

New officers for the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation for 1973 are: (l-r) Paul Mechling, Sylvania Country Club, Sylvania, Ohio, second vice president; Paul Morgan, Browns Run Country Club, Middletown, Ohio, president; Ron Smith, Bowling Green State University, first vice president; and Glenn Hudson, Walnut Hills Country Club, Columbus, Ohio, treasurer. Dr. Robert Miller remains as executive secretary.

The eye of the "O" on the big Toro Company sign focuses on the attention getting equipment in the display. Delegates saw the latest in equipment designed to make the job easier.

Ohio Turfgrass Bonanza



Two scholarships were presented by OTF president, Gene Probasco, (l) to students from Clark Technical College. They are Beth Pohl and Henry Chafin (not present).



Robert Gieringer, Gieringer Mfg. Co., Milwaukee, Wisc. demonstrates the ease of handling of the Sod-Cropper, a machine used to roll sod.

MORE THAN a thousand superintendents, sod growers and industry men gathered in Columbus, Ohio in mid-December for the biggest and most elaborate Ohio Turfgrass Conference and Show yet. The pre-Christmas event suggested strongly that commercial turfgrass production in Ohio rates competitively with agriculture and other big business. This year's meeting probably generated more interest from those outside the turfgrass field than ever before.

Theme for the sixth annual expo was "Grass in the Art of Living." An effort was made this year to provide something for everyone. During the first day, speakers concentrated their remarks on Grasses And Their Uses. Dr. C. Reed Funk, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., spoke on New Grass Varieties while Merle H. Niehaus, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, Wooster, Ohio told conferees about Blends and Mixtures of Turfgrasses.

Additionally, Dale Kern, Seed Technology, Inc., Marysville, Ohio outlined the steps taken in the purchase of grass seed. Dr. Robert W. Miller, Ohio State University, tied all of the remarks together in a presentation of Grass Use in Relation to Management.

The following morning Bob O'Brien, immediate past president of OTF, chaired a session on Safety and Personnel Management. Included in this session was a speech by James A. Napolene, Compliance

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The OTF Man of the Year Award went to two persons this year. Malcolm McLaren (l) and Colin Smith (r) are the first to receive dual recognition for their outstanding contributions. Gene Probasco, OTF president (c) made the presentation.



Each year the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation grants scholarships to students at Ohio State University studying turfgrass science. This year's winners are: (l-r) William Job, Nevin Vandergrift, John Zimmerman, Mark Yoder, Clifton Pohling, and Robert Harper. Gene Probasco, 1972 OTF president (r) makes the presentation.

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Officer, OSHA, who pointed out that the golf superintendent is not exempt from the rules and regulations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act. More inspections will be made of facilities this year, he said, and it is in the interest of each superintendent to keep the necessary safety records up to date.

The Ohio Sod Producers Association held their second annual meeting during the Conference and Show. Featured speaker for the business luncheon was James A. Sample, editor, *WEEDS TREES AND TURF Magazine*. He told members that sod producers must become ambassadors of the Green Industry. "Growth of sod in this commercial turfgrass industry has been phenomenal. Single family dwellings, mobile home communities, shopping centers, malls—all are demanding sod for instant beautification," Sample said. "It is time we as an industry stand up and be recognized for the accomplishments we have made. Sod is basic. And turfgrass is second only to the necessities of life." The editor said that more consumer oriented articles in consumer media are needed to tell the story of the Green Industry.

New officers for the Ohio Sod Producers Association are: Chet Augspurger, Cincinnati Turfgrass Nursery, president; Don Figurella, Besturf Sod Farm, North Canton, vice president; Woodrow Wilson, Eastside Nurseries, Canal Winchester, treasurer, and Dr. Robert W. Miller, secretary.

The last day of the session offered a "cafeteria approach" to turfgrass production to delegates. Four

sessions were conducted simultaneously.

There are five kinds of weeds that can be present in a water storage facility. Dr. A. J. Turgeon, department of horticulture, University of Illinois, told an audience of superintendents. Above surface, submerged, floating, free floating (not attached) and algae all have a marked affect on storage water. He said that care must be taken in applying aquatic herbicides or algacides to control these weeds.

"We must remember that this water will be used to irrigate turfgrass," he cautioned. "Water containing too much of a herbicide may injure or destroy turfgrass plantings."

He said that many aquatic herbi-



Four men were awarded the OTF Professional Excellence Award. They are: (l-r) Paul Mechling, Sylvania Country Club; Dick Craig, Camango Country Club; John Fitzgerald, Century Toro Distributors, Inc.; and Dalton Dean, Clark Technical College.



The Ohio Turfgrass Foundation student leadership award was presented to Col. Gale Love (Ret.). Here, Dr. Robert Miller, Ohio State University, (l) presents the plaque to Colonel and Mrs. Love.

cides are rated in parts per million concentration. Generally, one part per million is the equivalent of 2.7 pounds of active ingredient per acre foot.

In the session for landscape contractors and home lawn maintenance personnel, Dr. Robert W. Miller said that a soil test is the first step of a fertility program. A soil test can determine what nutrients are needed. Then fertilizer can be added to correct the deficiency, he said.

