

form a daily checklist? Are you dogmatic about how often and how thorough maintenance is performed? Are you willing to pull a machine from its days work to take care of its needs, just as a sick employee would not be expected to work?

Common sense tells us not to expect more from something than we are willing to give. Do you feed and bathe your body daily? Do you expect to live in a clean and healthy environment? Why not lavish the same attention on your equipment?

Turf maintenance equipment, by nature, is expensive and sensitive. It's working environment is dusty, dirty, humid, wet or dry, impregnated with chemicals and fertilizers. Subject to constant jolting and vibration, operator inexperience and/or abuse, components eventually loosen and wear. That is why a *daily* checklist is important to follow.

Preventive maintenance and common sense go together. Examine your attitude and learn to respect your equipment. Keep records and make a definite plan for each day's scheduled maintenance. Learn to become a problem-spotter instead of a trouble-shooter in order to prevent breakdowns. Attend factory sponsored service schools and go expecting to learn. Once you've decided to develop a proper preventive maintenance program, carry through and do it. Use your common sense and enjoy the freedom of trouble-free equipment. ■

DAILY CHECKLIST

- Check engine oil
- Check radiator water level
- Check fuel level
- Check transmission/hydraulic oil level
- Check tire pressure
- Clean air filter element
- Lubricate as scheduled
- Inspect hoses, hydraulic lines and fuel lines for wear or leakage
- Inspect for worn, loose, missing or damaged parts
- Inspect screens, shrouds and radiators for grass blockage
- Inspect for loose, dull or damaged rotary blades
- Inspect reel to bedknife adjustment on reel mowers
- Inspect height of cut on reel mowers

CONFERENCE & SHOW October 11-14

The Conference... Jerry Clower, noted country comic and former fertilizer salesman from Yazoo City, Mississippi, will entertain Monday afternoon's attendants.

The conference committee has planned essentially the same format of last year.

FTGA funded research reports will be given Monday morning. The three educational seminars Tuesday will encompass *golf turf, lawn and commercial turf, and principles of turfgrass management.*

The popular three day workshops will cover six subjects instead of four. To do this, three subjects will be presented two days. The third day three different subjects will be covered. Wednesday morning may be given over fully to the exhibits and the workshops.

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The Show... More has been added to enhance the show this year. This year aisle signs and a carpeted center aisle in the exhibit hall have been added. Once again we promise a top professional presentation of turfgrass exhibitors from all over the country. We won't give away all our secrets, but there is a hint of a very lively grand opening for FTGA '87.

The Special Events... Look for some changes and additions to the social events you have come to expect and look forward to. ■



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