



FT-GA's Most Prestigious Award Presented to Bill Wagner

At the October annual meeting of the Florida Turf-Grass Association, a surprised and humble, Bill Wagner, accepted the Wreath of Grass Award from out-going President Mike Swanson, along with the gavel representing the beginning of his term of office as President of the Association.

The Wreath of Grass Award is the highest honor the Association can bestow on a person, and is presented to one who has made a significant contribution to the turfgrass industry.

Bill was born in Philadelphia and grew up in Quakertown, Pennsylvania. Moving to Florida in 1959, he operated his own service station, candy and tobacco business. Being in the auto mechanics business with an interest in agriculture, he was eventually led into the golf course business, to which he has devoted over twenty years. He has been the golf course superintendent at Tequesta Country Club for the past nineteen of these years. He has served on the Curriculum Advisory Commission for the mechanics program at Lake City Community College.

While serving as President of the Florida Golf Superintendents, Bill effectively organized the state association so that it became a powerful political influence in the national association. He has also been very effective working very closely with the South Florida Water Management District in establishing rules for restrictive water use in Florida.

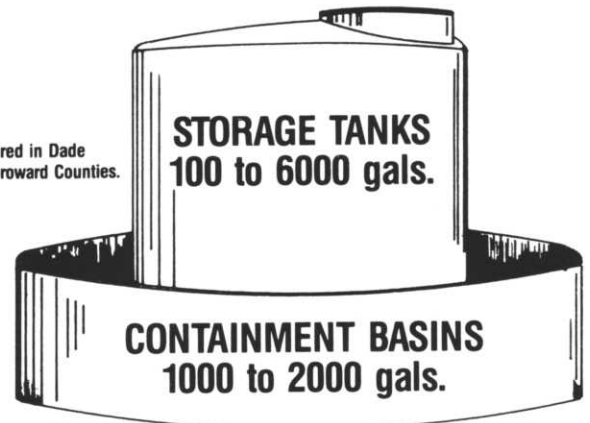
His colleagues agree that Bill is a quiet *force* in the turfgrass industry. Congratulations, Bill, for your accomplishments and receiving this distinguished award! ■

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