

polycrosses engineered by man dominate the fine fescues.

With such breeding techniques being employed, and with fresh sources of germplasm being assembled continuously, certainly turfgrass improvement has only begun. Congratulations to the cultivar breeders are indeed in order for the tremendous turfgrass selection made available to turfgrass managers today. But we can anticipate even more widely adapted, as well as specialized, selections in the future. Even the mere sorting out and proving of what is available today should provide improved turf for many awkward locations, where having good turf is now considered difficult. In the future we can expect turfgrass cultivars that are still more easily and economically maintained.

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## WHY THE MUSSER FOUNDATION IS NEEDED Part I

Fred V. Grau, President

The Musser International Turfgrass Foundation is the only organization that is dedicated solely to basic research and education of talented students on the graduate level. Our goals are (1) to help develop needed research data, (2) to add to the world's turfgrass literature, and (3) most importantly, to train potential leaders in turfgrass science.

Ever since pioneer researcher, teacher, lecturer, and author H. B. Musser died in 1968 my colleagues and I have been striving to convince the entire turfgrass industry that they should help to build a permanent Fellowship Fund which, when invested, will perpetually provide for Fellowship grants leading to advanced degrees at turf-oriented land grant institutions. The logic of our efforts should be obvious. Without trained leaders to plan and conduct research, the research grant money would accomplish little.

It is axiomatic that, in helping a graduate student earn his Ph.D. degree, valuable research data will have been accumulated the world's turfgrass literature will have been enriched, and future money grants for "quickie" research will have far greater impact because a trained leader will be in charge.

We are dedicated to supporting only FELLOWSHIPS because the student who accepts the challenge for three years of intensive study is committed to this field of endeavor. Scholarships are simply money gifts or "rewards" which leave the recipient free to go his own way. Research grants are left to others since they usually finance for a short time a one-time study of a product or a practice using staff members and technical workers. We believe that FELLOWSHIPS help to build a more secure future for all turfgrass interests.

We cover all turf including golf, lawn, airfield, athletic, cemetery, park, and roadside. We promote basic research because the principles of turfgrass establishment and management are common to all disciplines.

When turfgrass history is written let it be said that the Musser Foundation devoted its energies to developing leaders, leaving the service work to those organizations whose existence depends upon continued field contacts. In this respect we are unique.

Yes, the Musser Foundation, international in scope, is needed. When scientists such as Beard, Burton, Daniel, Duich, Funk, Watson and others retire or step out of the picture they deserve to have their places filled with others equally competent. In no other way can we adequately honor their accomplishments.

The Musser Foundation is a charitable and educational, tax-exempt organization. The income from investments is used to help talented graduate students attain their Ph.D. degrees so that the turfgrass industry

will be assured of continuity in leadership. The true beneficiaries of this long-range altruistic effort are the people who love turf and use it for pleasure and for profit. To make the future secure we need to invest in the future.

Those who believe that turf has a future, and who want to make it more secure, have several ways in which they can contribute:

- (1) Make a free-will cash contribution (tax-free)
- (2) Add a name to our "Memorial Roll of Honor" through a memorial gift to honor a departed friend or loved one
- (3) Help to organize a "Musser Tournament," proceeds to go to the Fellowship Fund
- (4) Industry grants, tax-free
- (5) Charitable remainder trusts (unitrusts). Gifts that provide the donor with a lifetime income, reverting finally to the charity.

Further information on these and other ways to help may be had by writing to:

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**Ken Wright & Paul Voykin. Paul was guest speaker at the Bayview G.C. in Thornhill, Canada during the meeting. Ken Wright is Supt. at Woodridge G.C.**