

O. J. Noer Research Foundation, Inc.

Research

In 1976, research expenditures were increased from \$16,000.00 to \$18,500.00. Research projects supported are as follows:

- Thatch — Texas A&M University
- Sandy Soil Potash Reserves — University of Florida
- Chemical Soil Testing — Pennsylvania State University
- Turfgrass Rooting — Rutgers University
- Herbicide-Disease Relationships — Iowa State University
- Herbicide-Thatch Relationships — University of Illinois
- *Poa annua* Management Relationships — Washington State University.

Accomplishments

Through 1976, the O. J. Noer Research Foundation has contributed \$118,500.00 toward advanced research in the turfgrass field. Information gained from these studies has been of use throughout the industry. Advanced degrees gained through this research help assure a supply of highly qualified research and extension personnel for the turfgrass industry.

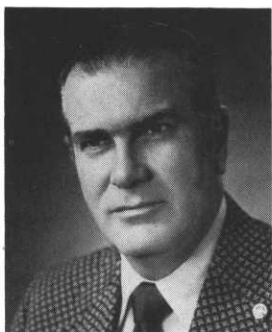
Some Noer Foundation Firsts

- 1st to establish a Memorial Turfgrass Library.
- 1st to gain industry support for turfgrass research on a continuing basis.
- 1st to establish an investment fund from donations so research could be supported on a continuing basis.
- 1st to publish extra Master theses for research workers.

A total of 14 projects, conducted in 6 universities, have produced 8 advanced degrees in turfgrass-related fields.

Jacobsen Promotes Thomas

Roger J. Thomas has been named Vice-President, International Sales Operations for the Turf Products Division of Jacobsen Manufacturing Company, Racine, Wisconsin.



The promotion comes as a part of the Division's Forward Business Plan to substantially increase the international segment of the turf business.

Thomas, who has been primarily responsible for building domestic sales to its current level, will now take charge of developing worldwide sales distribution and coordinating international product planning, service, training, advertising and engineering.

Thomas began with Jacobsen in 1947 and is recognized worldwide for his expertise in the turf equipment field.

Mendakota Fetes Stodola

The Harold Stodola Golf Tournament and Appreciation Day held recently at the Mendakota Country Club, St. Paul paid tribute to a man whose career in golf course management spans fifty years. Some 125 fellow golf course superintendents, club members, Minnesota G.C.S.A. members and other friends gathered for the tournament and a banquet to honor Stodola, who became superintendent of Mendakota in 1967. At the banquet he was presented a plaque and a coat bearing the club crest for his years of service to his profession.

Stodola, who served as president of G.C.S.A.A. from 1941 to 1945, received G.C.S.A.A.'s Distinguished Service Award earlier this year. Although he has turned over his duties as superintendent to his assistant, Abbott Barron, Stodola continues to work at Mendakota.