

Clippings

Brief bits of news from in and around the golf business . . .

The US Department of Labor is predicting that the 16 to 24-year-old **youth labor force** will increase half a million over the 1978 summer peak. Two-thirds of the youths will be looking for temporary summer jobs. The rest are graduates entering the job market on a permanent basis.

EPA is going to select **10 urban lakes** to upgrade and revitalize for inner city residents. One will be selected in each of the 10 Federal regions of the country. EPA could provide up to \$100,000 per lake in Fiscal Year 1979 for 70 percent of the planning costs. Projects would then be eligible for a 50 percent grant for actual costs.

EPA has revised its water pollution control permit program which limits **wastewater discharges** from some 55,000 industries and city sewage plants. Action will put limits on kind and amount of discharged wastes. EPA claims it will speed up permit process.

OSHA has a new priority system for laboratory analysis of **toxic substance samples** gathered during workplace inspections. Screening tests will determine if a full-shift sampling is warranted. Who knows what will happen if OSHA gets more time on their hands?

Very interesting quote from a song in the Chamber of Commerce's "Washington Report", May 14. Speaking in reference to **regulations and small businesses**: "Taking quick refuge in the high branches of a nearby tree, just out of reach of the bear's snap-ping fangs, the preacher prayed . . . 'O Lord, if you can't help me, for heaven's sake, don't help that bear.' There's a message to government officials. The public too.

Al Wagner, pro owner at Halsey Canyon Golf & Country Club in Saugus, Calif., has announced **free greens fees** Monday through Friday, on the odd-even plan, based on that state's existing gas rationing plan. All golfers who arrive in a qualifying vehicle are eligible. Wagner says it will remain in effect until there is some relief from the present crisis.

Dave Maxson at the Cherry Hill Golf Course in Amherst, Mass., has nine **unique distance markers** for his front nine. Herb Hemmingway, a charter member, made birdhouses, painted them red and mounted them on poles. A house is placed at the edge of the fairway 150 yards from each green. Tree swallows are already moving in, Dave says.

Sportsturf Northwest, headquartered in Bellevue, Wash., has been formed to solve athletic turf problems. The scope of the organization is to extend beyond school athletic field complexes to parks and golf course renovation. Street address is 17012 NE 21st St., zip 98008.

Briggs & Stratton Corporation has begun construction on its 744,000 square-foot distribution center and light manufacturing facility in Menomonee Falls, Wisc. Cost is

estimated at \$35 million to be completed in early 1981.

Managers of **landscape businesses** expect 1979 growth to match last year's, with the exception of commercial and residential renovation work, according to a survey taken by the National Landscape Association.

The Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers has a "Rapid Response" Program for information on how to recoup financial losses from **landscape damages** by natural disasters. Phone number is 202/347-8219.

Modern Talking Picture Service has a free brochure on free-loan **16mm-sound and color motion pictures** that are available to ski, golf and country clubs, among others. Write to Modern Talking Picture Service, 2323 New Hyde Park Rd., New Hyde Park, NY 11042.

The proceedings of the 1979 Irrigation Technical Conference are available. A copy of the 191-page "**Water, Water Everywhere — But Can We Use It?**" is \$12.00. The proceedings is also available on cassette tapes. A three-tape set on turf irrigation is \$27.00. Same for a three-tape set on drip/trickle irrigation is \$27.00. Same for a three-tape set on drip/trickle irrigation for both agriculture and turf. A full 12-tape set is \$80.00. Send prepaid orders to The Irrigation Association, 13975 Connecticut Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20906.

The Erosion Control Systems Group of Gulf States Paper Corp are distributors of **Enkamat**, the new erosion control product. Primary area will be the Eastern US. Gulf States is headquartered in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Kutsher's Country Club in Monticello, N.Y., has signed Amy Alcott to represent them on the Ladies Professional Golf Association circuit for the next two years. Alcott, a five-year pro, has averaged over \$55,000 in official earnings during her career. She has won six LPGA tournaments and is sixth so far this year in earnings. She also has a film with Arnold Palmer for the USGA entitled "Move Along For Better Golf".

O.M. "Robbie" Robinson has joined the marketing staff of Pickseed West out of Tangent, Oregon. His new duties will include direct sales to the professional turf seed market in the Pacific Northwest.

George Hollander is the manager of field sales for the Golf Car Division of AMF/Harley-Davidson. He will be in the Milwaukee office.

Joseph L. Nelson is marketing manager of Jacobsen Division of Textron Inc. Included in his area of responsibility is commercial grounds maintenance equipment.

John Ramirez will sell Johns-Manville's Buckner® Irrigation Systems products in the southern California area. Ramirez lives in Alhambra, Calif.

Porter Brothers, Inc., a Shelby, N.C. distributor of power tools and turf care supplies have presented their 1979 scholarship awards. They have been presented annually since 1967 to students from Burns and Crest Senior High Schools in Cleveland County. A \$500 annual scholarship was presented by Joseph Porter, president of the company, to Deborah Jean Lackey at Burns and Hubert Scott Black at

Crest. \$100 awards were presented to four students from each school.

James R. Pattee is the new project manager for the PGA National, home of the Professional Golfers' Association. **Albert N. Frank** is the new project inspector. Frank comes from managing the Apawamis Club in Rye, N.Y. Both were announced by Tom Sansbury, project director.

It is estimated that PGA National will move 2.5 million yards of earth during construction of its first three golf courses, only a part of the unique golf showplace.

Rainbird Sprinkler Manufacturing Corporation now has four component **maintenance manuals** and plans on holding several maintenance and troubleshooting **seminars** on irrigation systems. The new controller manuals cover Model RC-12, RC-18 and RC-23 "A & B" series controllers, Model RC-8A, RC-8LS, RC-11 and RC-11LS series controllers, master controlled satellite systems and general maintenance for irrigation system equipment, respectively.

The Master Controlled Satellite System covers models MC-11, MC-11(IR), DMC-11, DMC-11(IR-s), MC-13 and MC-24 master controllers as well as the Model SC-11AB, SC-22AB and SC-12, 18 and 23 satellite controllers.

The general maintenance manual covers irrigation rotors, impact sprinklers, controllers, control valves, specialty valves, pipe, pumps, etc.

The seminars will cover controller programming and trouble-shooting. For information on dates in your area, contact Rain Bird Sprinkler Mfg. Corp., 7045 N. Grand Ave., Glendora, CA 91740.

Field Day at the Ohio State University Turfgrass Research Facility in Columbus, Ohio will be July 31. The newly completed rhizotron/lysimeter will be one of the main points of interest. Others include shade adaptation, an evaluation of cultivars, mixes, and blends of Kentucky bluegrass, bentgrass fertility, a drop-type spreader evaluation, green bug aphid studies and *Pythium* and dollar spot control on creeping bentgrass. Registration is 9:30 a.m. Program will start at 10:00 and run until 12:30 p.m.

The 48th Annual **Turfgrass Field Day** at the University of Rhode Island Turfgrass Research Arm in Kingston will be August 22. Contact Professor Skogley, Plant and Soil Science Department, University of R.I., Kingston, RI 02881.

The **USDA Turfgrass Field Day** will be also August 22 at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center-West in Beltsville, Maryland. For more information contact: Jack Murray, Research Agronomist, Field Crops Laboratory, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, MD 20705.

Virginia Tech Turfgrass Field Days and Trade Show will run Sept. 19-20 at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Va. Contact J.F. Shoulders, Extension Specialist, Turf, VPI & SU, Blacksburg, VA 24061.

The National Sporting Goods Association Fall Market Show will be Oct. 19-21 in Los Angeles. Contact them at 717 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611.