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LETTERS

From Mrs. Emil Mashie

Dear Mr. LaRochelle:

Mr. Mashie and I would like you to convey our sincere thanks to the Midwest G.C.S.A. membership and all its officers for the beautiful plant sent during my confinement at the hospital. It was very thoughtful and with much good luck Mr. Mashie could get back into circulation.

From Paul Voykin

Dear Joe and Fellow Midwest Members:

I regret to inform you that due to previous commitments I must decline your kind nomination of me for director of the National Association. I am grateful to all of you for your support and thoughtfulness in placing this honor upon me, and I hope that sometime again in the future my name is considered for this very high office.

From C. E. (Scotty) Stewart

It will probably come as a shock to some golf course superintendents to learn that a free house on the golf course grounds plus free utilities such as gas, light, water, telephone, etc. is not as free as they imagine.

A recent court case was won by the Internal Revenue Service against a golf course superintendent who lives on the grounds and which now forces him to add a fair house rental value, plus the cost of all his paid utilities, to his **yearly salary** and he then must pay an income tax based on this **gross taxable income**.

The IRS stated that a superintendent's residence on the golf course grounds was not required as a condition of his employment for the majority of superintendents live off the grounds.

From a prospective Assistant

Dear Mr. LaRochelle,

I am looking for an opening as an assistant superintendent and would appreciate your help. In discussing this matter with Norman Kramer of Point O'Woods Golf and Country Club, he suggested that I contact you asking for any help that you could give me.

Here is a brief summary of my qualifications.

3 summers of work experience on an 18 hole course.

B.S. degree from Michigan State University in agriculture with a specialty in turf-grass management under Dr. James Beard.

Presently employed as a natural resource manager with a large regional parks organization in the Detroit area.

Age 25.

Married, 1 child.

Excellent references.

Thank you for your time. I would appreciate any assistance that you could give me.

William E. Rakozy
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Michigan 48057

ED DEVINGER LEAVES

We have been notified by Ed that he will be taking a position with Reinder's Brothers, a Toro distributor in Elm Grove, Wis. as of August 30.

He wishes to express his appreciation to all his friends in this area for all their help and cooperation.

MUSSER FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES TAX EXEMPT STATUS

Tax-exempt status has been granted by I.R.S. to The Musser International Turfgrass Foundation of the H. B. Musser Turfgrass fellowship, Inc. President F. V. Grau and Secretary J. M. Duich are laying plans for a Board of Directors' meeting soon so that solicitation of funds may proceed. A brochure is in the planning stage.

Contributions are tax exempt and may be made out to MUSSER TURFGRASS FOUNDATION and sent to Mr. Ben O. Warren, Secretary, Palos Park, Illinois 60464. As funds grow the income will be expended for Fellowships leading to the Ph.D degree in Turfgrass Management. The Musser Foundation is global in scope and candidates for the degree will be screened from every corner of the world on a non-discriminatory basis. Research institutions likewise will be carefully chosen to complement the selected field of study.

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The Musser Foundation was started by a group of his friends in the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council who valued highly the accomplishments of this dedicated teacher and researcher. The late Prof. Musser long will be remembered for Pennlawn fescue; for Penncross bent; for his reports on fertilizers, crownvetch, weed control, turfgrass management studies; and for his authorship of the U. S. G. A. sponsored book "Turf Management". The effects of his work, like his students, have gone 'round the world and have benefited turfgrass lovers in every walk of life. The officers and directors of the corporation hope that there will be an outpouring of appreciation by way of contributions.

Questions may be directed to Dr. F. V. Grau, President, Box AA, College Park, Maryland 20740, or to Dr. J. M. Duich, Secretary, 21 Tyson Building, University Park, Pennsylvania 16802.

RACHESKY TO TEACH CLASS ON PESTICIDE USE AND INSECT CONTROL

A newly developed seminar program dealing with pesticide usage and insect control will be offered by the Continuing Education Center, Harper College, Algonquin & Roselle Roads, Palatine, Illinois 60067.

The seminar will be offered for an 8-week period, starting September 15 and continuing through November 3, 1971. Classes will be held each Wednesday from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm and will be taught by Stanley Rachesky, pesticide adviser and entomologist for the University of Illinois.

