



That piece of paper is worth \$10,000! It's for turfgrass research at Ohio State University. The grant by the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation was announced this spring. Representing the Foundation and making the presentation to Roy M. Kottman, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Extension Director, are, from the left, Gene Probasco, treasurer; Tom Evans, second vice-president; Richard Craig, first vice-president; and Robert Rieman, president. Ohio turfgrass specialists will conduct their annual turfgrass conference and show, Dec. 1-3, at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland. Details are available from Robert Miller, 1827 Neil Ave., Columbus 43210.

## 20 Speakers Scheduled For Ohio Turfgrass Show

More than a thousand persons are expected for the 1969 Ohio Turfgrass Conference and Show Dec. 1-3. The site is the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel in Cleveland.

Educational sessions and exhibition of turfgrass equipment and supplies are featured. Seventy-one companies have reserved the available exhibit space.

The educational program consists of half-day sessions on turfgrass diseases, broadleaf weed control, soil and air temperatures and their effect on turfgrass production, grass mixtures and blends, and grounds beautification.

Twenty speakers will discuss 22 subjects. Out-of-state participants include nationally known turfgrass specialists, such as Dr. C. R. Funk, Dr. Clinton Hodges, Lee Record, J. C. Holmes, James Latham, Noel Jackson, and Dr. Roy Blaser.

Last year's program attracted 950 persons from 22 states and Canada.

## New Product, Plant for Wade

R. M. Wade and Company, Portland, Ore., manufacturer of sprinkler irrigation equipment, will expand facilities to manufacture a new automatic mobile farm irrigation system.

The company, founded in 1865, has acquired a 20-acre tract in Tualatin, Ore.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Needed: Chart of Turf Diseases

I want to take this opportunity to compliment you on the service your magazine renders to the industry. Many of your articles are helpful in convincing clients of the need for equipment, fungicides, herbicides, etc. One thing we need now is a one-sheet color picture comparing Brown Patch, Dollar Spot, Cottony Blight and Pythium to stop confusion in initial fungus identification. Keep up the good work. — **FERDINAND GARBIN**, Golf Course Architect and president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects, Export, Pa.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: One of the best color charts on turf diseases*

*is available by writing Paul Florence, O. M. Scott and Sons Co., Marysville, Ohio 43040.*

\* \* \*

**WE APPRECIATED** your excellent pictorial and written account of the activities of the recent American Sod Producers Summer Field Day. It certainly gave me a better insight as to what had transpired even though I was present.

Your editorial comment also was appropriate and timely. It, together with the coverage of the field day, should be instrumental in generating interest in the organization.—**HENRY W. INDYK**, Executive Secretary, American Sod Producers Association.

## Trimmings

**A CONGO PERCH** is reported to be a voracious eater of *Hydrilla verticillata*, a rapidly spreading weed pest in the southeastern part of the country. Rep. Bill Fulford of Orlando reported to the Florida House Conservation Committee that the fish is perhaps a means of biological control of the water weed.

The fish has performed well in carefully controlled tests, but Game and Fresh Water Fish Commissioner Earle Frye said his department doesn't yet know what would happen if the fish were turned loose in natural waters.

\* \* \*

**HERE'S AN ITEM** for your "defense of pesticides" file. Paul Voykin, superintendent of the Briarwood Country Club at Deerfield, Ill., comments in his new book, "A Perfect Lawn the Easy Way," that: "Fifty times more deaths are caused by medicines than by pesticides. The misuse of aspirin alone causes more deaths each year than all pesticide cases combined."

And we doubt if there is one person in the country who is calling for a total ban on the use of aspirin.

\* \* \*

**IS PPM HARD TO EXPLAIN** to your customers? The Cooperative Extension Service offers these helpful illustrations:

One part-per-million is equivalent to one drop in a 160-gallon tank, one pound in 500 tons; an ounce of sand in three and one-fourth tons of cement; one minute in 1.9 years; one cent in \$10,000; or one inch in 1.6 miles.

\* \* \*

**THE "OFFICIAL" VALUE** of a shade tree has gone up. The International Shade Tree Conference and the National Arborist Association has approved a 50% increase. The formula for evaluating a shade tree is now \$9 (rather than \$6) per square inch of trunk cross-section measured 4.5 feet above the ground.

\* \* \*

**HURRICANE CAMILLE** damage to research plots of the Southern Forest Experiment Station in the Gulfport, Miss., area may not be fully known for several months. But a flight survey indicates that half of research plantings on 500 acres are down. An annual average of eight scientists has been contributing to the plantings during the past 15 years. If half of the research is destroyed, 60 man years, then the total cost for replacement could reach \$3 million, say officials.