

## William S. Norton Named Mr. Toro 1972

Mr. Toro 1972, the highest honor that The Toro Company can bestow on one of its distributors, has been awarded to William S. Norton, head of The Norton Corp.—Turf Equipment, of Phoenix.

The award was made at the annual convention of distributor management and sales personnel where the Minneapolis-based manufacturer previewed its product lines and marketing programs for the coming year.

Three master salesmen were also honored at the weeklong meetings. They were: John Fitzgerald, of Lebanon, Ohio, for turf products; Don Hayssen, of Rochester, N.Y., for consumer products; and Lloyd Van Sickle, of Minneapolis, for Moist O'Matic irrigation products.

Norton, whose all-around performance this past year was voted the best of Toro's 90 distributors throughout the world, became the Phoenix distributor for Toro's full line 15 years ago, after nine years with Toro in Minneapolis.

## Florida Turfgrass Meeting Scheduled October 16-17

"Environmental and Agribusiness Aspects of Turf Management" is the theme of the 20th annual Management Conference of the Florida Turf-Grass Association. The meeting will be held at the Flagler Inn, Gainesville, Oct. 16-19.

Dr. E. T. York, Vice President for Agricultural Affairs, University of Florida, will give the official welcome at the beginning of the General Session on Tuesday afternoon, October 17, and will deliver an address on "Turf Industry's Contribution to Florida Agribusiness." Dr.

W. G. Eden, Chairman of the Entomology Department will speak on "Agribusiness Aspects of the Pesticide Industry in Florida." State Representative Robert E. Dixon will be speaking on "Present Florida Pesticide Legislative and Future Needs." The Annual Business Meeting and election of officers will take place Tuesday evening at 7:30, with President William F. Lewis presiding.

Wednesday sessions will begin at 9:00 A.M. with two Sections, one on Golf Turf and the other on General Turf. Wednesday afternoon will feature the Annual Barbeque and tour of the turf plots.

The 20th Anniversary will be celebrated at the Wednesday evening banquet. Willard Fifield will be Master of Ceremonies and Mr. Hugh McIlwain the speaker.

## Carbon Monoxide Levels Higher Away From Job, Research Shows

Exposure to carbon monoxide (CO) by employees away from work may be greater than many suspect, according to the National Safety Council.

An experiment, conducted by three staff members of the Industrial Hygiene and Safety Division at Argonne National Laboratory, Illinois, showed that 27 percent of some 460 responding participants found positive indications of carbon monoxide in their homes or automobiles.

Carbon monoxide detector tabs, available from a Danish firm, were used in the study. They were passed out to volunteers during the winter when heating systems give off the most CO, and doors and windows are usually shut. Each person received two tabs, one for exposure and one for shade reference.

The tabs were small plastic squares about two inches by two inches, with a dime-sized circular depression filled with a compound containing palladium chloride which blackens when exposed to carbon monoxide.

Of 454 people returning the tabs and questionnaires used in the study, 124 reported positive indications of carbon monoxide. Eighty-eight of 342 persons who used the tabs in their automobiles reported positive indications of CO. Seventy-six indicated a slight darkening of the tab (30 to 70 parts of CO per million). Ten persons reported gray tabs (80 to 120 ppm), and two reported black indications (more than 130 ppm).

Of 204 individuals that used the tabs in their homes, 36 had positive reactions, of which 35 reported a slight darkening and one a gray response.

Among the responding participants who found indications of carbon monoxide in their automobiles, 16 discovered defects in their cars. Where there were indications of CO in the home, five participants reported defective heating systems.

According to a report that followed the tests, "while levels of CO, up to approximately 70 ppm, are not considered immediately hazardous in a well ventilated and properly heated home, they could mean a furnace malfunction or improper ventilation. But unless remedied, such conditions could produce CO levels far above safe levels."

The experiment noted that though CO exposures occurred off-the-job, effects of carbon monoxide may be carried over to work places.

Among their conclusions, the Argonne researchers said: "carbon monoxide is a significant health and safety problem, and it warrants continued attention."

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