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Clippings

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

Overall fertilizer consumption is predicted to exceed 55 million tons this year, according to **Edwin Wheeler**, President of The Fertilizer Institute. Wheeler cautioned that low water levels in the nation's major river systems signal the "greatest single concern we all ought to have" in 1981.

Play on **Michigan golf courses** should get a boost from the **1981 Michigan Golfers Map & Guide**, prepared by **Roy and Betty Rasmussen**. The guide lists the location and features of over 640 courses and includes 250 "two play for one" coupons, making the book worth over \$1500. Copies are available for \$5.95 from RSG Publishing Inc., P.O. Box 28038, Detroit, MI 48228.

Andy Bean has collaborated with golf architect **Ron Garl** in the planning and construction of a third course for **Grenelefe Golf And Tennis Resort** in Haines City, Florida. The course will carry Bean's name.

Sixty-five superintendents met at



Dr. J.M. Vargas (right), Associate Professor at Michigan State University, accepts a turfgrass research grant from the **O.J. Noer Foundation** from **Frank Forier**, Member of the Board of Directors of the Foundation. The presentation was made at the 51st Annual Michigan Turfgrass Conference.

Indian Springs Golf Club for the annual **Central Penn GCSA** educational exchange of techniques. New officers elected include: President **David Portz**, Brookside CC, Vice president **John McCormick**, Berleigh CC, and Secretary-Treasurer **Terry L. Wueschinski**, **CGCS**.

Gary T. Grigg, CGCS, Albuquerque, New Mexico, has been promoted by Kindred, Watts and associates to Agronomist and Director of Golf Maintenance. Gary received his undergraduate degree in Agriculture Entomology from Utah State University and holds a Masters Degree in Agronomy from Michigan State University. He will be responsible for the maintenance programs of all golf courses in the Kindred, Watts and associates organization. He will be responsible for consulting services, new construction, redesign construction, irrigation system design and installation as well as on-going turf management. Gary will be moving his family to Houston, Texas where the company office is located.

Maria Cinque has been named Turfgrass Agent for Long Island. Ms. Cinque had worked with Bob O'Knefski, who recently retired from the position, since 1974. As Turfgrass Agent, she will be responsible for coordinating turfgrass programs for Long Island and participate as a liaison with the Cornell Turfgrass Team along with Drs. Smiley, Petrovic, Tashiro, Bing and Harrison.

Century Rain-Aid has purchased the Addison, Illinois sprinkler irrigation distribution facility only of the Sisco Division, A.J. Miller, Inc. Most of the former Sisco personnel, including **Jim Flannigan** and **Mark Curtis**, have joined Century Rain-Aid's Elk Grove branch near Chicago's O'hare International Airport.

Diamond Shamrock Corporation, The Agricultural Chemicals Division, has acquired the total assets of Fallek-Lankro Corporation. Part of the acquisition included the phenoxy herbicide plant, located in

Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The plant makes Diamond Shamrock the only North American producer of a full range of phenoxyes, including MCPA, MCPP, 2,4-DP, and 2,4-D.

R.M. (Dick) Grandy has been named Marketing Director of **International Spike, Inc.**, manufacturers of Jobe's® spikes for plants and trees. Grandy was formerly National Sales Manager. **Harlan Moreland** is now National Sales Manager.

The USGA still has copies of a jointly sponsored conference on **Wastewater Irrigation of Recreational Turfgrass**, that was held in mid-November of 1978. Write USGA, Golf House, Liberty Corner Road, Far Hills, NJ 07931, or call: 201/234-2300.

The National Club Association will hold its **Legislative Conference and Annual Meeting** on Tuesday, May 19, in Washington, D.C. at the Capitol Hill Club, from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The NCA address is Suite 609, 1625 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.



The Idea File

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Fertilizing greens

At our course, we use a granular fertilizer on greens. To maintain a schedule of daily greens mowing, after fertilizing we mow once **without** the buckets on our greens mower. This method of mowing has greatly reduced the amount of fertilizer that is picked up in subsequent mowings and it also increases the benefit our greens receive from the fertilizing.