

Green Clippings

APPRECIATION. George Ostler, Chairman of the Research Program, wants to thank Dan Stangl at the Pierz Municipal Golf Course for the contribution to the Research Fund and the use of the practice green and the 6th green as test plots for the Research Program.

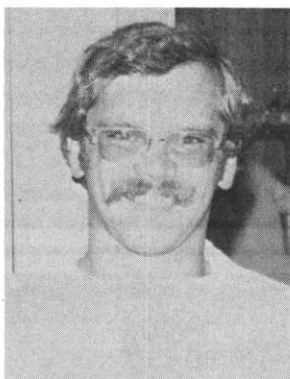
IS ATLANTA IN YOUR FUTURE? February 4-9, 1979 are the dates. The occasion the G.C.S.A.A. National Conference. The theme "Appraising Our Past-Discovering Our Future". The pre-conference seminars will begin Saturday, February 3 with concurrent educational sessions beginning on Monday, February 5 and continuing through Friday, February 8. The conference will conclude on Friday with a tour of Atlanta area golf courses. It appears that the Atlanta Show will surpass San Antonio's in size and number of exhibitors. So far fifteen new companies have contracted to exhibit at the Atlanta Show.

NEW MOWING MACHINE. A highly maneuverable, heavy-duty new riding mower aimed at the grounds maintenance market has been introduced by R. L. Gould & Co., 3711 Lexington Ave. North, St. Paul. Called the "Turfcats" the machine has been engineered for commercial applications. It features rear-wheel steering which permits very tight turns for easy trimming and a hydrostatic transmission allowing the operator to concentrate on mowing rather than gear shifting.

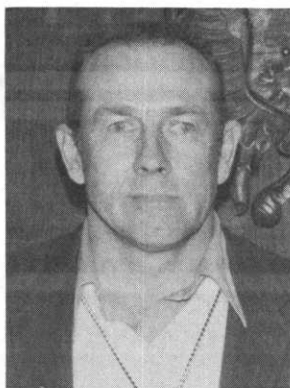
Forward, neutral and reverse are all controlled by a single foot pedal with cutting speeds up to four mph and transport of eight mph. The cutter deck has been designed to pivot up and down and from side to side to hug undulating turf and can be raised hydraulically for a quick move from one job to another.

The Turfcats is a product to the Jacobsen Division of Textron Inc., Racine, Wisconsin.

MEET YOUR SUPERINTENDENTS !



SCOTT AINSWORTH is in his third year as golf course superintendent at the River Falls Golf Club in River Falls, Wisconsin. This is Scott's first superintendent position and he has found the challenge to be extremely enjoyable and an invaluable learning experience. In the short time Scott has been at River Falls, an entirely new irrigation system and pump station have been installed and he believes this type of construction is only learned by going through the experience yourself. A member of M.G.C.S.A. since 1976, Scott acquired his formal turf education at Penn State University and also worked on the crew at Interlachen before moving over to River Falls. A bachelor, Scott's favorite pastime is the unusual hobby of candle making.



JERRY HECKLER is the first and only superintendent the three and one-half year old Cottonwood Golf Club has ever known. Prior to joining the staff at Cottonwood in 1975, Jerry was the golf course superintendent at the Canby Golf Club for six years. Jerry entered the turf industry in a very unusual manner. While a member of the Canby Golf Club, he became dissatisfied with the condition of the greens and set out to correct the problem. The members were overjoyed with the change and decided to make him superintendent. He has been in the field ever since. Although having no formal turf education, Jerry has learned the art of turf care by reading every article he can possibly get his hands on and also he admits a little trial and error. Jerry and his wife, Joan, have two children and a house full of plants.