



Four-year old poplars are planted 6,200 to the acre.

small branches. Muka is a pelletized supplement currently used in the USSR, and which shows promise in this country as traditional supplements continue to rise in cost.

Hagerstown, Md., currently is committed to a 1.5 megawatt power plant to supply energy for a sewage treatment facility. Hybrid poplars from a 500-acre energy plantation will be the fuel (in the form of wood gas) to generate this electricity. Plans currently are being prepared which may lead to producing 25 megawatts of electricity to service 50,000 people in this eastern community. If this becomes a reality, eight to nine thousand acres will be leased on contract with local farmers to grow hybrid poplars.

This country has approximately 500 million acres of marginal land according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Much of it is capable of growing hybrid poplars. When and if the going gets tough, the hybrid poplar is showing that there are alternatives.

**By George Poe, District Forester
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“TRANSITION”

It's sad to lose another Year,
To push it in the past.
Though even from the start we knew,
Just how long It would last.
Now We'll have a Brand New Year,
To live with every day,
To fulfill Our dreams of progress,
In work, in life, in pay.
It's worth a sincere effort,
To try to spend time better,
And improve each day of the New Year,
Regardless of the weather.

Kenneth R. Zanzig

WILSON'S PHILLIPS ELECTED NGF CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Joe F. Phillips, who has spent 35 years in various capacities with the Wilson Sporting Goods Company, has been elected chairman of the National Golf Foundation's board of directors.

Also elected to serve on the executive committee were Robert F. MacNally, of PGA Golf Co., as 1st vice chairman; Dr. John Jepson, Titleist Golf Division, 2nd vice chairman; W. Morris Walton, Burton Manufacturing Co., secretary; and Jack J. Curran, Mizuno Golf Company, treasurer.

Phillips, 55, replaces Jerry Martin, of Hillerich & Bradsby, as chairman.

“Being involved with the Foundation this past year has been both challenging and rewarding,” Martin said. “I’m confident that I’m leaving the board in good hands. And you can be sure that I’ll be assisting Joe Phillips as a continuing board member in any way I can so we can keep the NGF moving forward in its quest to serve the industry.”

Phillips joined Wilson in 1948 as a salesman in the Philadelphia area. In 1974 he moved to the home office in Chicago to become director of golf promotion. In addition to his current title of vice president of golf promotion, which he’s held since 1979, he’s also served as vice president, sales, for Walter Hagen, a division of Wilson.

“I’m certainly pleased to be a part of the NGF,” Phillips said. “It’s a necessary vehicle to promote golf.

“One of the main things I’ll focus on is that we make the proper selection of the next president. And we must continue our efforts on fundraising, and get every company in the business of golf-related products to be part of the NGF.”

Phillips has also been president of the National Golf Club Manufacturers, the Golf Ball Manufacturers, and the Golf Manufacturers & Distributors Association.

Phillips lives with his wife Janice in Glen Ellyn, Ill. and is a member of Glen Oak C.C. in Glen Ellyn. The Phillipses have four children and five grandchildren. One son, 32-year-old Joe Jr., is a vice president in Wilson’s retail sales division.

“We want to move the Foundation ahead,” he remarked. “We have to get the additional funds to complete the Foundation’s projects for the betterment of golf.”

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