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operations and before special charges were \$2,488,411, or 43 cents a common share, versus \$4,905,139 or 92 cents a common share in 1970.

Heavy start-up costs and writeoffs of Victor's business machines operations were also absorbed last year. The computer division operated at a loss in 1971, but it is hoped to reach a break-even basis by the end of 1972.

The profits of the Recreation Products Group, which includes Victor Golf Company, were substantially above 1970 figures, according to the company.

NOER FOUNDATION ELECTS OFFICERS, BUILDS LIBRARY

CINCINNATI—The O.J. Noer Research Foundation has re-elected G.E. Champion, Champion Turf Equipment, president. Also reelected were Frank Shuman, Philadelphia Toro Company, secretarytreasurer; and C.E. Daugherty, Toro Distributing, Chicago, vice president. John Wistrand, Metro Milorganite, became a new member of the foundation.

It is also reported that the O.J. Noer Memorial Turfgrass Library at Michigan State University is continuing to grow. Although not complete, major donations have come from Thomas Mascaro's personal collection of turfgrass conference proceedings and the personal turfgrass library of Dr. James R. Watson. These major contributions have been supplemented by numerous individual publications and books.

All complete volumes, proceedings sets, and books received to date at MSU have been processed, indexed and bound. This portion of the collection is now available for use by turfgrass students and educators at MSU, and is also functioning as a source from which reprints can be obtained through inter-library loan from other libraries throughout the United States.

The directors of the foundation also voted to spend \$10,000 for research during 1972. In-depth studies on thatch at MSU and Texas A & M are currently under way, while winter injury studies are being completed at MSU.

The O.J. Noer Research Foundation is a self-perpetuating tax-exempt foundation established in honor of this nation's pioneering turfgrass agronomist. Proceeds from investments are used each year to support needed turf research and train students at the graduate level.

MISSISSIPPI AWARDS TURF SCHOLARSHIP

ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Raymond Rogers, second from left, is the recipient of the Golf Course Superintendents Assn. scholarship award from the *Mississippi Valley Golf Course Superintendents Assn.* Presenting the award from left are; Ralph Guyer, president of the section; Rogers; Dr. John Nunn, assistant professor of horticulture at the University of Missouri, and Peter Hitch, secretary of the local section.



Rogers is a student and candidate for his masters degree at the University of Missouri. He received the award for his outstanding work in horticulture and agronomy. At the same meeting, Dunn accepted a check for \$500 from the Mississippi section to be used for turfgrass research.

TURF CALCULATOR AVAILABLE

CLEVELAND—Diamond Shamrock Corp. has introduced a total turf management calculator to aid golf course superintendents in spotting turf weeds and diseases. The calculator discusses weed and disease appearance, treatment and application. For a free calculator, contact the company, 300 Union Commerce Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio 44115.



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