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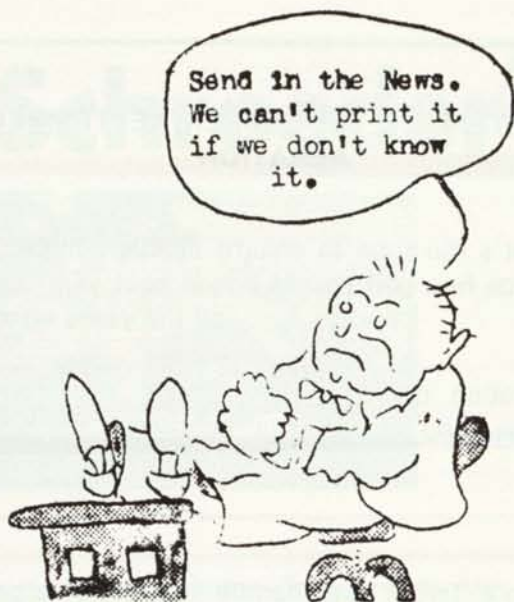
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EDITORIAL

DISASTER - "D" stands for the **disease** which seemed to be present throughout this year. "I" stands for **instantly**, which best describes how fast the **Poa** seemed to die during the hot, dry weather of July. "S" stands for the **storms** which swept through many parts of central Illinois in early July, uprooting large trees and causing extensive damage. "A" stands for **Ataenius** which appeared this summer to further compound everyone's problems. "S" stands for the 6" of **snow** which hit central Illinois in mid-April and was the "kickoff" for such a memorable season. "T" stands for the constant high **temperatures** which characterized this summer. "E" stands for the **evaluation** which many of us will be making in reference to our maintenance programs as crabgrass control, disease prevention, irrigation, etc. Lastly, "R" stands for the **rest** which all golf course supts. now need after this testing summer.

Disaster would be an adequate description for the summer of 1980. This issue of the Newsletter was supposed to contain articles describing the floods which hit the southern California courses in February; the heat wave in Oklahoma and the tornadoes in Baltimore and their effects on the courses in those regions. However, I did not receive replies from the superintendents which I contacted in those areas. One reply, which I did receive, was from Dick Malpass, GCGC describing the effect the volcano (Mt. St. Helens) had on the courses in the Northwest. Dick, a past president of the GCSAA, wrote a very interesting article on the subject. I certainly appreciate his article and thank him for it.

Rich Hoadley, superintendent of Kaufman Park G.C., Eureka, IL also wrote a very good article on the flood damage to his course in June. This was Rich's first year at Kaufman Park, and with the floods in June and the hot summer, it was not an easy first season for him. However, Rich did an excellent job and his hard work is showing up on the course.

As bad as this summer has been, it has accomplished

one thing for us. It has opened many golfer's eyes to the realization that improvements must be constantly made to a golf course in order to keep it in good shape. Now is the time for the golf course superintendent to sell a renovation program or to stress a long range planning program for his course. It is the perfect opportunity for us to exhibit our salesmanship abilities. Also, it is an excellent educational opportunity for us to organize our CIGCSA January meeting on the subject of renovation. As Marvin said in his President's Message, a lot of grass was lost this past summer. What is everyone doing to renovate their courses so that a repeat of this past summer will not happen again? Hopefully, the Board can **organize** the January meeting so that we will have speakers, certain subjects to discuss, and a coherent, educational program. Let's not have one of those "everyone bring your slides and show them" type meetings. I know that I would certainly appreciate the opportunity to see what other superintendents in the area did to improve their course's conditions after this summer.

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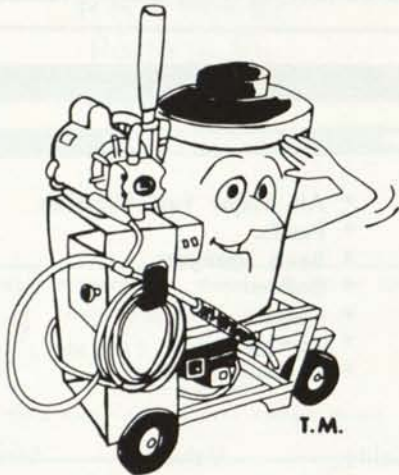
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But even as the established grasses settle in to make their contributions, new varieties are being developed to make the landscape architect's job of naming specific types for various uses even easier. Some of the new releases include a new redtop called Streaker, particularly suited to high acid conditions and a low-maintenance transition zone between north and south is Birka. Two more comers are Ram I, a moderately low-growing Kentucky bluegrass well proven on golf courses and athletic fields, and Eclipse, a remarkable new variety that does well in both sun and partial shade.

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THOMPSON NAMED EDUCATION DIRECTOR

NORTH PALM BEACH, FL--As plans proceed toward restructuring of the National Golf Foundation, executive director Don A. Rossi announced three major changes in headquarters staff responsibilities.

Annette Thompson, currently the women's golf coach at Penn State University, will become the Foundation's director of educational services effective Sept. 1.

A native of Pinehurst, NC, Ms. Thompson coached two Penn State teams to undefeated seasons in dual meet competition. Her teams also won the EAIWA championship eight of the last 10 years, with five individual champions. She has given numerous golf lessons, with her instructional pieces appearing in journals such as **Florida Golfweek** and **Golf Digest**. She has been an NGF resource consultant since 1979.

Ms. Thompson earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1966, and a Master of Science degree from Smith (MA) College in 1971. She is a Class A LPGA teaching professional.

In other developments concerning headquarters staff, Mr. Rossi said that Harry Eckhoff will be director of golf facility development. As the Foundation's East Coast director for many years, Eckhoff is well suited for his new duties of fielding all golf course operational queries and monitoring the activities of NGF regional personnel.

Mark Boorman, an assistant to Eckhoff in information services, becomes NGF's new director of communications. Boorman will be responsible for publications and news releases, and act as editor for the monthly **Golf Market Report** and the annually revised **Golf Operations Handbook**.

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Mow all grass and weeds around the trunks of the trees. 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. Mechanical barriers are recommended for protection from rabbits. 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 the trunk 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 begins 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 paper wrappings 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 of fruit trees is drainage, says Fizzell. Fill low areas so water will not stand around the tree trunks and roots during the winter months. Such conditions are ideal for development of disease organisms which could attack the trees at the soil line and kill them.

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