

Short pieces of news from in and around the golf business . . .

Golf course maintenance made national news in *Time* magazine last month when Senator William Proxmire discovered that the U.S. Air Force had allocated **\$18,799 for filling the sand traps** on the golf course at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. The Pentagon reportedly replied: "We report shamefacedly that the military indeed provides some recreational facilities for its people."

Time quoted Proxmire as saying he had no objection to the military maintaining golf courses "as long as it is accomplished with nonappropriated funds, and that means not with taxpayers' money."

Local turf and superintendents' associations are offered the free loan of a 30minute slide program that depicts the development and use of **sulfur coated fertilizers.** This noncommercial program covers the entire history of the development of these economical controlled-release fertilizers at TVA, from the earliest research to the present stage of full-scale production at TVA's National Fertilizer Development Center. Persons interested in borrowing the program should contact John Horvath, Lakeshore Equipment & Supply Co., 300 S. Abbe Rd., Elyria, OH 44035 (phone 216/323-7544)

Arnold Palmer recently christened the 19th Hole at **Palm Coast (Fla.) Golf Club** by swinging a three wood against the building instead of a champagne bottle. He also shot



two under par on the back nine after he and golf course architect Ed Seay signed a contract with ITT Community Development Corp. officials to design Palm Coast's second golf course. The new course is scheduled to open for play December 31, 1980.

Colorado State University will host the Rocky Mountain Regional Turfgrass Field Day on September 8, 1978. The Michigan Turfgrass Northern Field Day will be September 13 at the Traverse City Country Club. Contact: Paula M. Dietz, Michigan State University, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, Soil Science Building, East Lansing, MI 48824.

Since more and more golf courses and other types of clubs are being built in association with **condominium**

developments, the Club Managers Association of America will conduct a work shop on the subject in San Jose, Calif., October 9-11. According to workshop chairman Gunter Weihe, "It will not be a workshop on how to operate a club in a condominium complex. It is a program that studies the various forms of condominiums and explores the role of the professional club manager in their management. In addition, it will lay out the opportunities . . . and what a club manager can expect to earn as the manager of a recreation-oriented condominium complex." For details, contact Donna Padgug, workshop coordinator, CMAA, P.O. Box 34482, Washington, DC 20034 (phone 301/229-3600). Official name of the workshop is "New Concepts and Dimensions in Clubs: Condominium Management."

On October 10-11, the **Kentucky Turfgrass Conference** will be held in Owensboro... The **Prairie Turf Conference** will also be held those dates in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada. Contact: Mike Galvin, Box 234, Taber, Alberta, Canada (403/223-2951).

Doral Country Club in Miami, Fla., will be the site of the **National Club Association's 1978 Annual Convention** October 12-15. A new convention format introduced this year will feature serious seminars in the mornings (legal, labor, tax, and financial subjects) and informal sessions and recreation in the afternoons. Contact for details: NCA, 1129 Twentieth St. NW., Washington, DC 20036 (phone 202/466-8424).

O. M. Scott & Sons has announced a

major restructuring in marketing and sales in its **ProTurf Division.** Former ProTurf marketing head George Horn moves to corporate marketing as product line manager, while Director of Technical Services Jim Converse moves to a management post in the marketing/sales organization.

Scott's restructuring of field sales creates two field sales managers to cover the entire United States and Canada: Brian Finger, South/West; and Bill Stinson, North/East.

In another move, Bill Hoopes has been promoted to manager of Scott's Professional Turf Institute.

Ty Weldon Thompson was recently named superintendent of Rancho Las Palmas Country Club's three golf courses in California. He had been golf course supervisor at Canyon CC. When Sunrise Co.'s new Monterey CC development is finished, Thompson will be caring for 54 holes of golf.

Northrup King Co. has hired two new turf specialists for its Professional Turf Products Department. **Mark Barkhurst** will cover Michigan and Ohio out of Columbus. **Jeffrey Wensman** will be based in Minneapolis and will handle sales in Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, and eastern portions of Nebraska and the Dakotas.

Lofts Pedigreed Seed Co. has added two men to its sales department in Milwaukee to cover the midwestern and western states: Larry E. Humphreys and Kent Reierson.

Golf car manufacturer E-Z-Go Textron has named **Peter T. Sadow** director of engineering. He will be responsible for design and development of the firm's golf cars and maintenance vehicles . . . **Jim Kelly** has joined the Outdoor Power Equipment Division of FMC Corp. as light ag/industrial sales manager and will concentrate his efforts on developing the new line of Bolens diesel tractors from Iseki of Japan. **Dave Eckert** has joined the division as director of marketing for the Bolens line of lawn and garden equipment.

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