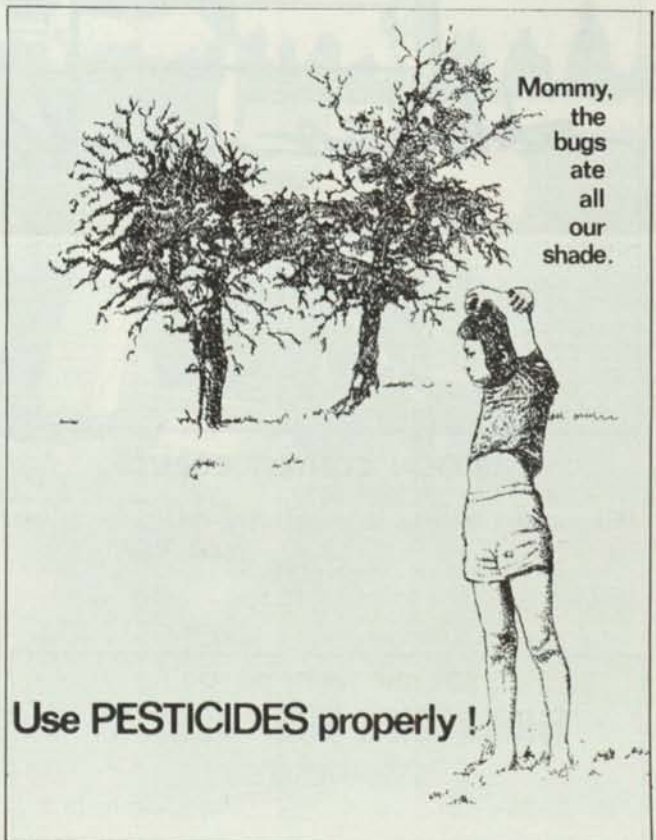
Registration fees have been set as follows:

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\$32.54 for all others.

Complete details, including determination of registration fees, can be obtained by contacting:

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In the next issue, I would like to print a lengthy article on the use of the triplex greens mowers in this area. I plan to call and interview several superintendents, however, I would be happy to print any opinion (pro or con) which is sent to me. Perhaps some of you would like to comment on uses, alterations, objections, recommendations or other ideas.

"Pesticides are a major reason why a farmer is able to feed and clothe 46 persons today, compared with 25 persons in 1960 and only 4 persons in 1850. In our present era of the managed ecology of monocultures, farm mechanization, and complex system of food harvesting, processing, distribution, and storage, the use of pesticides often represents the slender margin between crop production and crop failure and between economic profit and economic loss. In developing countries, where food supplies are marginal, pesticide use may represent the difference between survival and starvation."—Robert L. Metcalf, professor and head, Department of Zoology, University of Illinois.

"Of all the plant and animal species that have ever lived on earth, more than 99 percent are now extinct. Man has had very little impact on this figure, and many forget this natural selection process when discussing pollution problems. We must never forget to evaluate this factor when drawing conclusions as to the cause of our vanished or endangered species." — Dr. Fred P. Miller, Chairman, Environmental Quality Council, Maryland Extension Service.



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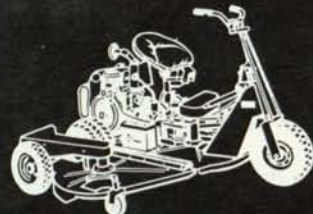
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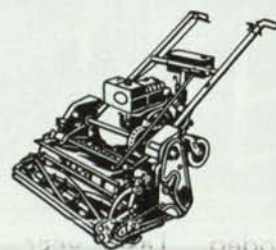
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GYPSY MOTHS

by Stanley Rachesky
Entomologist, University of Illinois

A variety of insects are causing problems at this time of the year.

Mimosa Webworms, an insect found on mimosa and honeylocust trees, are beginning to appear in numerous quantities around Chicagoland.

The adults are mousy gray moths with about 1/2" wing span. The small pale gray to brown larvae web the leaves together forming a nest in which they chew the leaves, leaving nothing but a leaf-like skeleton of veins. Leaf curl is a good symptom of this pest. The worms can be found rolled up on the damaged leaves. Sprays of sevin or malathion diluted to label directions will do an excellent job in control.

From Main to New Jersey the **Gypsy Moth** is quickly taking its toll of the forests this year. Luckily we in Illinois are not bothered with this great economic pest. At least not yet! However, there's a good chance that as the years roll by, the gypsy moth will come westward. Of all the leaf-feeding pests that attack shade and forest trees, the caterpillar of this moth is by far the most destructive. It feeds on almost all types of deciduous trees and as its development continues into later stages it will turn also on many species of evergreens.

The state of Michigan has had its problems with the gypsy moth in recent years. We hope it will be eradicated there.

