

"Frenzer, Inc."

Henry Frenzer started as a Peat and Humus supplier for the Chicago area in 1949 with our first bog in Wheeling, Illinois. At that time there was much bulk material sold to landscapers and garden shops who would sell it by the bushel not only out of their sales yards, but by driving down the residential streets and literally going from house to house selling the material as the truck went slowly down the street.

As the years went by, business changed and a revival of some sort was needed. It was suggested to us by a local golf course construction company working in the area at that time that a top dressing material was needed to be made in bulk amounts as there was no one in the area doing this type of service.

In 1963 we started producing top dressing for sale in the Chicago area courses.

At that time there were 3 employees and 1 seven yard truck for delivery. In 1964 we incorporated and moved the mixing and screening operation to its present site in Algonquin.

In the beginning it was basically one mixture that was made on a constant basis. Today as you all know, it has become more of a custom mix operation with all different types of mixtures and sands being used.

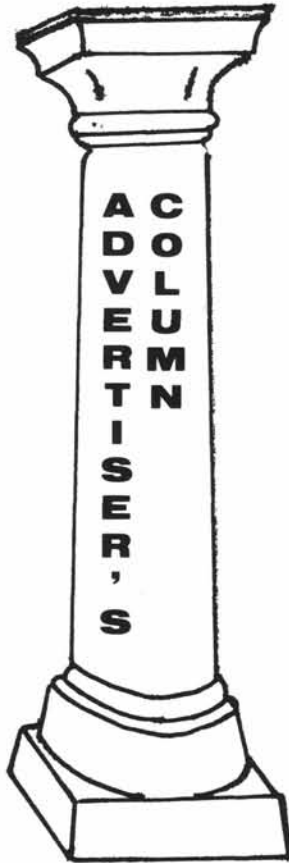
The present delivery system has changed from the original seven yard truck to 4 twelve to fourteen yard trucks and in the peak seasons, semis and other trucks are hired to help out.

We have delivered our product to customers as far as Milwaukee, Rock Island, Springfield, Danville, Decatur, and east to South Bend.

At the present time, there are 6 employees handling the mixing, screening, delivery, bookwork and other related duties.

As in every business, we try our utmost to accommodate our customers in the best way possible and can continue to do so in the future years to come.

Al Frenzer



(Wildflowers cont'd.)
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Maintenance of wildflowers is generally low. However, hand weeding may be necessary until wildflowers establish themselves. Mowing is desirable in helping to keep out some weeds and woody plants. We mow our gardens late in the fall when all the seed heads are set. A mulcher attachment is used at its highest setting. If possible we try to mow after a prolonged dry spell. The soil forms cracks, allowing seeds to find their way into the cracks as the leaves and stems are left as mulch.

This helps in natural reseeding of annuals. However, if an ongoing annual display is important, overseeding with a mixture of annual species may be necessary every 3-5 years.

The use of wildflowers, native grasses or prairie restoration is exciting. I am sure the membership at our club enjoyed the wildflowers. There have been more photos taken of the wildflower areas than were ever taken of the "prestigious" 18th green. I realize golf course superintendent's first priority is providing the best playing conditions for the game of golf. But, I believe a close second is to create a diverse, exciting environment, which will provide interest and enjoyment of the outdoors for those who play the game we depend on.

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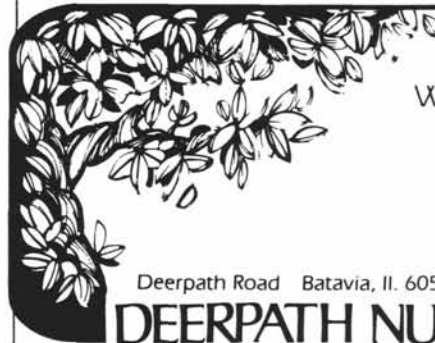
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