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All 'round Applicator. One of our readers who fits the definition of an all 'round contract applicator as well as anyone we've come in contact with yet is Charles F. Robinson who runs the Chemical Plant Control Division of Bartlett Tree Experts in Yorktown Heights, N.Y. Charlie's calling card, which folds open to reveal a complete listing of his services, includes, among other things, crabgrass control, turf fertilization, turf insect control, fungus control, soil acidity control, weed control, soil sterilization, and even plant growth regulation. This New York applicator is singularly qualified for all these pursuits, being a graduate of the University of Massachusetts Stockbridge School of Agriculture, and having spent considerable time in the field getting actual practical know-how. Bartlett's Chemical Plant Control Division is relatively new, and we're sure manager Robinson will be off and running to good purpose!

Keeping Greenland Green. Somebody sent us a clipping the other day about a group of U.S. Air Force servicemen stationed at Thule Air Base in Greenland, whose nostalgic longing for turfgrass finally got the best of them. These turf lovers flew a box of thriving sod into the base, put the miniature lawn in a flight hanger, and now religiously clip, water, and nourish it. We wonder if they've got a chinch bug problem yet?!

Tomorrow's Treemen. One complaint heard from time to time among timers" in the International S in the International Shade Tree Conference during its convention in Houston in August was the lament that not enough young arborists were coming along to meet-ings to take active part in the goings to take active part in the go-ings-on. Said one venerable mem-ber: "T've seen the same faces here for 20 years." Well, an effective re-buttal is found in the person of such young arborists as Peter Bent of Evans Tree Service in Ardmore, Pa., whose presence at virtually every session during the Houston meeting was noticeable evidence that a fresh new crop of tree scientists is in the making. Our reporter noticed Pete, in particular, since he was busily snapping pictures with a camera much like our own, so that we had a chance to compare notes frequently during the convention. We heartily urge other rising young arborists to make every effort to get to these study sessions where the latest ideas are being exchanged, both from the podium and in talk sessions late into the evening.

Best Dressed List. One busy conference-hopping turf expert who's helping southern greenskeepers and turf management professionals make the best-dressed list is James E. Jackson, agronomist with Southern Turf Nurseries in Tifton, Ga. Jim's talks on the value of top dressing have sparked many a regional turf conference in the South, we've heard. We've noticed papers on the subject in several of the regional newsletters from various turf associations.