

PROFILE OF . . . JAMES H. BOYCE

A native of Stamford Centre (now part of Niagara Falls), Ontario, James H. Boyce received his B.Sc.A. in Field Husbandry from the University of Toronto (O.A.C.) in 1932. During the following five-year period he worked as a graduate assistant in turfgrass and pasture research at the Division of Forage Crops, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, Ontario. From March 1937 to June 1939 he was employed as a research assistant in turfgrass management under the direction of Dr. H.B. Sprague at the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

He received his M.Sc. degree in agronomy and botany from Rutgers University in 1939. He then returned to Ottawa, Ontario where he directed the Canada Department of Agriculture plant introduction and turfgrass research programs until 1962.

Since that time he has been self-employed as a consulting agronomist specializing in turfgrass, soil stabilization and related agronomic problems.

He has developed several correspondence courses for the University of Guelph, has taught on a part-time basis for Algonquin College in Ottawa and acts as an examiner (for applicators' licences) for the Ontario Ministry of the Environment. He also represents Brookside Farms Laboratory Association Inc. of New Knoxville, Ohio in Canada.

He was executive director of the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association and editor of "The Greenmaster" during 1970-73. From 1973 to 1980 he was manager of the Ottawa branch of O.J. Company, Sherrington, Quebec on whose behalf he still acts as consultant.

He has been closely associated with Rothwell Seeds Limited ever since that company was formed in 1972 and with its president, Norman M. Rothwell, for many years before that. He acts as technical advisor for that company.

He has also acted as consultant to Tib Szego As-

sociates, Lindsay, Ontario; Swaan & de Wiljes, Scheemda, Holland; Petwin Industries Limited, Weston, Ontario; Bay Bronze Industries Ltd., Winnipeg, Manitoba, and numerous sod farms, golf courses and similar organizations.

He is Honorary Life Member of the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association, the Ottawa Valley Turfgrass Association, the Western Ontario Turf Superintendents Association, the Ontario Golf Superintendents Association and the Manitoba Golf Superintendents Association. He is also a member of numerous other similar associations including Quebec, Atlantic Provinces, Mid-West, U.S.A., Ohio, New York, New Jersey, Virginia and Alabama and is a founding member of The Sports Turf Association.

He was Canadian Director of the Musser International Turfgrass Foundation for several years and still sits on the advisory board for that organization.

During his years with the Canada Department of Agriculture, Boyce was intimately associated with the development of such turfgrass varieties as Delta Kentucky bluegrass, Chieftain Canada bluegrass, Duraturf creeping red fescue and Norlea perennial ryegrass, as well as several forage-type cultivars.

In addition to the desirable agronomic features such as mildew resistance in Delta and winter hardiness in Norlea, all cultivars produced by the then Forage Crops Division had one characteristic in common viz., high seed production.

Among the varieties for which he has had the responsibility of securing licences or registration for sale in Canada on behalf of Rothwell Seeds Limited are *Penneagle* and *Prominent* creeping bentgrasses; *Adelphi*, *Argyle*, *Classic*, *Eclipse*, *Glade*, *Harmony*, *Midnight*, *Regent*, *Scenic* and *Welcome* Kentucky bluegrasses; *Ensylva* creeping red fescue; *Barfalla* and *Luster* Cheewing's fescue; and *All Star* and *Pennant* perennial ryegrass.

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