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President, Edward Fischer, CGCS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wish to once again thank the membership for the confidence they have shown in me by electing me as President of the Midwest Golf Course Superintendents Association. I hope to accomplish much, but I need help, a lot of help. The Board is elected to help, but you the membership must help the most, you must be willing to work on committees, come up with suggestions, and solutions to the problems of the Association, it is your Association, and I as your President and or the Board cannot accomplish a thing without your help.

One item that we need to resolve soon is the age old problem of getting response from the membership on reservation cards for the monthly meetings. A couple of ideas have been tried without much success, so come up with some ideas so at the next meeting we can resolve this problem.

I would like to take this time to thank our President of last year, Bob Breen, on a job well done. He is going to be a hard act to follow, especially his President's Messages. Thanks, Bob for a fine job from me and the M.A.G.C.S. membership.

The Board and I will do our best to serve the membership to the best of our ability. Let's hope that this is one of the best years that this Association has ever had, and with your help it cannot be anything but successful.

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#### IN YOUR GARDEN

The fact that last winter was tough on trees and shrubs is an understatement.

James A. Fizzell, University of Illinois horticulturist in Cook Co. says, "We are still seeing the effects of the winter as plants expire from delayed reaction to the damage." Plants girdled by rodents or with roots injured by excess water or low temperatures can live quite a while before the stored foods are used up.

You can avoid many of the winter problems by

preparing now.

Mow all grass and weeds around the trunks of the trees and shrubs. Use hand clippers on vegetation you cannot cut with a lawn mower. Be sure not to nick the bark. Unmowed vegetation provides cover for field mice which eat the inner bark of trunks and roots,

frequently killing fruit trees.

Rabbits eat the bark off the trunk and any branches within reach, particularly on young fruit trees. However, Fizzell notes, they do not bother older trees which have developed heavy outer bark. Either chemical repellants or mechanical barriers are recommended for protection from rabbits. Spray the repellant on trunk and lower branches as recommended on the label. Chemicals are more effective in protecting shrubs than mechanical barriers. Use chicken wire or hardware cloth to form a cylinder around the trunk. The cylinder should be at least 2 inches from the trunk and high enough to provide protection in the event of heavy snow cover. Or, wrap the trunk with newspapers, waterproof paper, or tree wrap.

Wrapping the trunk will also help protect trees from winter sun scald, says Fizzell, and will benefit even

older trees not subject to rabbit damage.

Trunk wrapping does not keep the trunk warmer, but provides shade from the winter sun which could elevate the temperatures of the inner bark to the point where it begis growing even in mid-winter. When the sun sets, temperatures rapidly drop to freezing or lower; this causes ice crystals to form in the inner bark, killing it. Such injury usually occurs on the south or southwest side of the trunk, the area most likely to be warmed by winter sunlight, and may not become apparent until the next summer. Some nurseries are investigating white paint on the trunk as a protection from winter sun damage.

Remove the wrap when growth starts in the spring as these wrappings provide cover for insects which may injure the trunk during the growing season.

Of major concern in winter survival is drainage, says Fizzell. Fill low areas so water will not stand around the stems and roots during the winter months. Such conditions are ideal for development of disease organisms which could attack the plants at the soil line and kill them. Roots in standing water can suffocate and rot away.

James A. Fizzell, Sr. Ext. Advisor, Horticulture University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

#### 18 WAYS OF MIS-USING EQUIPMENT

Remember this is what takes place when you mis-use equipment.

1. Run equipment at excessive speeds.

Result - poor cutting appearance.

2. Run equipment with loose bolts and nuts.

Result - (a) bolts will become elongated due to vibration.

(b) bolts and nuts when lost usually end up between the reel and the bed knife.

3. Run equipment improperly adjusted, such as: (a) belts and chains, (b) clutches, (c) reel and bed knife.

Result - (a) Wear our prematurely and cause undue wear to pulleys, sprockets and bearings (b) wear clutch plates and linings, (c) will not cut properly and will wear bed knife and reel prematurely.

4. Operate with accumulation of grass clippings and dirt in air cooling fins on engine.

Result - will cut out flow of air causing engines to run excessively warm. May cause fires.

5. Operate equipment not properly lubricated.

Result - bearings, shafts, sprockets and all wearable parts will not stand up. This will cause poor performance of any equipment.

6. Operate engine with little or no oil in crankcase.

Result - connecting rod will seize in cylinder.

7. Operate engine with air - cleaner empty.

Result - will affect carburetion giving poor engine performance and shorten life of engine due to dirt entering engine.

8. Using improper equipment for the job. Example - using a light duty piece of equipment where a heavy duty should be used.

Result - poor finished job and equipment will not stand the gaff. Example would be - sending a boy to do a man's job.

9. Using improper fuel in engines such as white gas, etc.

Result - manufacturer's recommend standard gasoline, and substitutes will cause poor engine performance, also wear engine prematurely.

10. Operating equipment with faulty parts.

Result - one worn or missing part will possibly wear five others causing expensive maintenance costs.

 Using heavy detergent oil in engines or number 10 weight oil.

