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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 1979 Turf Conference and Show is but a fond memory. After a few days of kicking tires and listening to the manufacturers representatives extol the virtues of the products, that the great Gods in Washington in their wisdom have consented to permit us to use for at least another season. It is time to give some thoughts to the purchasing of the chemicals and machinery for the coming year.

We in the Chicago area are fortunate to have distributors whose service, integrity, and product knowledge must surely rank with the best in the nation.

There is also a balance of competition that offers a choice of almost every mower used in the turf industry: Chicago Toro, Roseman, George A. Davis with Hahn line, and last but by no means least in sales and use in this area: Illinois Lawn and the Jacobsen Mowers. These are all top line equipment handled by top notch people.

Chemicals and fertilizers are the specialties of BoJo, Art Cleason, and Turf Products whose concept of service is more than a delivery and a billing. They will all assist in setting up a program, and work with the superintendent in a manner that is professional in all respects. Lesco and O. M. Scott are in the same category and have the same integrity as the companies mentioned above.

I think it is important to remember the names mentioned previously. It will soon be the reason for the less than reputable peddler to appear with their T.V.s, watches, and other premiums. They offer merchandise that is claimed to be almost equal to what you are in the market to buy and at a much cheaper price. If they would show you a label you could easily see it is about half the strength of a name brand chemical. These people have a minimum of integrity and in no way belong in the same category as the aforementioned companies. In my opinion these "peddlers" should be shown neither courtesy or respect.

A good guide is that most of the reputable distributors advertise in the **Bull Sheet** and they deserve our business as they are indeed an integral part of the turf industry. I am proud to call most of them friend and it is a pleasure to "break bread" with them at our monthly meetings.

Robert Breen

Dear Mr. Gerber:

Please convey my thanks for all the nice cards, and the beautiful terrarium that I received while I was in the hospital. I'm doing real well, and hope to progress more each day.

Thanks again,
Walter Pieper