



Scotts' President F. Leon Herron, Jr., addresses guests and company associates at the dedication of the Dwight G. Scott Research Center near Marysville, Ohio. The oil painting of Scott, unveiled at the ceremony, will hang in the reception area of the Center.

Turf Products Training Offered by Toro Company

The Toro Company will open its first turf products service training center in the Minneapolis suburb of Eden Prairie, Minn., in January.

The new school, now under construction, will be open tuition-free to employees of turf products customers in all markets and to service, sales and parts personnel of Toro distributors. There will be special courses for turf management students and vocational and technical school instructors. A total of 16 courses will be offered from January through June, with the first scheduled for Jan. 6 to 10.

Major elements of Toro's new service program, part of a five-year plan, include the following:

- Expansion of Toro mobile service units, fully-equipped vans staffed by highly-trained specialists, into additional distributor territories during 1975.
- Expansion of field service education into every turf distributor's territory. Training clinics cover such areas as techniques of mowing, engine and electrical systems maintenance, and troubleshooting. The field service education personnel will also conduct seminars for turf associations and at colleges and universities.
- A new warranty policy, extending the coverage period to one year.

Scotts Dedicates New Research Center in Ohio

O. M. Scott & Sons recently dedicated a new research facility near Marysville, Ohio. F. Leon Herron, Jr., the company's president, made the dedication address and christened the building Dwight G. Scott Research Center.

The facility includes a colonial-style main building with modern laboratories, growth chambers, administrative offices, a library and seminar auditorium. A separate wing contains four greenhouses.

Over 100 professional and

specialist researchers, including plant pathologists, chemists, entomologists, agronomists, chemical engineers and geneticists, are housed in the new Center. The work is supplemented by regional screening and testing done at Scott's five research field stations strategically located across the U.S.

In addition to the research personnel, the administrative offices of the ProTurf Division are also located in the main building.

Landscapers, Retailers Plan Joint Meeting

Nursery businessmen involved in landscaping and retailing will gather at the Galt House, Louisville, Ky., Feb. 16-20 for the first Joint Management Clinic sponsored by the National Landscape Association (NLA) and Garden Centers of America (GCA).

According to NLA President Tom Gilmore and GCA President Dan Capper, the two specialized fields — landscaping and retail garden centers — overlap in many areas, and rather than duplicating efforts with two separate meetings, it would prove much more valuable to the industry to hold a combined meeting.

NLA will meet Feb. 16-17. NLA and GCA will hold the combined meeting Feb. 18 to noon on Feb. 19. GCA will meet from noon on Feb. 19 to Feb. 20.

Complete details and registration forms are available by writing NLA/GCA Joint Management Clinic, 230 Southern Building, Washington, D.C. 20005.



The Arborists Association of New Jersey recently named Harry P. Banker the 1974 "Arborist of the Year," the organization's highest honor. Banker (left), vice president of Trees, Inc., West Orange, N.J., is pictured with Emid Cardell, last year's award recipient, and Patricia Sheehan, New Jersey Commissioner of Consumer Affairs.