

as many times as he desires, but if the failed parts are not successfully completed within one year of the original examination date, he must repeat the entire examination.

One time is not enough for certification.

The certification program must keep pace with progress in agronomy, equipment and technology — and so must the golf course superintendent. Therefore, the certified golf course superintendent will be required to take another examination within five years of being certified. He must also maintain his membership in GCSAA and remain actively employed as a golf course superintendent. Other requirements for reexamination are completion of one regional GCSAA workshop or successful completion of a GCSAA-approved correspondence course of study.

Other aspects of the certification program deal with those superintendents who leave the profession for several years and their mandatory reexamination if they return to golf course superintendency.

The GCSAA certification program climaxes 30 years of discussion and planning, and the benefits of certification will undoubtedly show that this careful planning has been well worth the time and effort involved.

Certification should also attract many young people into the profession of golf course superintendency, now that they know that there is some way of measuring their achievements in the profession.

Hopefully, certification will also lead to standardization of curricula in the schools offering turf management programs.

With certification, the role of the superintendent will not only receive greater emphasis through all who are associated with him on the golf course, but it will enhance his stature in the community as well. Because of today's great stress on ecology, the expertise that the golf course superintendent has attained in turf management and plant protectant chemicals should make him a recognized authority on these environmental factors within the community.

To summarize then, the GCSAA Certification program is not only beneficial to the superintendent. This program has inherent and potential benefits to club owners, club officials and members, golfers, other agencies concerned with golfing, and the public at large through the certified superintendent's involvement with the community.

Bonsai Teaching Film For Purchase Or Lease

A new how-to-do-it film on growing Bonsai has been developed by The Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Brooklyn, N.Y.

The 22-minute showing is in full color and 16mm in size. It presents the essential techniques of creating an instant Bonsai from nursery or other stock and includes repotting, trimming, pinching, etc.

It was presented at the recent

International Shade Tree Conference at Montreal by Robert Tomson, assistant director at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. He reported to the group that the film has been made available at a rental cost of \$15 for one showing, plus return postage and insurance. Purchase price of a print is \$250, Tomson said.

In either case, the film is available directly from the Botanic Garden at 1000 Washington Ave. Zip code is 11225, and inquiries should be directed to Mrs. Norman Free, Tomson reported.



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