

Correspondence



August 16, 1974

Mr. Craig Spottswood
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Dear Craig:

Just a word on Dr. Daniel's letter concerning licensing of superintendents for pesticide application. I too would like to think of the superintendent in the same category as a farm manager. This approach would certainly make it easy for him to obtain and spray any chemical he desired. But from a practical standpoint, I do not see how the superintendent can expect to be classified in the same category with the grower of the world's short food supply by the regulatory people.

Regulatory agencies have been set up and the people in these agencies know they have to step lightly on the farmer. So to increase their power, prestige, and budgets they have to regulate somebody. Therefore, why not someone in the recreation industry who applies insecticides with fog nozzles minutes before a golfer walks into the area. Let's be realistic; there is no tendency to reduce the amount of government regulation. Superintendents will most likely not be considered commercial applicators but they will most likely be subject to regulations more stringent than those presently being applied to farmers. Let's begin to prepare for them by more carefully reading the labels on those pesticides.

Sincerely,

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August 29, 1974

Dear Craig:

I do not know if my survey will mean anything, but I finally sent it anyway.

We have had a good year here in St. Louis. It was the first year we have played the ball down all summer at Bellerive C.C. Zoysia grass fairways are really the rage now in St. Louis and Kansas City areas. Local sources of sod were all sold out before the season began. Strip sodding into fairways is the most common method of installation for country clubs.

There is still one bermuda grass from Westwood C.C. that survives the winters and is very aggressive. It makes excellent turf for a course stemed bermuda grass because the internode length is very close. In competition with zoysia is fairways it will take over completely.

New greens construction has been either USGA, Purr-Wick, or Sand-Organic.

There are many sands available of fine particle size (.1mm) with traces of silt and clay (about 6% of volume). Over a pea gravel base a perched water table can be created in the bottom of twelve inches of sand. After five years of play these sand-organic greens are performing well.

The maintenance problems are about the same as those in the Mid-Atlantic area. St. Louis is considered the arm pit of the mid-west for growing fine turf.

An old friend (George Gumm) has stopped by a couple of times this summer. I am getting a group together now for a hunting trip to Canada soon, but I would also like to get out and see Denny McCammon for some great skiing. I guess I will see most of ya-all in New Orleans come February.

Sincerely,

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If we represent the sun as a globe two feet in diameter, the earth on the same scale would be the size of a small pea.

Craig:

Your item on GC Chemicals was excellent!

In reviewing Dr. Hawe's letter in Dr. Daniels item in June, Doug has stated things as they are. Dr. Daniels stated what should be in our industry. I am inclined to agree with both of them. However, I believe we can have a great effect on what the outcome will be by our action in the future. I was most disappointed that the Turf Industry was not recognized to be big enough to have its own separate category with all our specific problems. Are we not professional enough to accept the responsibility that is required to be Certified Pesticide Applicators.

Our Maryland Turf Grass Council is planning to inform us all in what will be needed in knowledge and procedure to be licensed and finally certified.

You can depend on your Council to keep you abreast of any new development in "Pest Control" - New items in Maryland.

My sincere thanks to you for your co-operation and good coverage you gave us in the past.

Many thanks.

Keep up the fine work.

Respectfully,

Angie

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