Result - manufacturer's recommend non-detergent oils and number 10 is **too light** due to the high r.p.m. under which engines operate.

Operate any rotary mowing equipment with cutter bar out of balance.

Result - will cause undue vibration and wear bushings, bearings and could crack housings.

13. Use reel type mowers where there is any stones, or debris.

Result - tear up reels giving poor cutting appearance.

Over-grease or use wrong lubricant.

Result - excessive grease or wrong lubricant will fall on turf harming grass. Dirt will hang to unit.

Use air pressure grease guns when lubricating.
 Result - pressure build up will cause fittings to pop out.

16. Drain engine oil when cold.

Result - Sediment in oil is not in suspension and will settle to the bottom of the sump. If drained when warm, 90% of the sediment will flow out.

17. Spray water on cylinder head and cylinder when cleaning equipment that is hot.

Result - will cause warpage and may crack head or block.

18. Mis-use of equipment such as:

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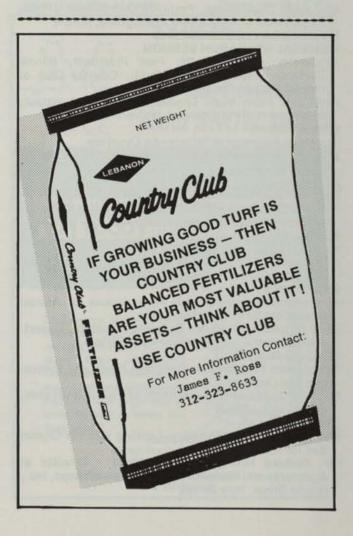
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**TURFGRASS WORKSHOPS** 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. - Workshop A

Basic Principles of Turfgrass Disease

Identification and Control

Dr. Houston B. Couch, Department of Plant Pathology

and Physiology, VA

Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA, and Dr. Malcom C. Shurtleff, Department of Plant Pathology, University of Illinois

1:30 - 4:30 p.m. - Workshop B

Basic Communication Skills Tailored to the Turfgrass Industry

Dr. Jesse G. Delia, Department of Speech Communications, University of Illinois

4:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Commercial Exhibits Open (cash bar)

7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Illinois Turfgrass Foundation Business Meeting

8:30 p.m.

Illinois Pesticide Applicators and Operators Examinations

Mr. Juett Hogancamp, Pesticide Coordinator, Illinois Department of Agriculture, Springfield, Illinois

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19 **GENERAL RESEARCH SESSION** 

Moderator: David Fearis, Past President, Illinois Turfgrass Foundation and Supt., Country Club of Peoria, Peoria, Illinois

Assistant: Allan Yust, Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Horticulture, University of Illinois

8:30 - 9:15 a.m.

Turfgrass Research at Illinois--An Overview

Dr. A. J. Turgeon, Department of Horticulture, University of Illinois

9:15 - 9:30 a.m.

Pesticide Fate Research Using Microecosystems Bruce Branham, Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Horticulture, University of Illinois

9:30 - 9:45 a.m.

Nitrogen Fate Research in Turf

Bill Torello, Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Horticulture, University of Illinois

9:45 - 10:00 a.m.

Controlled-Release Pesticide Formulations for Annual Grass Control in Turfgrass Sites

Dave Chalmers, Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Horticulture, University of Illinois

10:00 - 10:20 a.m.

Annual Pest Problems on Turfgrass Areas and Recommended Controls

Mr. Ron Ogden, U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife, Springfield, Illinois

10:20 - 10:40 a.m.

The Turfgrass Seed Industry--Looking Into the Crystal Ball for 1980

Mr. Richard Hurley, Vice President - Director of Agronomy and Research, Lofts Pedigreed Seed, Inc., Bound Brook, New Jersey

10:40 - 11:05 a.m.

Present Evaluation of Perennial Ryegrass and Fine Fescue Cultivars for Turfgrass Seeding Operations Dr. William Meyer, Pure-Seed Testing, Inc., Hubbard,

11:05 - 11:30 a.m.

Athletic Field Construction--An Interesting Approach Dr. Don White, Department of Ornamental Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota

11:30 - 11:55 a.m.

Growth Regulators--Present Status and Future Perspectives

Dr. Ray Freeborg, Department of Agronomy, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana

11:00 - 1:30 p.m. - Commercial Exhibits Open

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#### **GOLF TURF SESSION**

Moderator: Duane Hobbs, Research and Product Development Representative, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co., Chicago, Illinois

Assistant: Dave Chalmers, Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Horticulture, University of IL

1:30 - 1:55 p.m.

Methods for Minimizing Winter Injury on the Golf Course

Dr. J. R. Watson, Vice President and Agronomist, The Toro Co., Minneapolis, Minnesota

1:50 - 2:15 p.m.

Turfgrass Cultivation -- Pros and Cons

Dr. Paul Reike, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan 2:15 - 2:35 p.m.

The Care of the Golfer

Mr. Bill Lyons, President, Lyons Den Golf Course, Canal Fulton, Ohio

2:35 - 2:55 p.m.

