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Cover: Back yard at Dana Jones residence in College Park, GA. Green Brothers did the design and installation.
Coming in 1980

At this time each year, trade magazine editors know basically what the magazine will contain in the coming year, or they should. They plan that far ahead for two reasons: to allow ample time to prepare and arrange material, and to display to potential advertisers that the publication makes an effort to serve its readership. Since advertisers plan their promotion budgets in the fall, magazines must convince them of their worth at that point.

Since I've done all this planning, I'd like to share it with you.

Weeds Trees & Turf will be 18 years old in 1980. The markets it serves and the magazine have changed over those years. To keep aligned to the progress of the Green Industry, Harvest Business Publications Publishing Director Richard Foster decided in 1975 that certain markets needed special attention, more than the attention Weeds Trees & Turf could supply on a regular basis. Hence, the acquisition of Golf Business in 1975, the creation of Lawn Care Industry in 1977, the introduction of a newsletter especially for the reclamation industry in 1978 (The Land Reclamation Report), and now the birth of Nursery Product News grower and retailer editions.

During this time Weeds Trees & Turf has provided total industry coverage tapping staff specialists for the latest on their markets. If you need to make some distinction, you can say WTT is more technical than the individual market publications.

As a result, we have more persons covering the Green Industry markets than any other publishing company. Our editors are closer to their markets and know when to change to suit your needs better.

As for WTT, we have worked hard to improve coverage of ornamental and tree markets, while maintaining high standards with turf areas. Next year this will become most obvious. In addition to turf coverage, we will have monthly articles on plants for landscapes, and landscape design tips. Coverage of parks and municipal property management will be doubled or tripled. Basics of care for trees and ornamentals will increase as well as material on soil science.

Every reader will find valuable material on his field in Weeds Trees and Turf in 1980. We noted that the golf course superintendent would like to do more of his own landscaping. We noted that soil science is the most important factor in reclamation. We noted that good basic landscape designs are helpful on jobs too small to employ a landscape architect. We noted that mechanization and efficient turf and tree management are critical to parks supervisors and municipal service department directors because of inadequate budgets. We noted that some basics of pruning landscape materials are not well known. We noted that turf practices once reserved for the golf course are applicable to athletic fields and other turf areas such as parks, cemeteries, and industrial grounds.

These changes and more were considered in planning next year's Weeds Trees & Turf. If there are subjects you would like us to research and publish, please write me.

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Urban forestry, pollution were arborist meeting topics

More than 400 professionals in arboriculture gathered in San Diego in August to judge the state of tree programs across North America.

The shade tree’s status in the urban environment seemed to be the big topic of the meeting. Dr. Theodore Kozlowski of the University of Wisconsin Department of Forestry discussed resistance to urban pollution by tree species. Acid rains dropping pollution hundreds of miles from the source present problems national in scope. Kozlowski said, “We must develop pollution resistant trees by arborists working with breeders on a regional basis.”

USDA Forest Service representative Robert Nobles and NAA Executive Director Robert Felix debated urban forestry’s pending implementation. Nobles said the urban forester can’t plant, prune or select shade trees. Nobles asked for assistance in compiling a list of consulting arborists for urban forestry programs in the U.S.

Felix stressed there is no control or consistent arrangement by The Forest Service across the country. “The caliber of urban foresters and forestry programs varies from state to state,” he said. Felix questioned why the private sector was not consulted for input on urban forestry.

RECYCLING

Brew feeds the land in experimental project

Southern Turf Nurseries, Inc. of Tifton, Ga. has combined efforts with Anheuser-Busch, Inc. to grow turf adjacent to Anheuser-Busch’s Jacksonville, Fla., brewery by utilizing liquid brewery waste streams high in nutrients.

The turf is being grown on a 300-acre site about one mile north and adjacent to the brewery on property owned by Anheuser-Busch.

John Mueller, brewery plant manager, says that since starting on May 11, the project has substantially reduced loadings sent to the Jacksonville sewage treatment plant. About one million gallons daily of almost three million gallons of liquid wastes are now being diverted to the turf farm.

Director of Environmental Engineering and Resources of Anheuser-Busch, Robert R. Imsande, says from that a conservation standpoint, the Jacksonville turf farm has twin benefits. “First, it would require substantial energy to make the amount of fertilizer for turf growth which we are providing from an already existing source. This energy is now free for other uses. Second, since brewery waste streams are over 95 percent water, we are practicing water conservation. This water is going directly back to the ground rather than requiring energy intensive treatment at municipal waste treatment facilities.”

It makes good sense, Imsande says, to put the brew’s natural ingredients — hops, malt, rice, yeast, and corn — back into the ground where they can replenish the soil.

LAWN CARE

Industry leaders establish ethics code

The Professional Lawn Care Association of America’s executive committee has adopted a code of ethics and symbol of good practice. It will be presented to the public via

the press, local advertisements, and use of logos on trucks, stationery, and business premises.

“This newly formed association is acting to let the public know what to expect from qualified service companies,” says PLCAA President Jerry Faulring of Professional Turf Corp./Hydro Lawn.

Membership in the association requires a principal owner/manager’s signature indicating compliance with the established code of ethics.

“There may be companies in the industry that abide by good business conduct that do not become members,” states Glenn Bostrom, executive director. “The important point is that by their membership, companies do agree to support the code of ethics, standards, and objectives of this association.”

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