Fire Ravages U. of I. Ornamental Horticulture Research Center

On Monday evening, 29 April 1991, fire consumed the maintenance building at the Ornamental Horticulture Research Center, located in the University south farms in Urbana. The building and much of the contents were destroyed. The Center's building was used to store equipment and supply and also contained a workshop, office, and laboratory. The dollar value of the loss was placed at approximately \$400,000. Arson is believed to be the cause of the conflagration.

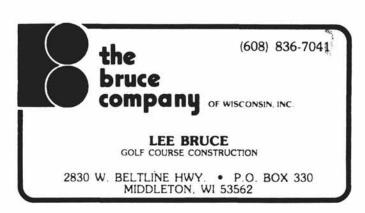
Fortunately, no one was injured in the blaze, nor were any experimental plots damaged. Data and results of ongoing and past experiments are maintained away from the site and were not lost.

Plans for rebuilding the facility are being made pending administrative and financial decisions of the U. of I. College of Agriculture and Central Campus Administration. Interim plot maintenance and experimental work is being performed using equipment on loan from local vendors and turf managers.

The 1991 University of Illinois Turfgrass, Nursery, Landscape, and Trial Garden Field Day will be held, as planned, on 15 August 1991. Registration materials will be mailed in early July.

Following administration decisions, a list of needed equipment and supplies will be determined. If you have equipment or supplies you would like to contribute, contact Dr. David Wehner (phone 217/333-7848 or fax 217/244-3469). A rebuilding fund through the University of Illinois Foundation is also being put in place. Dr. Wehner will be able to discuss any monetary contributions to support the rebuilding effort.

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