



JAMES WATSON AWARD—Congratulating Fred Taylor, right, Mankato Golf Club, on winning the first annual James Watson Award for Journalism, is Kerry Glader, MGCSA president. The new award recognizes the best member-submitted article for publication in Hole Notes during the previous year before the annual convention. Taylor's article, entitled "Board Silly," was a humorous look at building assignment boards.



BEAMING during their acceptance remarks after receiving Distinguished Service awards at the 1989 MGCSA convention are Dr. James R. Watson, left, and Milt Wiley.

DR. JAMES R. WATSON "Distinguished Service Award Winner"

Dr. James R. Watson, director of agronomy at the Toro Company, is recognized as a pioneer in the field of turfgrass research.

A 1947 graduate of Texas A&M University with a B.S. degree in agronomy, he earned his Ph. D. at Penn State University in 1950. While at Penn State, Dr. Watson held the United States Golf Association Green Section fellowship.

Later he was an assistant professor in the Department of Agronomy at Texas A&M, then joined Toro in 1952.

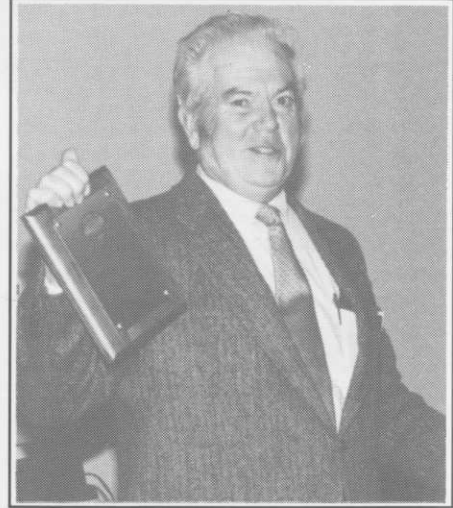
During his extensive career, Dr. Watson has conducted research on adaptability of species and cultivars of turfgrass; fertilization practices; irrigation and compaction effects on fairway turf; snowmold prevention; techniques for the winter protection of turfgrasses and similar studies.

As well as being a contributor to several standard texts on turfgrass science, Dr. Watson has authored more than 400 articles on turfgrass care and management, water conservation, cultural practices and other areas of interest to the green industry.

In his position as vice president/customer relations with Toro, his work encompasses the areas of equipment development and evaluation, customer relations and agronomic consultation. As a frequent lecturer at national and international turfgrass conferences, he is a leading exponent of the critical need to conserve water, utilize waste waters and evaluate the role of water in turfgrass care and management, as well as the need for development and use of drought and salinity tolerant turfgrasses.

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AWARDS BRING SEVERAL SMILES



HAPPILY DISPLAYING his 40-year award presented at the 1989 convention is Gordon Miller, North Star Turf.

MILT WILEY

"Distinguished Service Award Winner"

Milt Wiley, affectionately known as "Uncle Milt," has been involved in golf course work throughout his entire career.

Previous to moving to Minnesota, he attended Penn State University and was vice president of the Philadelphia Golf Course Superintendents Association in 1949.

Wiley moved to Minnesota in 1952 after accepting the position of superintendent at Woodhill Country Club in Wayzata. He later became vice-president in charge of sales at MTI, then took charge of construction at the Executive Club, now Hazeltine National in Chaska. Subsequently, he was appointed superintendent of Hazeltine, then general manager.

After several tournaments and the 1970 U.S. Open at the Chaska course, he started the M.T. Wiley Company, now known as Landscape and Turf.

Semi-retired and "enjoying it very much," he still works part-time for Landscape and Turf and is a director of the O.J. Noer Foundation, which grants funding for turf research.