

# FRANK MUSBACH 1901-1988

Frank Musbach, Class AA, Life member of the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association, passed away July 3, 1988 at the age of 86 of cancer. Mr. Musbach was superintendent at Blue Mound Golf and Country Club, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin for 34 years, 1944 thru 1978, when he retired. Frank was born in Grafton, Wisconsin, in 1901, worked and became horse team straw boss at Ozaukee Country Club, Mequon, Wisconsin through its construction. Frank then became the golf course superintendent at Ozaukee Country Club until 1944 when he moved to Blue Mound. Frank fathered and grandfathered golf superintendents in his son Bob Musbach, presently at North Hills Country Club, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, and Bob's son, Dean Musbach, superintendent at Timber Ridge Country Club, Minocqua, Wisconsin.

Frank was a past president of the WGCSA (1958 and 1959) and served on its board for many years. He was very active in association affairs and regional conferences of which he attended many, Purdue University's Conference in particular.

Frank's life was devoted to turf management. In fact, it was his hobby. Many of us spent time listening to Frank's facts and theories about golf course maintenance and construction practices during its infancy. Thank you, Frank. You will long be remembered.



Frank and Edna Musbach



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## KOHLER COMPANY FORWARDS \$5,000 TO NOER CENTER

We've got some friends at the Kohler Company. The manufacturer of many of the engines on our golf courses decided in July to contribute \$5,000 to the O.J. NOER CENTER for TURFGRASS RESEARCH. Marc Davison, Golf Course Superintendent at Blackwolf Run and long time member of the WGCSA (despite his youth!), has been solidly behind the NOER project from the outset and helped tremendously. Mr. Peter Fetterer, Kohler's manager of Media and Civic Services, was a great help when we did the "Made in Wisconsin" feature about Kohler in the July/August 1987 issue of the *GRASS ROOTS*. Peter authored the correspondence to corporate officials recommending the gift and also had the pleasure of announcing the company's support to the UW Foundation's Marcy Schultz. John Green, manager of Landscape, Farms and Real Estate Maintenance, gave his approval. So did Bob Leffel, an acquaintance of Helmut Adam who chairs a fund raising subcommittee for the WTA.

And at our meeting at Pine Hills in May, Mr. Herb Kohler, after listening to Bill Bengeyfield's presentation on the importance of research in the turfgrass sciences, expressed his interest in supporting these efforts.

It is really nice to have friends like these!

## RANSOMES, INC. PLEDGES \$6,000 TO WTA PROJECT

Helmut Adam graciously agreed, in late 1987, to help with the difficult task of raising funds for the O.J. NOER CENTER for TURFGRASS RESEARCH. Widely respected among the many manufacturers of turfgrass equipment in Wisconsin, Helmut was the perfect choice for this important and key role. His first move was to send in a pledge from the company he presides over in Johnson Creek — Ransomes, Inc. — for \$2,000 a year for each of three years.

Active in many professional and civic organizations, Helmut has many years of previous experience in projects and programs those organizations are involved with. That experience, along with his sincere enthusiasm, will benefit the WTA project enormously. We are lucky to have him in our corner.

## KERSHASKY LEADS WESTMOOR COUNTRY CLUB TO A \$4,000 PLEDGE TO THE NOER CENTER

Jerry Kershasky is one of the most intense, thorough and hard working Golf Course Superintendents in Wisconsin. Those traits have given him a lot of success in his job at Westmoor Country Club. They were also influential in the decision of the Westmoor members to present a generous gift to the NOER CENTER. Jerry presented his case to officials of the Club and mailed NOER CENTER brochures to each and every club member. His efforts were awarded by a two year/\$2,000 per year pledge to the WTA project.

If you are wondering about the details of how Jerry was able to do this, please call him. He'd love to share his success with you!

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## NOER CENTER MOVED

There is some good news about the NOER CENTER. For reasons not completely clear to this editor, local government officials wanted the entrance to the University of Wisconsin golf course moved to a location that would have split the proposed research facility. Obviously this was unacceptable, so on July 7 a meeting was held among the University of Wisconsin faculty, the directors of the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association, officials from the University's Department of Planning and Construction, and staff from the new University of Wisconsin golf course. The purpose of the meeting was to find a new location for the NOER CENTER on the property owned by the University of Wisconsin Foundation that includes the new golf course. As a result of the meeting, the NOER CENTER will now be built on the very northeast corner of the property, at the intersection of Junction Road and Midtown Road.

The hope was that the new site would be as good as the previous one. In reality, it represents a considerable improvement! There is plenty of room, the soils are good, the site is naturally drained, it is accessible by virtue of its location on main roads, and has a nat-

ural setting for the building and a parking lot. It met the high standards of everyone there at the meeting, and left them with a great sense of satisfaction that the matter is settled.

## WTA Annual Meeting and Winter Turfgrass Conference Plans Underway

How's this for a late summer cooler — WGCSA member Wayne Otto and his committee have nearly finalized plans and details for this winter's Wisconsin Turfgrass Association annual meeting and educational conference.

