



Special recognition for service to the Alabama-Northwest Florida Turfgrass Association came to Mike Johnson, left, and Dr. D. G. Sturkie, center, during turfgrass short course at Auburn University. Johnson, Birmingham turf specialist, was chairman of the program committee, and Dr. Sturkie, agronomy researcher of Auburn's Agricultural Experiment Station, headed overall planning committee. Presenting the plaques is Bill Norrie, association secretary, Pensacola, Fla.

Alabama-N.W. Florida Turfgrass Group Meets

More money is spent on turf than any other crop in Alabama, according to Dr. T. B. Hagler of that state's Extension Service. In a session with members of the Alabama-Northwest Florida Turfgrass Association at a recent special course, Dr. Hagler said turf is grown on grounds of a million homes, 100 golf courses, 600 schools and colleges, and many parks, cemeteries, public areas, and rights-of-way on highways.

Meeting with the group to discuss management of this Number 1 state crop which has become a multi-million dollar business was James M. Latham, Milwaukee Sewerage Commission agronomist, Milwaukee, Wis. Latham said that turf production is not the hay business. Over-fertilization, he said, causes excess mowing and should be avoided. Quality of turf is now the major consideration, not rate of growth, Latham believes.

He called for a complete fertilizer program with regular applications for best appearance of turf areas. Too often there is a delay in fertilizing until grass shows deficiency, followed by use of excess amounts. Timing of fertilization in relation to irrigation is especially important, he explained.

The problem of thatch devel-

opment was also covered by Latham. He said this comes about because of too fast growth rate or irregular mowing. His suggestion for prevention of thatch calls for fertilizing enough to maintain color and growth, but not enough for excess growth.

Results of fertilization studies with zoysia and Tiflawn bermuda were presented by Dr. D.

G. Sturkie, turf researcher at Auburn University Agricultural Experiment Station.

Lederer To Serve Both AAN and NLNA

Robert F. Lederer has been named executive vice-president of the National Landscape Nurserymen's Association. He serves in the same position and holds the same title with the American Association of Nurserymen.

The two associations' boards of directors have made a joint statement announcing the umbrella management. In the move the NLNA acquired the administrative services of the entire AAN staff and moved their headquarters to the AAN headquarters in the Southern Building, Washington, D. C. Each organization will continue with its own governing body, separate bylaws, and independent association goals and management priorities.

Already operating with this type management program with Lederer as executive vice-president are the Wholesale Nursery Growers of America, the Horticultural Research Institute, and the Nurserymen's Group Insurance Trust.



Members of the Northeastern Weed Control Conference will stage their 22nd annual meeting Jan. 3-5, 1968, at the Hotel Commodore, 42nd at Park and Lexington Avenues, New York City. Program plans are being finalized by the executive committee, left to right: Dr. George H. Bayer, Agway Inc., Syracuse, N. Y.; Dr. John F. Ahrens, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, Windsor, Conn.; Homer LeBaron, Geigy Agricultural Chemical Corp., Ardsley, N. Y.; Arthur Bing, Cornell Ornamentals Research Laboratory, Farmingdale, N. Y.; John Gallagher, Amchem Products, Inc., Ambler, Pa.; Dr. Richard D. Ilnicki, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J.; Dr. John A. Meade, also of Rutgers; and Dr. J. R. Hansen, Hercules Inc., Wilmington, Del. Gallagher, who works with research and development at Amchem, is N.E. Weed Control Conference president for the current year.