

GROW YOUR OWN WILT PROBLEM!

The above comment or statement was made at the Educational Conference in Philadelphia in conjunction with the 35th International Turf Conference and Show. It was made by Harry W. Meusel, Superintendent of the Yale Golf Course, New Haven, Conn. Mr. Meusel is one of our more learned Superintendents in our Association. You might call him an expert on wilt problems and what causes them.

When he made the above statement many of us in the audience were shaken to say the least. Some of us were surprised. It was the first time that someone actually blamed wilt on Superintendents. Wilt is directly related to fertilizer practices and water management. However, in many cases these two practices are not directly responsible for wilt because Mother Nature often times causes us to suffer from too much rain or not enough rain.

Extensive studies involving the number of stomatal openings and the number of Epidermal Cells were presented and it was shown how the relationship varies with the watering program, provided Mother Nature does not interfere.

Three kinds of wilt were discussed and explained. These were: Dry Wilt, Wet Wilt, and Cloudy Days Wilt. Light intensity was also mentioned as a factor in Wilt.

After thoroughly discussing the Wilt problem, Mr. Meusel discussed some good controls for Wilt.

If you will take time out to read and digest his article in the latest issue of the Reporter, I am sure that you too will be surprised and shaken by some of the findings that he presents in his fine article called, "What Makes Grass Wilt," found on page 24 of the March issue of **The Golf Course Reporter**.

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LOCAL NEWS

Oscar Borgmeier Doing Well

It was reported by George Davis that Oscar is feeling much better and that he is in contact with him. He has recently returned to his home and is anxious to get out. Oscar thanks the membership for the get well cards and the many fine letters that he received while in the hospital in Florida.

Ed Braunsky, Superintendent of Hickory Hills Country Club reports that they will be building a new maintenance shop in the near future. The site will be away from the street. He feels that a new location will help provide more security.

Chicago Area Superintendents and Their Wives Support National Attendance Figures

There were 89 Superintendents and 37 of their wives in attendance at the National Turfgrass Conference and Show in Philadelphia. This surpasses any other attendance record of the past for the Midwest Chapter. Of course this should be expected because attendance records were smashed in all categories.

World Flower Show Success

Dudley Smith reported at the last meeting that the participation in manning the Illinois Turfgrass Booth at the World Flower Show in McCormick Place was outstanding. Over 30 Superintendents worked in the booth during the nine days of the show. There were over 100,000 booklets and pamphlets passed out to interested homeowners. This is one of the many ways that Superintendents can help to establish our profession in the minds of the public. Many of the Superintendents wore their green jackets which also helped to draw attention to our Association. The work in the booth helps to stimulate your mind. There are many questions that the average homeowner has concerning turf that we are not aware of. You have to be on your toes at all times. All in all it was a lot of fun.

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