

NO UGLY seed heads

with



**FYLKING
KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS**

In spring most lawn grasses sprout green and beautiful turf. Then an ugly problem arises. Seedheads begin to appear with gypsy abandon, turning the green scene into a jungle of wiry straws even sharp mowers fail to sever. This wire-like growth remains an eyesore.

You can always survey your lawns with pride if you grow 0217® Fylking Kentucky bluegrass. Fylking shoots up a spring abundance of new green leaves, never produces wiry stems and ugly seedheads. This sensation of the sod and seed industry is low-growing, always mows smooth and thrives on close cutting. Fylking produces thicker, greener turf which is more disease, weed and wear-resistant than any variety yet (proven by 10 years of international testing — rated best obtainable by turf authorities).

Turf-forming qualities make it possible to lift sod in 110 days.

You'll never have ugly seedheads if you specify 0217® Fylking Kentucky bluegrass. See your seed distributor. For information or names of authorized distributors, write Jacklin Seed Co., Dishman, Wash. 99213.

For More Details Circle (110) on Reply Card

Firm Offers Harvesters For Aquatic Plant Control

Aquatic Controls Corporation has developed a line of high-speed, self-contained harvesting machines to alleviate aquatic vegetation problems without damaging ecology of the waterway, it reports.

Excessive aquatic vegetation is caused by excessive fertility from lawns, gardens, farms and even processed sewage, says the company. This situation can be remedied by removing the unwanted plants, prior to their full maturity, according to Aquatic Controls. Harvested plants can then be converted into organic fertilizer, the company believes.

For more details write the company (Waukesha, Wis. 53186) for a copy of "Water Pollution, Cause & Control," an available report prepared by Howard W. Stern, president of Aquatic Controls.

Illinois Group Re-Elects Bob Johnson As President

Robert G. Johnson of the Illinois Lawn Equipment, Inc., Orlando Park, was recently elected to serve a second term as president of the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation, Inc.

Oscar Miles of Olympia Fields Country Club, Olympia Fields, was elected vice president; Mrs. Dorothy Carey of Orlando Park was re-appointed Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

The association's Board of Directors are: Ben Warren, Warren's Turf Nurseries; Ronald Damgaard, Landscaping; Harold Frederickson, Edgewood Valley Country Club; Tom Guttschow, Lincoln Greens Golf Course; Walter Fuchs, The Upjohn Company; Leon Short, Leon Short & Sons, Inc.; and Vernon Verstraete, Wewanee Park District.

Trimmings

VACATION OR MEETING? During the past 3 months we've covered a variety of meetings. Locations of most of these are exemplary — if the purpose is to meet at a playground. Three have been in Florida and two in Las Vegas. Expenses, particularly in Florida, are ridiculous during the winter months. With the company footing the bill, we can't complain. But it may be to the point that costs are adversely affecting attendance.

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HOW MUCH CAN GOVERNMENT RESTRICT INDUSTRY? We find the recent remarks of FMC Corporation's Edward K. Hertel very revealing. He points out that government agency requirements on new product development are stiffening. Pesticide developers, he said, are being required to probe ever deeper into toxicology regarding proposed new pesticides. This can adversely affect development in 2 ways: (1) only companies with big research budgets can survive the tremendous expense in putting a new compound on the market; and (2) new requirements may preclude development of specialty products for limited acreage crops.

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UNSUNG HEROES. We have a sympathetic interest in those stalwart association secretaries who faithfully produce newsletters for the membership. Had a nice visit with one who is typical recently at Miami Beach. He is Stan Metsker, course superintendent at the Boulder CC, Boulder, Colo., and he produces a timely sheet called the Rocky Mountain Golf Course Superintendents Reporter. It's one of the many which we look forward to receiving each month and is filled with timely information. Like others across the land, Stan not only is serious about the job but spends considerable time in pulling together local news and keeping his associates informed.

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NOW IS THE HOUR. We can only wish speedy success to entomologists at Michigan State University. Several are busy developing further data on their findings that tiny, primitive insects will break down pesticides in the soil. The chemical compounds are then converted to chemicals considered harmless to warm-blooded animals and helpful insects. Their hope is to literally put a built-in pesticide "clean-up" system into the soil. Working on the process are: Dr. James Butcher, Erik Kirknel, and Dr. Matthew Zabik.