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Midwest Turfgrass Growers Attend Meeting In Lincoln

The third annual meeting of the Midwest Turfgrass Growers Association was held in Lincoln, Nebraska, in early January.

Elected officers are: President, William Latta, Princeton Turf Farms, Kansas City, Mo.; Vice-President, Don M. White, Iowa Nursery Sod Co., Des Moines, Iowa; Secretary-Treasurer, Claude L. Wiewel, Wiewel's Sod Farm, Inc., Quincy, Ill.

Directors for the organization are: Ed Keeven, Emerald View Sod Co., O'Fallon, Mo.; Joe McDermott, Loveland Turf, Omaha, Neb.; Mel Briggs, Briggs Sod Co., Stilwell, Kans.; Paul West, West Sod Farm, Fountain, Colo.; Norman LeGrande, Hendrick's Sod Co., Lincoln, Neb.; and, Don Hanson, Hanson Sod Co., Hold-rege, Neb.

Committee reports indicated progress being made in several areas. Seed people generally accepted the full 25-grain analysis on all seed and full 50 grams on Merion. Seed specifications of the Midwest Turfgrass Growers Association are being met in full.

Ed Keeven reported that Wynard Aslin, Standardization Chairman of the American Association of Seed Certification Agencies, has specifications. He pointed out that AAOSCA had been most generous by asking for suggestions and approvel of standardization practices.

Norman LeGrande, Lincoln, Nebr., expressed concern for the effect of the Occupational Safety and Health Act on the industry. He highlighted the requirements and penalties as they apply to sod producers.

The removal of sod production acres from crop acres — no longer acceptable as set-aside acres — in the Feed-Grain Program was also discussed. A committee was appointed to investigate and recommend possible steps that might be taken by the Association to correct the situation.

Agrico Moves Sales Division to Memphis

B. J. Farmer, Jr., vice president of Marketing for Agrico Chemical Division, Continental Oil Company, has announced the transfer of the Turf and Garden Products Sales Division headquarters from Carteret, New Jersey, to Agrico headquarters at 5050 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

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