Wetting Agents on the Golf Course - A Superintendents Experience

Mr. Bruce Williams, Superintendent, Bob O'Link Golf Club, Highland Park, Illinois

2:55 - 3:05 - Break

3:05 - 3:30 p.m.

Fertilizer Programs for Bentgrass Putting Greens

Dr. Don Waddington, Department of Agronomy, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 3:30 - 3:50 p.m.

An Overview of Overseeding Programs Throughout the Country

Mr. Richard Hurley, Vice President and Director of Agronomy and Research, Lofts Pedigreed Seed, Inc., Bound Brook, New Jersey

3:50 - 4:10 p.m.

An All Out Approach to Fairway Renovation

Mr. Jim Brandt, Superintendent, Danville Country Club, Danville, Illinois

4:10 - 4:30 p.m.

Some Current Observations and Ideas on Sand Topdressing

Mr. Carl Schwartzkopf, North Central Director, USGA Green Section, Crystal Lake, Illinois

4:30 - 6:00 p.m. - Commercial Exhibits Open

6:30 p.m. - Banquet

Moderator: Al Herbster, President, Illinois Turfgrass Foundation and Grounds Superintendent, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Speaker: Dr. Houston B. Couch, Department of Plant Pathology and Physiology, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia

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#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20 NITROGEN SYMPOSIUM

Moderator: Dr. A. J. Turgeon, Department of Horticulture, University of Illinois

Assistant: Bruce Branham, Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Horticulture, University of IL 8:30 - 8:45 a.m.

Nitrogen and the Turfgrass Plant

Dr. J. R. Street, Department of Horticulture, University of Illinois

8:45 - 9:10 a.m.

Nitrogen Fertilizers and How They Work in the Turfgrass System

Dr. Paul Reike, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan 9:10 - 9:30 a.m.

Late Season Nitrogen Fertilization - How Far North Does It Work?

Dr. Don White, Department of Ornamental Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota

9:30 - 9:50 a.m.

Characteristics of Water Soluble and Liquid Slow-Release Nitrogen Fertilizers

Dr. Roger Funk, Vice President, Research and Development, Davey Tree Lawnscape Service, Kent, Ohio 9:50 - 10:10 a.m.

The Oldest of the Synthetic Slowly-Available Nitrogen Sources - Ureaformaldehyde

Dr. John T. Hays, Research and Product Development Specialist, Hercules Research Center, Boots Hercules Agrochemicals Co., Wilmington, Delaware 10:10 - 10:25 a.m.

Are All Ureaformaldehyde Fertilizers the Same?

Dr. George McVey, Research Agronomist, O. M. Scott and Sons, Marysville, Ohio

10:25 - 10:45 a.m.

Characteristics of Sulfur-Coated Urea and Natural Organic Nitrogen Fertilizers

Dr. Seward E. Allen, Research Agronomist, National Fertilizer Development Center, Tennessee Valley Authority, Muscull Shoals, Alabama 10:45 - 11:05 a.m.

Understanding Isobutylidene Diurea (IBDU)

Dr. Bob Rehberg, National Sales Manager, Estech General Chemical Corporation, Winter Haven, FL 11:05 - 11:30 a.m.

Long-Term Field Performances of Nitrogen Fertilizers
Dr. Don Waddington, Department of Agronomy,
Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
11:30 a.m.

Questions on Nitrogen and Nitrogen Fertilizers
For more information contact:

Dr. John R. Street, Turfgrass Extension Specialist

Dear Ray;

This is to inform you and the MWGCSA membership of my decision to leave the University of Illinois in order to accept the position of Professor and Resident Director of Texas A & M University Research and Extension Center at Dallas, effective January 1, 1980. This was a difficult personal decision especially in view of the enthusiastic support that I have enjoyed from members of MWGCSA and other organizations over the past eight years.

Thanks in part, to your encouragement and support, the turfgrass research program at the University of Illinois is regarded as one of the leading programs of its type in the United States. While I am saddened over having to leave so many good friends in Illinois, I

am confident that our turfgrass research program will continue to grow and effectively serve the needs of turfgrass personnel throughout the state. The administration here is already at work to find a suitable replacement for my position, and I am confident that they will be successful in the near future.

I wish to extend my most sincere appreciation for your excellent support and friendship during my tenure at the University of Illinois. Best wishes to all of you in the years ahead.

A. J. Turgeon, Associate Professor of Turfgrass Science

Dear Ray:

Another year is at it's end, causes one to re-evaluate as well as look ahead.

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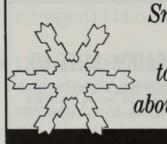
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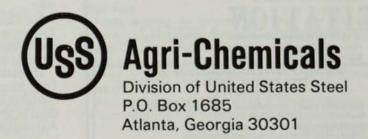








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#### Carol McCue

#### CONGRATULATIONS!

On November 13, 1979, Carol McCue, Associate Executive Director of the CDGA, after 37 years of doing about everything in the office was honored at a special party. Carol at this time received the Herb Graffis award, made possible by the National Golf Foundation. Approximately 250 of her golfing friends attended this wonderful award dinner and thanked Carol McCue for everything she has done for the good of golf and it was considerable. It could not have happened to a more deserving person.

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