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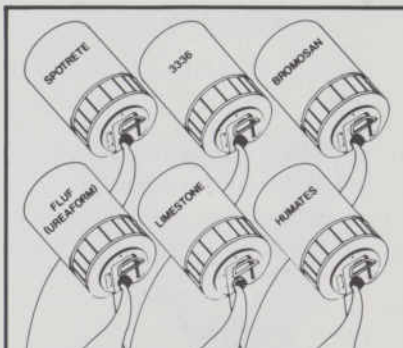
Obviously, a golf course should, and does mean more than a well manicured green or a dog leg to the left. It is true that the essence of our existence is to provide an area for recreation for golfers, however, it is also true that we enhance environmental quality through our care of turf, trees and soil. We can hold our heads up high and be proud of the environmental enhancement, the inspiring greenery and all the benefits that go with a golf course which we provide to the entire community. So next time you are confronted by someone who feels that golf courses are a waste of valuable land, remember, we were environmentalists and ecologists before the rest of the country even knew the words existed.

## FORESTRY— RIGHT-OF-WAY— TURF COALITION FORMED

A new coalition has been formed to stand against local governmental bans of pesticides. This coalition will provide accurate, scientific data on the safety of modern chemicals used for industrial, recreation and commercial vegetation management. The group will also serve as a clearing house for information on the recent epidemic of local pesticide rules and regulation which are cropping up all too frequently around Wisconsin. It will operate as a division of the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council, an organization that the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents belongs to. Tom Harrison, Golf Course Superintendent at Maple Bluff Country Club and President of the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association, has agreed to serve on the coalition as a representative of the turf industry in Wisconsin.

The coalition will have members

from cooperative and investor owned power companies, county forest associations, tree service contractors, paper companies, highway officials, parks and nursery professionals, as well as the turf industry. Wisconsin Agri-Business Council Executive Director Russ Weisensel reports that a steering committee and technical advisory committee will be named shortly. Funding for the coalition will come from vegetation management user groups. The Agri-Business Council, under Weisensel's leadership, has the expertise to make the coalition work. They are in contact with similar coalitions all across the U.S., a situation that leads to a sharing of ideas and programs and a creation of an awareness of what is going on elsewhere. The goal of the coalition is the supply of accurate and factual data so that intelligent decisions can be made in this critical area of pesticide regulation.



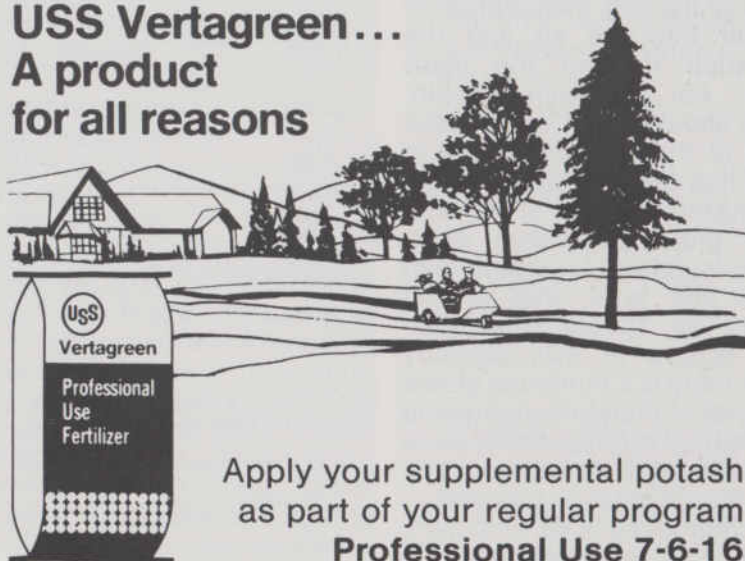
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