

## TURFGRASS

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golf course superintendents all over the U.S. who received their start in Burt's classes. His book "Turf Management" sponsored by the U.S. Golf Ass'n. has been the "bible" for turf students for years. His early weed-control work has had far-reaching effects to say nothing of his breeding work with bluegrasses. The benefits to turf users were not confined to Pennsylvania but have been spread out over the world. Now we are trying to make sure that his kind of dedication will be perpetuated.

The Musser Foundation is building its Turfgrass Research Fellowship Fund in several ways:

1. Free-will contributions, all tax-deductible, IRS approved. Among those who have helped are: Penncross Bentgrass Growers, Tee-2-Green Corp., Golf Course Architects, Golf Associations, Rudy-Patrick Seeds, Midwest Sod Producers, and many individuals.

2. Turfgrass Benefit Tournaments. There have been five in Ohio, four in Oregon and three in Delaware, all annual affairs. Now we look forward to an annual event in this area, co-sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Ass'n of G.C. Superintendents and The Maryland Turfgrass Council. It is planned to divide the proceeds so that half goes to support turf work in the Mid-Atlantic area and half to the MITF Fellowship Fund.

3. Memorial Gifts. When a loved one dies their memory can be kept alive with a gift to a fund that will be perpetual. Flowers fade quickly but a Memorial Fund goes on forever. Five such funds now exist in the Musser Foundation.

Frances Holyoke Grau, Fred's wife,  
Irene Grau Boettger, Fred's sister,  
George E. Osburn, MITF director,  
Inez Dunning, wife of Director Bob Dunning,  
Gerald Ross, husband of Virgie Ross, golf course manager.

4. Trusts. We have an expert who can help arrange a TRUST that will provide a life-time income with provision

for the remainder to build the Fellowship Fund.

5. Turfgrass Research Fellowships. Two have been established to date.

- a. The Penncross Bentgrass Association,
- b. Fred V. Grau,

Yes, I have put my own money into this INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE because I believe in higher education as the pathway to success. Everyone is invited also to assert his or her belief in the turfgrass industry in the same way.

Leaflets describing the various ways in which we are trying to support research and education are available upon request. As the Turfgrass Research Fellowship Fund grows, and we expand our aid to promising graduate students, we will honor not only the memory of Professor Musser but also the work of other "pioneers" in the turfgrass world.

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## V.P.'s Report

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As of this writing, 3/1/79, we still have open dates in our meeting schedule; hopefully, by the time you are reading this, those open dates will have been filled. The reason I am mentioning this is because, occasionally "whispers" can be heard about meeting sites and dates. No association is perfect, and in many cases some dissent inspires worthwhile change; this meeting selection problem is a prime example of minor items that cause unrest amongst fellow members. It should be a task of turning down interested superintendents that have pride in hosting a meeting, instead of having to seek out volunteers. It's well understood the impossibility some courses have in hosting a meeting, but there are plenty of courses that are possibilities, only lacking the initiative of the superintendent. Come on fellow members, participation is the key to success of any association.

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