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### *The President's Message*

After spending the entire day outdoors — beginning to spruce up the Golf Course — just couldn't help but realize that the golf season cannot be far away. Noticed my first robin of the year, heard and saw a flock of geese flying overhead.

As your mind wanders, one can't help but think of the many problems that may be in store. Of course, this also reminds me of a story about St. Francis of Assisi. He took from nature many of his lessons to his disciples. Let us imitate him therefore, let me urge you to be like a duck. It dives into the water, comes up and shakes off every drop in a vigorous reaction. Do just that with your difficulties and worries — and — you will find that by their very nature they will also (hopefully) disappear for you.

The Arrangement Committee has everything in order for the coming year, so, you can make plans to attend each monthly meeting. When the dates are published in the Bull Sheet, why don't you immediately block them out on your calendar. The Golf Committee has several surprises in store for us this season. The first outing will be at Woodridge Golf Club with Tony Meyer as host.

Education Committee also is all set for the coming year, plans have been made for the Clinic at Medinah.

The editor apologizes for not giving credit to **Mike Bavier** for his thank you article in the March issue of the Bull Sheet. Also an apology to **Pat Sokolis**, author of her poem.

One sure way for an editor to find out if his publication is being read, is to make an error.

The March 18th meeting of the M.A.G.C.S. held at Nordic Country Club was attended by seventy-one members. David Meyer, Superintendent, was our host. The educational speaker, Dr. Michael Healy, gave an excellent talk on **"Creative Knowledge In You."**

How can the Bull Sheet be improved? If you have any suggestions please send them to the editor.

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## Guest Editorial

Clifford Behrendt

As we begin another season, I'm sure the thought has crossed many of our minds as to how the gasoline shortage will affect our operation and maintenance of our Country Clubs and Golf Courses.

Last summer and fall some of us were noticing the affects of the shortage. In September of 1973, my distributor informed me that I would be limited on the quantity of gasoline used in 1972. By October my distributor cut my supply 10% from what I had received in 1972 for the remainder of the year and assured me that the percentage for 1974 could be cut as much as 20%.

This would be quite a handicap to me since the quantity of gasoline used during construction of 1972 was considerably less than the amount used during 1973 when the course was in full operation. Also with a new and growing development we have additional roads to maintain during the winter months making our gasoline supply more demanding.

The gasoline shortage has caused some distributors to go out of business leaving many customers searching for new sources while others have had little or no problem receiving gasoline.

Motorists are experiencing long waiting lines at gasoline stations while gasoline station attendants are opening and closing their stations according to their supply.

Although rationing has remained a topic of discussion during the past few months, we have seen an increase in gasoline during February in our area as stations begin to open more readily due to the increase of their gasoline allowance. The past few days new reports have shown that greater gasoline supplies lie ahead so let's hope 1974 unfolds a better year and allows us to be able to get underway without any hindrance.



The Midwest Association's April 8th meeting will be held at Woodridge Golf Club. Tony Meyer will be our host. The educational speaker will be Mr. Paul Boecker, chief of the Lisle Fire Prevention District and president of the Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois Firemen's Association. He is a graduate of the Chicago Ambulance course in first aid instruction and civil defense. His presentation will pertain to first aid and golf course related accidents.

## M. A. G. C. S. MONTHLY MEETINGS 1974

- 8 April, 1974 — Host: Anthony Meyer  
Woodridge Golf Course  
6300 South Rt. 53, Lisle, Ill. 60532
- 6 May, 1974 — Host: Roger LaRoche  
Woodmar Country Club  
1818 — 177 St., Hammond, Indiana 46324
- 11 June, 1974 — Host: Cliff Behrendt  
Turnberry Country Club  
Bard Rd., Crystal Lake, Ill. 60014
- 15 July, 1974 — Host: Carl Hopphan  
Aurora Country Club  
Prairie and Western, Aurora, Ill. 60507
- 12 August, 1974 — Host: Leonard Berg  
Village Greens of Woodridge Country Club  
1575 W. 75th Street, Woodridge, Ill. 60515
- 16 September, 1974 — Host: David Meyer  
Indian Lake Country Club  
232 W. Schick Rd., Bloomingdale, Ill. 60108
- October, 1974 — Host: Robert Siebert  
Naperville Country Club  
25 W. 570 Chicago Ave., Naperville, Ill.
- 3 December, 1974 — Host: John Jackman  
Medinah Country Club (Fall Clinic)  
Medinah, Ill.
- 2 November, 1974 — FALL DINNER DANCE  
Host: Dudley Smith  
Silver Lake Country Club  
147th St. & 82nd Ave., Orland Park, Ill.

Picking a turfgrass that is beautiful, new and viable enough to withstand the anticipated traffic of a World's Fair was the problem faced by the architects of Expo '74, slated to open in Spokane, Washington on May 4. Their final selection was 0217 brand Fylking Kentucky bluegrass.

