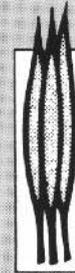


NOER CENTER NEWS



A FURTHER UPDATE

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Anticipation is running high among those close to the construction of the NOER CENTER. As this is written (April 25, 1991), the building contractor is finishing interior details. Walls are painted, doors and window sills have been stained and ceiling tiles have been put in place.

The building mechanicals (HVAC) are pretty much in working order, and the plumbing fixtures are ready for installation. Many of the floor areas have their treatment in place.

The shop area will please every Wisconsin golf course superintendent. The room is large with lots of space for equipment storage, maneuvering and maintenance. The pesticide storage room and a soil prep room are subunits in this bay.

You'll like the entrance. The entry exterior is dressed with native Wisconsin limestone. The doors open to a vestibule first and then to a comfortable waiting area. The north/south hall leads to a conference room, a meeting room and a wet laboratory on the east side, and to two other corridors on the west side. Those corridors access the offices, a store-room, a tool room and a mechanical room. The lockerroom and restrooms are there also. These two east/west corridors both lead to the shop area.

The accompanying photographs give an idea what the structure looks like. The final grade will show a building cut into the ground at the four foot mark. The grade comes close to the window level.

Remaining to be done before the NOER facility is complete are:

- 1) topsoil replacement and seeding of the research area
- 2) resolution of demolition procedures of the adjacent buildings
- 3) paving of the entry road and parking lot, and
- 4) landscaping of the building and surrounds.

Once the research area is established, the irrigation system will be installed.

Interviews of individuals under consideration for the NOER facility manager's position are underway.

Should you ever find yourself in Madison, please drive out to the NOER CENTER and see it for yourself. We are anxious for everybody to see what an industry can do to help itself.



The building as it appears looking to the southwest.



The NOER CENTER building as you look to the northwest.



A view looking southwest.



This photo affords a view to the northeast.