Until recently DDT kept the pest in check. However, because of the restriction of DDT in many states populations of the gypsy moth has exploded. Last year alone approximately 1,000,000 acres of trees were denuded.

Different types of substitutes are being tried in an attempt to obtain control. However, in the meantime, the gypsy moth continues to thrive.

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The Golf Course Superintendent's Office Girl

The following is an editorial by Robert L. Mitchell from
the Northeastern GCSA's OUR COLLABORATOR.

The Golf Course Superintendent's Secretary: What Superintendent has one? Few, if any, I will admit. Going fancy on us. A Superintendent has no need of a Secretary. Well let's see.

As Superintendent you are head of one of the three important departments of the Club. Who ever heard of a Department Head of a million dollar operation that did not have at least one Secretary, except a Golf Course Superintendent.

Just putting on the dog, I don't think so. What happens when your Chairman, other Club officials, a plain ordinary member, a vendor or some other person calls and you are on the course. Either the phone does not answer, or if a workman happens to be in the shop, the answer is very possibly not too satisfactory. What kind of an operation would you think it was if you got NO ANSWER when you called your Chairman, or other Club Official, and particularly if you called a Vendor seeking quick service on a badly needed part, or material. You would think is was a pretty badly run organization. And rightly so. So a secretary in your office to answer the phone, and if you are not there to give an intelligent answer, is just Good Business Practice.

But this would cost money. What else could she do besides answer the phone. Plenty. First; your correspondence. Is it answered promptly, neatly typed, or do you answer it in longhand, with no copy for your records, when you get time. Or do you have to ask the Club House secretary for a favor to type your correspondence for you. This gets to be an old story awful fast.

Second; make out payroll, or time sheets. Do you have to do this on Monday mornings when you have a thousand other things that you should look after on the course? A good secretary could do this for you, and probably quicker and better, and cheaper than you do.

Third; labor distribution records. Do you keep records of what each man does, so that at the end of the year you know how much time is spent on each operation? What value? Do you want a new greens mower? How much time spent with the old type? You don't know unless you have the records. Time consuming to keep? Yes, very. But a good office girl could keep them.

Fourth; gas, oil, grease, equipment records. Do you know how much gas each machine consumes, how many hours it has run, how many times it has broken down, how much cost for repairs? Is it time for a new machine? You don't really know unless you have the records. If you do it will be much easier to sell your Board on a new machine. Records are very, very time consuming. Once again, a good office girl could keep these records.

Fifth; fungicide, insecticide, and other treatment records. Do you know exactly when and at what rate you treated greens, tees, etc. over the past few years? And, most important what were the results? Once

again these records are time consuming. But a good office girl could keep them.

Sixth; filing. Can you find any records after you have kept them without spending a half a day hunting, and maybe even then not finding them. A good office girl could keep a filing system for you, including correspondence, records, blue prints, purchase orders, etc.

I had better stop telling you what an office girl could do for you. There are many, many more items, but if I keep on you will need two girls. To sum it all up, a secretary, or office girl, could answer the phone intelligently, and at all times answer your correspondence promptly and neatly, keep your records and file them, and even assist in budget preparation which is 80% clerical work anyway.

In short, she would aid you in running your department as a business operation which it really is, or should be. She would save you time for more valuable things, such as inspecting the course and planning operations, to give the members the best possible course, which is fundamentally what you are paid for, not for clerical work any more than you are paid to mow greens or fairways. Finally, the better golf course you run, the more professional you will appear in the eyes of the members and the Board.

Now the forty dollar question. Do I have an office girl? Frankly, only part time. But I am working on it. And I am working on it because I sincerely feel the expense involved would pay good returns to the Club in terms of a better golf course.

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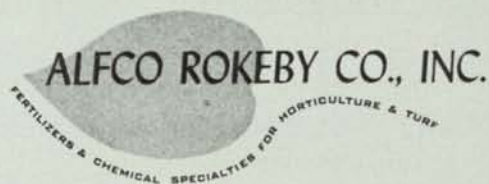
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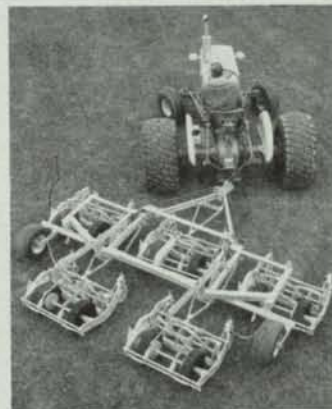
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