Trucks, graders, cranes and construction people are currently crawling all over the World's Fair site preparing for the 184-day event, while the Fylking Kentucky bluegrass is just beginning to awake where it was planted last summer in giant turf plots away from the ravages of the building boom. As projects are completed on the 100-acre site in downtown Spokane, turf specialists will move in, and lay the Fylking turf, as well as plant trees and flowers.

In evaluating turfgrasses for the World's Fair, the architects chose Fylking because, "it is one of the most energetic oxygen producers available, requiring little care and having a greater disease and drought resistance. It flourishes with little or no weed disease control chemicals, and this adds up to the ideal grass seed to fit in with the basic theme of the Fair, "Celebrating tomorrow's fresh new environment."

Expo '74 is located on two islands and the north and south banks of the Spokane river. The architects were concerned that the site reflect man's concern with the environment and that it set an example. Spokane will be host to visitors from all over the world.

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Editor

### Midwest Breezes

The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents educational committee held their first meeting on March 7th. Those who attended were: Fred Opperman, Bob Williams, Ed Stewart, Bill Leath, Mike Bavier, and Dave Meyer. The purpose of this meeting was to form a program for the fall clinic. By all indications it appears it will have a new look.

Reports are that turf grass on golf courses came through the winter in fairly good condition. There is, however, some snow mold on bent and poa annua turf that was not treated in the fall of 1973. The extent of the damage will be determined after the arrival of some warm weather which will give the plant a chance to show life, if there is any.

Terry Turnquist, employed at the Village Links for the past eight years, has resigned and accepted the Superintendent's position at Hickory Hills Golf Club on 95th St., Oak Lawn, Illinois.

Paul Alexander reports everything is going great guns at Hilton Head Island. His fourth course will open the first of March, one in Puerto Rico by June 1st, a course in Virginia by June, 1975, and they have four more courses on the drawing boards. Once these are reviewed they will start construction on them.

The weather in South Carolina has been great all winter — the bermuda is still actively growing. On top of this the overseeded grasses are absolutely lush — and he hopes they remain so until **after** the "Heritage Classic", which will be televised March 23rd and 24th. Paul is working with an architect and contractor on his new house plans.

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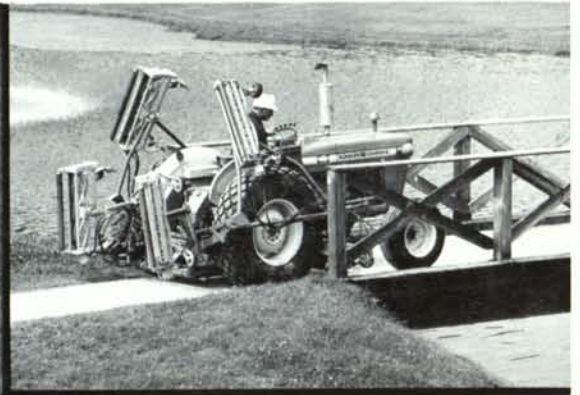
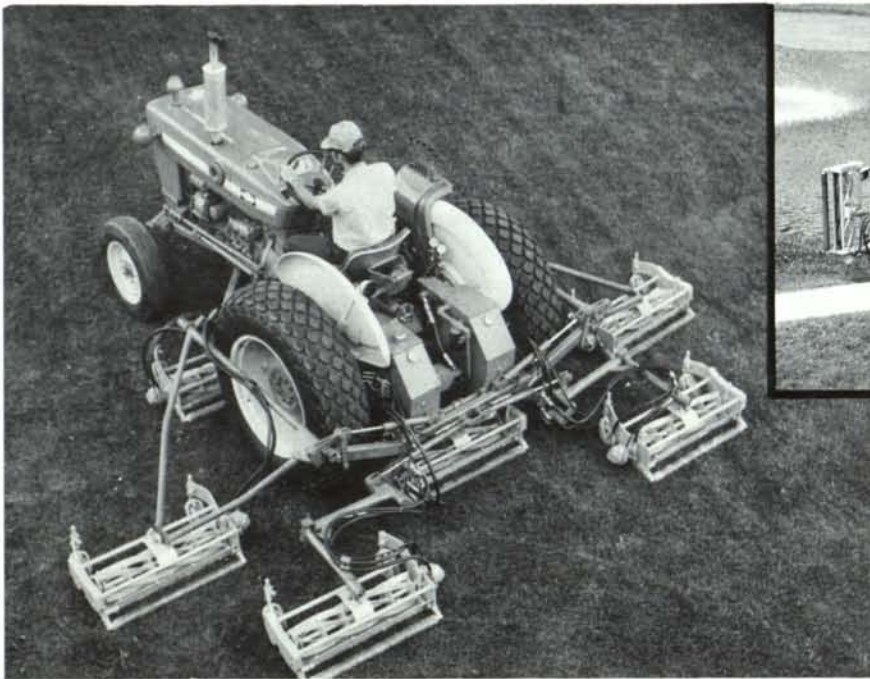
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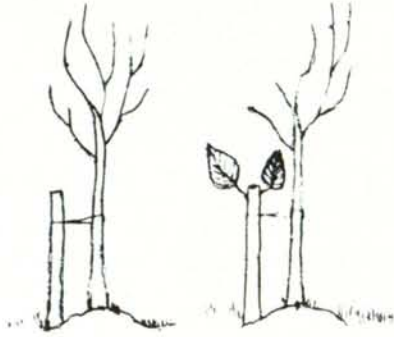
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Silver maple tree leaves covered with small red, green and black bumps are the result of maple bladder galls, says Donald L. Schuder, Purdue University extension entomologist.

