

## Milaeger Acquires Illinois Firm

Dick Jansen has announced that Milaeger Well & Pump Co. of Brookfield has acquired the J.P. Miller Artesian Well Co. of Brookfield, Illinois. J.P. Miller will operate as a division of Milaeger. Jansen, a Professional Engineer, says that their primary objective will be to assure all of their past customers of continued and prompt service for emergency or routine well and pump repairs.

Milaeger has been in business for over 65 years and many of their customers are golf courses. During that time they have drilled many large diameter deep wells in southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois. Their staff includes two professional engineers with advanced degrees, a third man with a mining and metallurgical degree, and a fourth engineer with 24 years of experience in electrical and pressure controls, valves, chlorinators, etc.

## Columbia Car Company Is Sold

Seats, Inc. of Reedsburg has acquired the Columbia Car Corporation in Deerfield. Seats is a manufacturer of seating for trucks, off-highway and recreational vehicles. Columbia, which had bought the Harley-Davidson golf cart business from Harley-Davidson Motor Co., Inc., has manufactured golf cars in Deerfield since 1982. Officials of Seats, Inc. have committed to the tradition of manufacturing quality and efficient golf cars under the Columbia name.

However, the company has been renamed Columbia ParCar Corp., which will operate as a wholly owned subsidiary of Seats, Inc. Seats has acquired Columbia Car's assets and its primary plant facility of about 100,000 square feet.

Officials of the new owners said that more efficient production methods will be implemented and special emphasis will be placed on establishing a dealer network throughout the United States that supports the sales and service capabilities now in place.

The company, which currently employs about 50 people, plans to hire between 40 and 50 workers within the next eight to ten weeks.

## Lightning Orphans Get \$320,000

A settlement of \$320,000 was reached on behalf of three Madison children orphaned when their parents were electrocuted on a Lake Delton golf course in 1979. They were killed

by lightning in a small wooden shelter during a thunderstorm on July 3, 1979 while playing golf at the Dell View course in Lake Delton. The settlement with Dell View Corp. and General Casualty Co. of Wisconsin calls for annual payments beginning when each of the three children reaches 18. There was no admission of liability or negligence by the golf course owners. The attorney for the children's guardians in the case charged that the golf course shelter had no lightning rods or other lightning protection and was located beside an isolated tree. Expert witnesses would have testified, had the case gone to court, that lightning hit the tree and a "side flash" struck the husband and wife as they sat on a bench less than a foot away in the open shelter. The attorney stated that the couple were in a trap and that they would have been better off in the middle of the course waving steel golf clubs in the air.

There absolutely must be a lesson in a tragedy like this, and this reporter feels that the lesson here is two-fold: lightning is more dangerous on a golf course than almost anyone will realize, and all shelters must be kept in the safest condition possible. This may mean inviting the insurance carrier to approve of all protection the club installs. It may also mean that Golf Course Superintendents have to go to extremes to persuade club officials of this critical need.

## LaPlant Joins Reinders Irrigation Division

Jim LaPlant, formerly of LaPlant Irrigation in Green Bay, joined the staff of Reinders Irrigation Supply earlier this year. Jim's sales territory includes the Fox River Valley, Northeastern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.

## Peloquin Elected To The National Academy Of Sciences

University of Wisconsin — Madison Horticulturist and Geneticist Stanley J. Peloquin was elected to membership in the National Academy of Sciences at that group's 121st annual meeting in Washington, D.C. last May. The National Academy of Sciences is the most prestigious science organization in the U.S. The group is made up of nearly 1,100 members from all branches of science and they elect about 76 new members each year. There are about 40 National Academy members at the UW—Madison.

Dr. Peloquin studies plant genetics

with the overall goal of improving plant varieties. Based on findings from his basic research he has devised innovative genetic manipulations that have solved genetic and breeding problems.

Peloquin is a native of Barron, Wisconsin. He received his bachelors degree from River Falls State College, a masters degree in biology from Marquette University, a second masters degree in genetics from the UW—Madison and his doctorate in genetics from the UW—Madison.

Congratulations!

## Lange's Article Worth Another Glance

The "Field Notes" from the last issue of the GRASSROOTS might be worth rereading in light of an article that was pointed out to this editor. The "Field Notes" article by Ric Lange told of his experience in the responsible and legal disposal of pesticides that were unknown in age, content and labelling. The following is a reprint from a news item in a New Jersey newspaper earlier this summer. It describes what might happen if one should decide to dispose of chemicals outside of prescribed guidelines. Read on.

U.S. Sues Golf Club in Pine Valley for Burying Toxic Waste Associated Press

"NEWARK — The U.S. Department of Justice yesterday sued Pine Valley Golf Club for burying 15,000 pounds of toxic substances such as DDT and other insecticides on its property.

The exclusive golf course in lower Camden County faces a civil penalty of \$150,000 and reimbursement of up to \$10,000 in investigative costs.

The complaint, filed by the U.S. attorney's office, charged the wastes were dumped on the club grounds, which comprises the Borough of Pine Valley, on January 19, 1983.

In a prepared statement at that time, club officials acknowledged the incident but called it a mistake and said they had taken steps to remove the wastes under state supervision.

The complaint charged that club employees did the dumping. The charges were violation of Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and the Superfund law, both of which prohibit the disposal of hazardous wastes except in licensed facilities.

The U.S. Attorney said the complaint seeks an injunction against repeated violations, a plan to make sure that any residual waste in the burial site will not spread into adjacent water supplies, and a civil penalty of \$150,000.

The government is seeking reimbursement for the \$8,000 to \$10,000 spent investigating the illegal dumping and supervising the cleanup.

Authorities said an anonymous tip led to discovery of the dumping in a large, L-shaped ditch 8 feet wide, 8 feet deep and 15 feet long on each side.