Some major changes have been made. The most obvious is a move to a two day format. This has been under consideration for the past couple of years and Wayne decided that 1989 was the time to do it. The breadth of the turfgrass industry dictates a wide variety of speakers and such a program is best executed over more than just a single day. There is simply too much to accomplish in one day.

The other major change is location. The 1989 meeting will be held at the Country Inn. It offers an excellent location on Interstate 94 just west of Waukesha, affords overnight accom-

modations, and has facilities tailored to our needs. The handling of meals should be much easier. And Wayne has been pleasantly surprised by the most reasonable costs.

The tentative dates are January 10th and 11th, a Tuesday and a Wednesday. When plans and details are approved by the WTA Directors, a mailing will be sent to all WGCSA members. But mark your calendar now for this exciting event!

## WTA Golf Tourney at Butte Des Morts on October 10th!

WGCSA member Steve Schmidt will be the host of the 1988 Wisconsin Turfgrass Association golf outing on October 10th. The event has become a major source of revenue for the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association.

This is the 7th consecutive year that a golf outing has been held to raise monies for the WTA and turfgrass research in Wisconsin. Over \$10,000 was raised for the WTA in 1987. Jeff Bot-tensek and the Stevens Point Country Club forwarded something over \$7,000 to our industry's research efforts. Mike Semler and Cherokee Country Club hosted another event that resulted in a \$3,000 gift to the WTA last fall.

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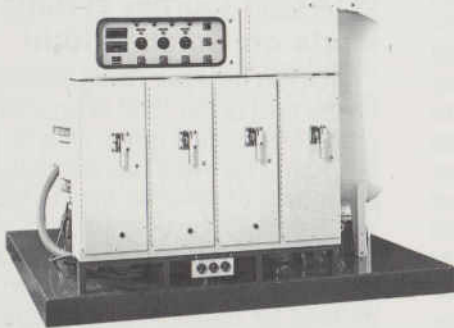


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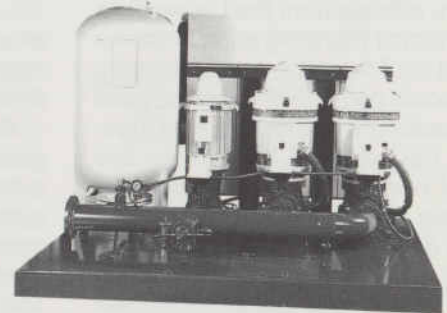
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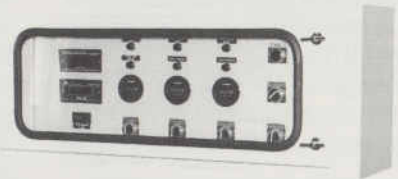
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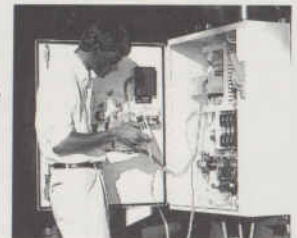
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# Casey Suit to be Appealed

By Russel R. Weisensel  
Executive Director — Forestry/Rights-of-Way/Turf Coalition

On Monday, June 27th, the Citizens Advisory Committee to the office of Wisconsin Public Intervenor directed Tom Dawson to appeal the Washburn County Circuit Court order which declared the Town of Casey Pesticide Ordinance "void, invalid and of no effect". (At the time this newsletter is being written the appeal has not been filed, but the Public Intervenor in a conversation on July 25th stated that he expected the filing would take place in a few days.)

This decision is not too surprising. The Public Intervenor had stated, when the County Forest Administrator of Washburn County challenged an earlier Casey ordinance, that he would support the Casey law. Also the current attorney for the Town, Linda Monroe, was a member of the Public Intervenor's staff and drafted the various

pesticide ordinances which were adopted by the Town of Casey in 1983, 1984 and 1985.

The Town of Casey had voted on June 14th to appeal the Court's decision. They were hoping that the Public Intervenor's office would support the appeal since then the only cost to the town would be the \$160 filing fee. Now the appeal briefs and arguments will be prepared at state taxpayers' expense by the Public Intervenor's office.

We had written both the Attorney General and the PI's Committee questioning the wisdom of continuing state involvement and costs on this particular case. Ms. Monroe, the town's attorney, requested an opportunity to appear before the PI's Advisory Committee to present their position.

The points we made were that the Washburn County ruling stated it was

the intent of Congress that FIFRA preempt and prohibit regulation of pesticides by local governments; that it was the Legislative intent, and that state law also preempted local pesticide regulations; and that the Casey Ordinance conflicts with Federal and State law and regulation. (Support of any one of the above conclusions would void the ordinance.)

We further cited the Court's statement that this case was decided on purely legal grounds, and noted that recent appeals of similar cases in Maryland, Illinois, Massachusetts and New Hampshire all reached the same conclusion as did Washburn County Circuit Judge Bailey. Our arguments were not successful and those of you who are Wisconsin residents will be footing the bill for this appeal.



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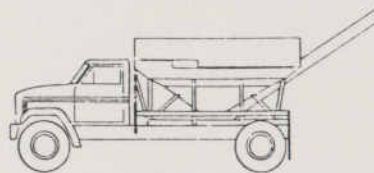
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