Better spray now to prevent their recurrence, he advises. These abnormal growths are caused by small microscopic mites which feed on the foliage. Mite-feeding stimulates plant cells in such a manner that they form galls which serve to protect the mites.

The wart-like growths may occur singly or in clusters. They may become abundant enough to cause the foliage to appear gnarled and deformed. But even so, they seldom cause enough damage to affect the vigor of the tree, says Schuder.

Galls may be prevented by tree spraying just before bud break. Spraying at this time destroys the mites which overwinter in the cracks and crevices of the tree's bark. Spraying must be done, however, before new leaves are formed, or the mites will feed and galls develop.

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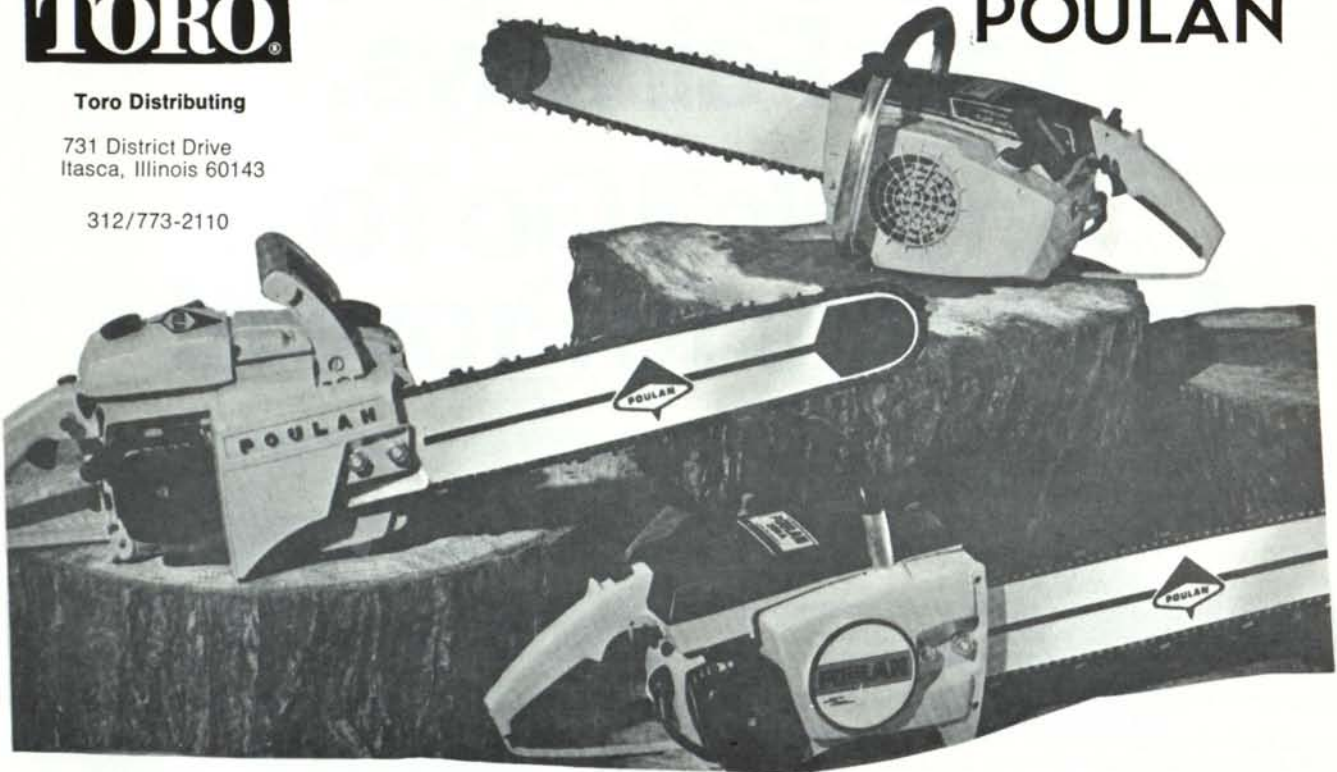
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