

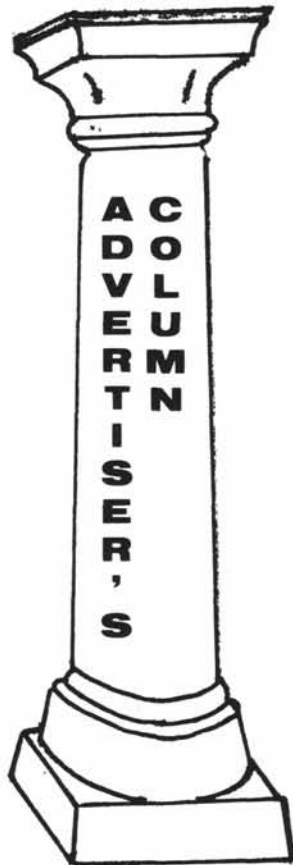
Thornton's Sod Nursery

Our firm traces its beginning back to 1956 when Gerald Dearie, who was then greens superintendent at Medinah Country Club and his friend Julian Strud, who was the Pro at Brookwood Country Club formed Dearie & Strud Sod Nursery. They purchased 120 acres of fertile, rolling land southwest of Elgin and began growing bluegrass and bentgrass sod. In 1962 Gerald and Julian sought to wind down their business involvement and offered the business for sale. Enter the Thornton brothers, Bob, Tom and Ted whose background was in the fuel oil business in Chicago. Seeking a summer seasonal business to compliment the winter oil business, the sod business of Dearie & Strud seemed to be a natural. In April of 1962, the operation was purchased and the name changed to Thornton's Turf Nursery. Through the years the business flourished and additional land was purchased and rented to a total of approximately 1000 acres.

In 1965 a satellite operation had been established in McHenry run by Bob and Ted and the original farm continued to be managed by Tom. In 1983 it was deemed to be in the best interests of the business to split into 2 distinct operations. Tom presently operates the original Elgin acreage which has grown to 500 acres and is known as Thornton's Sod Nursery, while Bob and Ted operate the McHenry farm as Thornton's Turf Nursery.

1987 will be our 25th year in the sod business and we have enjoyed serving many of the fine golf courses in the Chicago land area. We hope to be around for the next 25 to be able to continue that pleasant relationship.

Tom Thornton



"Need More Education?"

To: The Full Time Landscaper and/or Turf Manager Who Wants an Education While Fully Employed
 From: Jim Ethridge, Horticulture Department Chairman
 Joliet Junior College
 Re: An Alternative Education to Full Time Day Programs

If you're a landscaper or a turf manager who has the winter season (Thanksgiving to Easter) off, why not consider an Applied Science Degree in Horticulture? This traditional two year degree has been redesigned especially for you! The program will begin near Thanksgiving (a Christmas break will be observed) and will be completed near Easter. The major difference in this program and others is that you will need only four off seasons to complete this twilight program.

This twilight course of study is designed around your profession! You can continue your full seasonal employment while attending school four nights a week (Monday through Thursday). This allows days for study or winter employment. This program allows for professional development and advancement within your profession. I believe it will be a benefit to you.

If you would like further information about this program please contact us at Joliet Junior College, 1216 Houbolt Avenue, Joliet, IL 60436 or by telephoning: 815-729-9020, extension 320. Please ask for Mark Kuster, Roger Ross or Tom Voigt.

TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE

Agri 150 — Intro to Agriculture Mechanization

Monday Date: Dec. 1 through March 30, 1987
 Time: 6:00 - 8:55 p.m.

Hort 162 — Woody Ornamentals

Tuesday Date: Dec. 2 through March 31, 1987
 Time: 6:00 - 8:55 p.m.

Hort 160 — Principles of Horticultural Plants

Wednesday Date: Nov. 26 through April 8, 1987
 Time: 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Hort 250 — Landscape Plans

Thursday Date: Dec. 4 through April 1, 1987
 Time: 6:00 - 8:55 p.m.

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