

## Insurers to develop N.C. layout

HICKORY, N.C. — Two Hickory-area insurance men, Lennie J. Younce Jr. and Larry W. Aultman, have teamed to develop a proposed upscale, daily-fee golf course strategically situated here in the Catawba Valley.

Construction has already commenced at the course, tentatively named Buffalo Shoals Golf Club.

The 18-hole course will be located off the Sharon School Road exit of Interstate 40, between Statesville and Hickory. Mike Young Designs of Watkinsville, Ga. will design the 6,800-yard lay-

out.

"The course has the potential to draw over 40,000 rounds of golf immediately because of the nearby I-40 and I-77 interchange," explained Aultman, owner of Aultman Insurance Agency in Caldwell County where he served 12 years on the County Board of Education.

Younce, who said he expects an official opening date of Feb. 1, 1995, owns City-Country Insurance of Hickory and has competed in the U.S. and British amateurs.

## Mich. town wants GM land for golf course

WARREN, Mich. — Spurred on by the success of their existing municipal 18, elected officials here aim to purchase 312 vacant acres from General Motors to develop another city-owned golf course complete with condominiums.

With money secured through the newly established Downtown Development Authority, city officials are currently negotiating with GM to buy the land, estimated to be worth \$8.5 million, according to the *Warren Weekly*.

Jerry Comeau, manager of the existing St. Clair Shores Golf Club, said it will cost the town \$2 million to build the new course and another \$2 million for a maintenance building, golf car shed and clubhouse.

The development of St. Clair Shores Golf Course is a textbook example of sound municipal investment. In 1972, the city of Warren purchased 150 acres — 100 of which were already being used as a golf course.

Armed with a \$900,000 bond issue, the city rebuilt the first three holes after purchasing several adjoining homes and streets. The Lakepointe condominium complex was constructed on the remaining 50 acres.

Today, the St. Clair Shores GC did 80,000 rounds, turning a profit of \$235,000. That was enough to convince the city another course, located near 14 Mile and Mound roads, would be a good investment.

## Penn State book discusses varied IPM strategies

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Penn State University's Agricultural Sciences Department has released a book on turfgrass pests titled *Developing an Integrated Turfgrass Pest Management Program*.

"Nearly every lawn, golf course, athletic field or institutional ground harbors some weeds, diseases, insects or pests," said Dr. Peter Landschoot, assistant professor of turfgrass science and author of the publication.

"It's only when pest populations build to sufficient levels to cause intolerable damage that they need to be controlled.

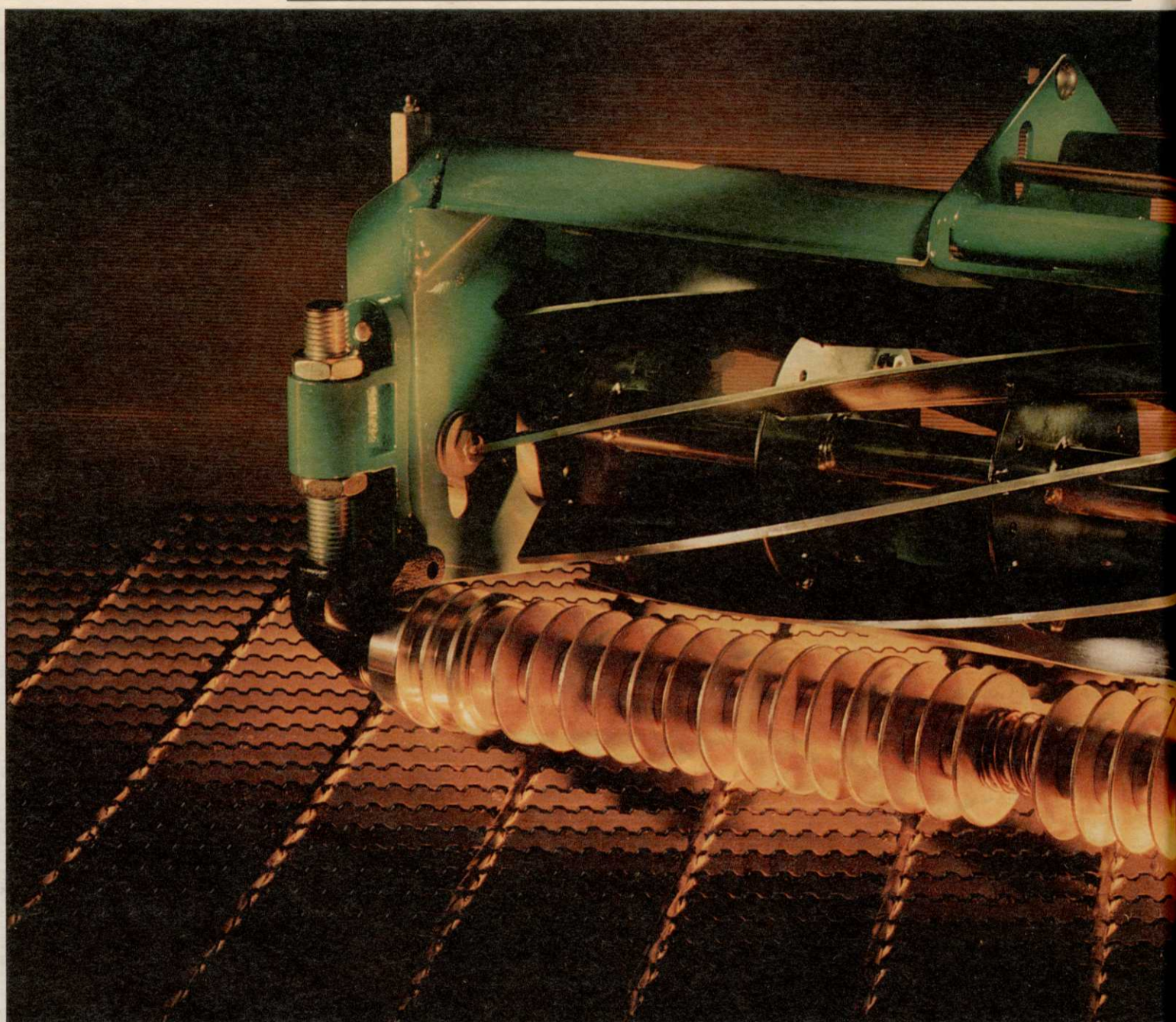
"Tolerable levels of pest damage — called pest-response threshold levels — are determined by the number of pests or the amount of pest damage that can be sustained before an unacceptable amount of damage occurs.

"Threshold levels vary from site to site and are based on the user's needs and expectations."

Golf greens, for example, have low pest-response threshold levels because they must be smooth and blemish-free. Disease, injury or weeds can mar the surface and interfere with the roll of the ball. Golf course fairways have much higher threshold levels because a smooth surface is not as important.

"The keystone of an IPM program is frequent, careful monitoring of pest activity," said Landschoot. "Pests that are detected early can be controlled before the threshold level is exceeded."

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