



At the recent 39th Annual Michigan Turfgrass Conference, Thomas H. Gauthier, right, (left picture) received the Certificate of Scholarship Award from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. Presenting the award was Norman Kramer, Association vice-president. The award was made for outstanding achievement in Michigan State University's turfgrass management course. The two-year



technical course is offered by the University's Institute of Agricultural Technology. In the picture at right, Clarence Wolfrom received the third annual Meritorious Service Award. Frank Forier, right, and James Standish, Michigan Turfgrass Foundation president and executive secretary, respectively, made the presentation. Wolfrom was honored for his contribution to Michigan's turfgrass industry.

Six States' Growers Form Midwest Turfgrass Assn.; Joe McDermott Is President

Growers from six states have formed the Midwest Turfgrass Growers Association, with headquarters in Kansas City, Mo.

Representatives from Nebraska, Missouri, Illinois, Kansas, Iowa and Colorado organized at a meeting Apr. 22 in St. Joseph, Mo.

The regional group is "not a substitute for the national organization," explained elected president Joe McDermott, Loveland Lawns, Omaha, Neb. Rather, he added, it is a step toward an organized approach to dealing with problems unique to

the region, such as local tax and water problems.

"Since the exploration by Lewis and Clark," said McDermott, "the Midwest has been known for its billowing bluegrasses. Present expansion of nursery-grown bluegrass acreage is so great that the formation of the association was imperative.

"We'll be working closely with state universities to tackle the maze of growing problems confronting this expanding industry."

Officers elected with McDermott are: Vice-president, Ed Keeven, Emerald View Sod Farms, O'Fallon, Mo.; and secretary-treasurer, William Latta, Princeton Turf of Kansas City.

Two-year directors are Claude Wiewel, Wiewel's Blue Grass, Quincy, Ill.; Melvin Briggs, Briggs Turf Farm, Stillwell, Kan.; and Don White, White Turf Farm, Des Moines, Ia.

One-year directors are: Jack Meyers, Meyers Turf Farms, Inc., Stillwell, Kan.; Bob Bechtold, Bechtold Landscaping, Columbia, Mo.; and Melvin Rich, Richlawn Turf Farms, Denver, Colo.

Another purpose of the Midwest group, said Latta, is to "promote and up-grade research and quality in the sod-growing and sod-installation industry."

Kansas City was selected as the association's headquarters, said Latta, because of its central location and the fact that three of the directors are from the immediate area.

Features Are Announced For 45th Tree Conference

"Beautify With Trees" is the theme of the 45th International Shade Tree Conference.

The five-day event, Aug. 10-15, will be at the Hilton Hotel at Portland, Ore. Riley Stevens, president, Stevens Tree Surgery, is chairman.

Activities begin with a hospitality session Sunday evening, at the Hilton, courtesy of the Western Chapter of the Shade Tree Conference.

Delegates will feast at a salmon barbecue Monday evening on the beach at Gearhart.

Although the name is yet to be announced, an international authority on trees will be the keynoter at the Aug. 12 noon luncheon.

Equipment suppliers will demonstrate the newest and best of their merchandise Aug. 13 in Westmoreland Park.

Thursday night's annual banquet will feature The New Oregon Singers, a group of entertainers who have entertained U.S. troops in Vietnam and recently completed a world tour.

For the women, tours of the city will include Portland's International Rose Test Gardens and Lloyd Center, the world's largest shopping center. Other tours will include a trip up the Columbia Gorge with lunch at Multnomah Falls and a visit to Bonneville Dam.

Post convention tours include deep sea fishing excursions, a tour around Mt. Hood, an Alaska tour and a Canadian Rockies tour.

New WTT Staff Member

Alis Anthony joined the staff of WEEDS TREES and TURF magazine on Apr. 14 as an editorial assistant.

She succeeds Kathy Thomas who resigned on May 1.

Miss Anthony is a graduate of Wittenberg University at Springfield, Ohio. She holds a bachelor degree in education.

Since graduation, she has worked in the newspaper, trade magazine, and book publishing fields.