Miller said that many of our turfgrass areas are excavated areas. Fill dirt has been brought in. Often this dirt is nothing more than subsoil. A majority of the time subsoil materials are low in phosphorus but usually high in potassium. Thus, it is necessary to add phosphorus to the soil to raise the level of fertility. The agronomist pointed out that it takes 10 pounds of P_2O_5 to raise a soil test value one pound. He recommended that phosphorus should be worked into the top six inches of soil.

Dr. Miller said that a typical starter fertilizer would be 23 pounds per thousand square feet of 15-20-10 or equivalent worked into the top two inches.

Lee Record, USGA, Chicago, Ill. quickly zeroed in on the pros and cons of a golf course irrigation system. "Two questions are always raised," he said. "The golfer wants to know why the water system is on every time he wants to play golf. And the superintendent wants to know why he can't water when he wants to. The problem is communication—the least understood word between the superintendent and the member."

Record said that the manual irrigation system in the past didn't

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Officers of the Ohio Sod Growers Assoc. are: (l-r) Woodrow Wilson, Eastside Nurseries, Inc., Canal Winchester, treasurer; Cecil Collings, Green Valley Turf Farm, Canfield, director; Paul Florence, Millcreek Sod Farm, Marysville, director; Jack Schiller, Haywood, Inc., Oak Harbor, director; Don Figurella, Best Turf Sod Farm, North Canton, vice president; Chet Augspurger, Cincinnati Turfgrass Nursery, Inc., president; and John R. Kramer, Kramer & Sons, Westlake, immediate past president. Dr. Robert Miller, remains as secretary.

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present many problems for the superintendent. The night man usually knew when to turn on or off the

water and this seldom interfered with the golfer.

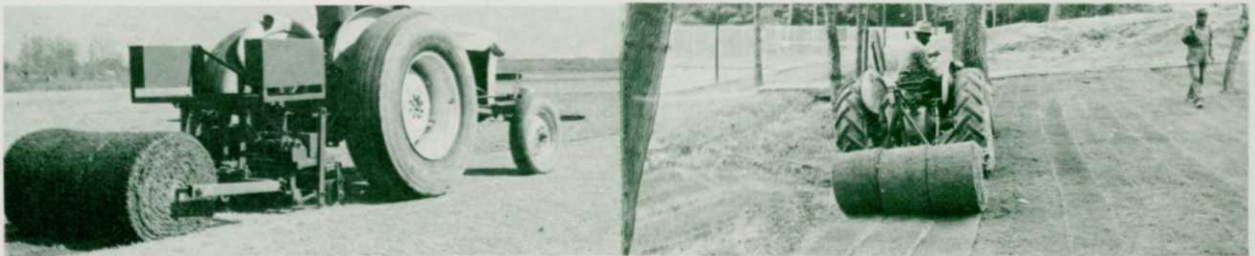
"With the automatic irrigation system, the responsibility is placed on the superintendent," he said. The manager travels the entire course every day. He must think

of irrigation in terms of the needs of the turfgrass as well as the member. He must be careful of the use of water, when it is applied and how it is applied."

The Golf Association executive concluded his remarks by saying that no one can tell the superintendent how to apply water to the course. His advice was "Give the plant what it wants but not too much and give the member when he wants but not too much."

An annual highlight of the Conference was a reception by Lakeshore Equipment and Supply Co., Cleveland, followed by the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation banquet.

Many awards were presented during the banquet. The Ohio Turfgrass Foundation Professional Excellence Award went to Paul Mechling, Sylvania Country Club, Sylvania; Richard Craig, Camargo Club, Cincinnati; John Fitzgerald, Century Toro Distributors, Inc., Toledo and Cincinnati. Gale Love, a retired Army colonel was presented the OTF Student Leadership Award. Ohio State University scholarships were awarded to William Job, Nevin Vandergrift, John Zimmerman, Mark Yo-
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der, Clifton Pohling, and Robert Harper. Additionally, Clark Technical College awarded scholarships to Beth Pohl and Henry Chafin.

Scholarships awarded by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America went to Steve Scott, Steve Early and Robert Cochran.

For the first time in OTF history, the Man of the Year award was presented to two individuals. Malcolm McLaren and Colin Smith were joint recipients of this honor.

New officers for 1973 are: Paul Morgan, Browns Run Country Club,



Robert V. Mitchell, president, GCSAA, (r) presents association scholarships to Steve Scott and Steve Early of Ohio State University. Robert Cochran (not present) also received a scholarship.

Middletown, Ohio, president; Ron Smith, Bowling Green State University, first vice president; Paul Mechling, Sylvania Country Club, Sylvania, Ohio, second vice president; and Glenn Hudson, Walnut Hills Country Club, Columbus, Ohio, treasurer.

Trustees are: John Fitzgerald, Century Toro Distributors, Inc., Toledo and Cincinnati; John Laake, Crest Hills Country Club, Cincinnati; Lou Greco, Squaw Creek Country Club, Vienna, Ohio; Bill King, Great Oaks Joint Vocational Schools, Cincinnati; Don Collins, Upper Landsdowne Golf Links, Ashville, Ohio; Bill Eble, Ohio Toro, Cleveland; Jim Seigfried, Losantiville Country Club, Cincinnati; and, Fred Buscher, area extension agent, horticulture, Ohio cooperative extension service. □

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