, customer and merchandiser — and I am all three — I often see a lack of knowledge of the products and sometimes a lack of any selling at all,” he said.

Too often there is little follow-through on sales, he said. The nurserymen should find out why some customers do not return. Established customers should be kept informed about any merchandise in which they are especially interested.

“Such practices as these will cost the retailer more, but they should pay off,” Marcus said. He described effective merchandising as the ability to be innovative, to edit out what is unproductive. Customers should be made to feel important. Physical environment is also important to a successful business, he said.

Columbus Golf Association Awards Turf Scholarship

James E. Maxfield of Cincinnati is the second recipient of the Columbus District Golf Association agronomy scholarship at Ohio State University.

He has worked five years at the Camargo Country Club in Cincinnati and will work this season as Kings Island Golf Course near Columbus.

Vedder Elected President
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James Vedder of Visco Flying Co., Inc., Imperial, Calif., has been elected president of the National Agricultural Aviation Association.

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Arizona Turfgrass Council Sets Annual Equipment Show

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For further information contact Ralph Hull, P.O. Box 4356, Phoenix, Ariz. 85030.

Siebenthaler Opens Firm In Clearwater, Florida

Jack Siebenthaler, landscape architect and a prominent figure in the environmental horticulture industry, recently opened his own private practice for design, public speaking and consultation.

Located in Clearwater, Fla., he has over 30 years of experience in the horticulture business. He is a former president of the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association, lieutenant governor of the American Association of Nurserymen.

Compensation for Removal Of Trees Near Power Lines

The efforts of the Line and Properties Departments at Knoxville Utilities Board, Tennessee, are producing lovely flowering dogwood, flowering crabapple and redbud trees under Knoxville power lines rather than stubby, chopped-off-at-the-top silver maples or other large, fast-growing trees, according to Charles Hancock of the Knoxville Utilities Board. His remarks were published in the newsletter of the Utility Arborist Association.

"The idea of planting low-growing ornamental trees on customers' properties to compensate for the removal of low-quality, fast-growing trees near power lines has been considered for some time," he said. "In the spring of 1973, a decision was made to begin such a program as a means of reducing the cost of maintaining line clearance throughout our area." He said the board has over 205 miles of transmission lines and over 3,600 pole miles of distribution and primary lines. The board serves all or parts of seven counties in Tennessee and has about 100,000 meter customers.

"One of the most popular and most attractive low-growing trees in the Knoxville area is the flowering dogwood, he said. "This tree was used to start the replacement program."

He said the purpose of the program is not to eliminate every tree that grows near power lines, but only to remove those that have an excessive rate of growth each year and are not beneficial to the customer or the landscape. According to a study made before the project was initiated, if trees that now need pruning away from lines once or twice annually are removed and replaced with low-growing trees that never need pruning, it would provide instant savings in the area of line clearance. "Therefore, whether a tree needs pruning twice a year or once every five years, a definite savings is realized with our present replacement program," he said.

"In actual practice," he said, "We have found that the removal cost for the trees is little more than the routine pruning cost would have been for that time. The cost for trees and labor involved in planting them has averaged about $10 a tree."

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