Turf first boomed in the late 1920's. Much of the progress made prior to the Depression is the basis for today's methods. In this part of the Turf Management Series, we trace chemicals, equipment, and practices back to their origin in the United States.

The next two parts of the series cover turf disease and insects. For that reason some of the material on these subjects is missing in this part. Furthermore, this section had to be abbreviated to fit the magazine format. As you know, the six parts of this series will be published as a book in 1981.

I hope that you will pass on your historical knowledge to us for inclusion in the book. Please don't hesitate to write to us about your days in turf maintenance, whatever field. Already I've received dozens of letters telling of important events in turf which I had overlooked.

This project has been a labor of love. It has made me tired but fulfilled. Please join me in trying to record our historical legend for the turf managers of the present and future.

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