

Certainly, Any Time

As part of our educational program for the Superintendents of School Grounds, I would like to distribute your excellent article, "More Useable Space for the Practice Field" that appeared in the September 1971 issue.

I would appreciate it if you would grant me permission to reprint this article.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. WALTER J.G. CARPENTER, Cooperative Extension Agent, Nassau County, N.Y.

We Are Complimented

As a member of the New York State Arborists Assn. Inc. I greatly enjoy your monthly publication of WEEDS TREES and TURF. I always find many informative articles in and keep the publication for reference in my office. In your October issue there is a very fine editorial, "The Association Crisis."

In January of 1972, the 9 thru the 12th, we are having our Convention at the Nevele Country Club at Ellenville N.Y. This article is very timely and we would like your permission to print the article in its entirety giving due credit to your organization.

We hope to reach many of the people who say "Leave it to George" to try to increase the membership of our Assn. We expect to include a copy along with the meeting notices that are going out to the membership and their friends along with other interested people.

Thank you for your consideration for this request. WALTER STURMER, A-B-C Tree Service, Inc., Yorktown Heights, N.Y.

Quality Seed Issue

Your October 1971 issue was of

particular interest to members of the turf seed industry.

Wm. Knoop wrote on Turfgrass Seed Specifications for Tender Bidding — then we read Doyle Jacklin's article on Sod Quality Seed. There is a certain paradox herein the discussions put forth on qualities of *Poa Pratensis* — Kentucky Bluegrass.

Mr. Knoop's example of 85 purity, 80 germination minimum standards for Kentucky Bluegrass carries with it the power of suggestion. Mr. Jacklin on the other hand, describes the ultimate which is available. Seed buyers should be aware that within these two poles lie a multitude of intermediate qualities. The 85/80 quality is just about the bottom of the ladder. Seed buyers too, should be aware of the fact that often a low purity lot also contains a high proportion of lightweight seed — seed which will germinate on a germinator's blotter but just will not have the guts on a gravelly roadside to take hold after germination. A sod grower who expertly chooses and prepares his land, could make this poorer seed grow—the areas where tender bought seed is sown is often a very hostile host for new seedlings.

I wholeheartedly agree with Mr. Jacklin—sod growers cannot take the risk of buying any seed but the best. However, I strongly believe that municipal and institutional seed buyers should also be encouraged to closely examine the qualities available to them and perhaps a few extra dollars spent on a better quality of seed will mean that the job won't need reseeding the next season.

Keep up the good work — your articles are both interesting and stimulating. MARTIN C. PICK, Otto Pick & Sons Seeds Ltd., Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada.

Group Health Plan Valuable

It's been some time since Montreal and I've intended writing to you long before this just to tell you how much I enjoyed having dinner with you and others in Montreal.

Carl Raw, my supervisor, has come to me twice now with "Weeds, Trees and Turf." in hand and says, as he points to a story you've written: "Bill, look at this. In the last issue your friend talked about liquid feeding being something new and you've been doing it for 14 years." And in our September issue that fine story on Dinsmore's operation revealed something else we also do, coffee and donuts for the men in the morning before they leave for work. Yes — they seem to like it.

I've tried something else that just may be helping keep one or two of my good men around a wee bit longer — Group Hospitalization. Hold it, Arthur, before you comment. We go one wee bit further than most others because we pay the **entire** premium for each man, not just a small portion as many do. I do believe it helps a great deal and already it's paid off handsomely for one of the men's family.

We've been experimenting, Art, and it has paid off.

We can now keep trees from having blossoms with no harm to the foliage. How about that?

We could run into problems but to date we are happy as can be with our new found knowledge that we generated through our own efforts and experiments.

I'll write to "Denny" now to tell him what a good job you did for him.

Art, it's always nice to see you. Warm wishes to you for bigger and better things to come. W. K. "BILL" JOHNSON, Badger Tree Service Inc., Phoenix, Ariz.

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