### TORO OPENS NEW CUSTOMER TRAINING CENTER

Minnesota Toro has just completed a new customer training center that utilizes 1600 sq. ft. of floor space and the new training facility is equipped with audio visual equipment, sound system, lighting controls, display boards & separately air conditioned.

The service training staff at Minnesota Toro have developed new servicing techniques. In the past, we have held many schools and worked with many local golf course personnel to provide useful on the job application. Minnesota Toro concentrates on the critical areas to improve the productivity and performance of Toro golf course maintenance equipment resulting in longer equipment life and less down time.

The new training center will be utilized during all months of the year for customer service & training on commercial equipment as well as irrigation equipment. The golf course and commercial customers will be utilizing this center more heavily in the winter and fall periods of the year when things aren't so hectic.

Another feature of this new center is that occasionally Minnesota Toro will open it up to Trade Association meetings, your inquiries are welcome.



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by JACK KOLB TURF SUPPLY COMPANY

The concept for Turf Supply Company was spawned by an idea Jerry Commers dropped on the writer while following him on his rounds of fertilizing greens at Minneapolis Golf Club. The gist of the comment implied that it was easier to sell fertilizer than to spread it, especially when you are looking at advanced stages of aging.

Turf Supply Company was incorporated January 1, 1970. It is an enigma of small business growth in an industry which seemed already crowded with four other golf course service companies.

Being on both sides of the industry does give one the advantage of understanding not only the technical or agronomic problems of the industry, but also how it feels to stub one's toes. Turf Supply Company is dedicated to empathy with the Superintendent and has devoted its whole existence to the success of the golf course superintendent.

The two most frustrating words in a superintendent's dictionary are "budget" and "committee". Andrew Bertoni always said, "God so loved the world that he did not send a committee." How often have you seen a fellow superintendent in jeopardy of his job only because he is operating his golf course within an <u>inadequate</u> budget? Instead of asking questions the writer is supposed to explain the operation and philosophy of his company. There isn't much more that can be said except that a successful operation has to have friends and support. One of the genuine pleasures in business is the friendships that are developed with clients and competitors. Turf Supply Company is grateful for those friendships.



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