

# Green Grows The Business In Ohio

**O**FFICIAL figures have revealed a total registration of 1102 persons at the most successful Ohio Turfgrass Conference and Show in Cincinnati, Ohio. Of the total attending 823 were from Ohio, 269 from 23 states, 3 from Belgium and 7 from Canada. Golf course superintendents,

sod growers, turfgrass managers, and industry representatives in attendance attended eight educational sessions and reviewed products and equipment in over 100 exhibits.

Paul Mechling, program committee chairman, was responsible for compiling the educational program. The

first session consisted of research reports by several University personnel.

Dr. Gilbert, of North Carolina State University, presented a summary of turf conditions and research in North Carolina. Dr. Harry Niemczyk, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Council (OARDC), followed with a presentation on insect problems in Ohio. He emphasized the current status of research work relating to the control of chlordane resistant grubs in Ohio. Dr. Richard Riedel, Ohio State University, followed with an address on the effects of nematodes on turfgrass areas in Ohio. Dr. Merle Niehaus and Dr. Dave Martin reviewed the turfgrass research projects at Wooster and Columbus.

The first session was concluded with an address on "The Energy Crisis — Its Problems and Solutions" by Dr. Roy M. Kottman, dean, college of agriculture and home economics, Ohio State University. Dean Kottman reviewed the current energy problems and shortages, and spent considerable time on the possibilities of new fuel sources and the need for  
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The latest in turf equipment (upper left) was on display for this year's show. Take it easy with E-Z Go, says the manufacturer (upper right). Here's a good example. OTF scholarships (middle left) went to Joe Renner, Clark Technical College (l) and Dick Kress, Agricultural Technical Institute (r). Lou Greco (c) was scholarship chairman. The Toro Greenmaster (middle right) represents the latest in greens mowing. GCSAA scholarships (middle) went to Ohio State University students Robert Cochran (l) and Mike O'Connell (r). John Spodnik (c) makes the presentation. Another scholarship winner was Scott Cook. New OTF president, Ron Smith (extreme lower left) of Bowling Green Univ. presents OTF Presidents Plaque to outgoing president Paul Morgan, Browns Run Country Club. Educational sessions were well attended as witnessed by this attentive crowd (below).



Walter Wagner, Lancaster Country Club, received the OTF Man-of-the-Year Award. He was cited for his outstanding contributions to the turfgrass industry. He and Mrs. Wagner were presented a commemorative plaque.

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this country to develop these alternate energy resources.

The following day attendees chose between three sessions: Industrial and Commercial Grounds, Golf Courses, or Schools and Athletic Grounds. Roger Thomas, Jacobsen Manufacturing Company, gave an address on thinking ahead and adequate planning to get the job done easier. A discussion on mowing was given by Dale Atkinson of Toro Manufacturing Company. He reported on proper mowing techniques, use and misuse of equipment, and proper maintenance of mowers for longer use.

The most recent information on

*Fusarium* blight was presented by Dr. Joe Vargas, Michigan State University. He explained the *Fusarium* — nematode interaction and the resulting turf injury. Several fungicides and nematocides are controlling *Fusarium* but they have to be watered into the turf root zone.

Walter Wilkie of March Irrigation and Supply Co. reviewed the metric system at the afternoon session. He explained why United States industry is suffering because it hasn't gone with the metric and the effects on golf courses and turf areas. He urged that we recognize the need and begin the switch to the metric system as soon as feasible.

Another highlight of the session was the awarding of student scholar-  
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Professional Excellence Awards were presented to five turfgrass leaders. They are (l-r) Sil Monday, Outdoor Recreation Association; Hartl Lucks, Chem-Lawn Corp.; Woodrow Wilson, Eastside Nurseries. Not pictured but award winners are: Dr. Joe Polivka, professor emeritus, OARDC; and Dr. Robert Schery, The Lawn Institute.



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Six students at Ohio State University received scholarships from the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation. They are: (l-r) Dr. Dave Martin, OSU turf advisor, Bill Job, Bill Huelsman, Rick Kucharski, Paul Revoldt, Bob Cochran and John Moser. Lou Greco, OTF scholarship chairman made the presentation.

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ships. Ohio Turfgrass Foundation scholarships were presented to Ohio State University students William Job, Robert Cochran, Paul Revoldt, John Moser, Rich Kucharski and William Huelsman. Students from Clark Technical College receiving OTF scholarships were Joe Renner, Dave Pollock, and Craig Schoenberger. Richard Kress also received a scholarship. He is a student at the Agricultural Technical Institute of The Ohio State University, Wooster, Ohio.

John Spodnik, past president, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, presented GCSAA scholarships to Ohio State University student's Michael O'Connell, Robert Cochran, and Scott Cook.

The annual banquet was preceded by a reception given by Lakeshore Equipment and Supply Company, Cleveland. Ohio Turfgrass Foundation Professional Excellence Awards were presented to Robert Schery, Better Lawn Institute, Marysville, Ohio; Dr. Joseph Polivka, professor emeritus, OARDC, Wooster, Ohio; Woodrow Wilson, Eastside Nurseries, Canal Winchester, Ohio; Hartl Lucks, Chem-Lawn Corp., Dublin, Ohio; and Sil Monday, Outdoor Recreation Association, Cleveland, Ohio.

Newly elected OTF President Ron Smith then recognized Dr. Robert Miller for his outstanding contribution in serving as Executive Secretary of the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation since its infancy. He was given the singular honor of a life-time membership in the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation.

The highlight of the evenings awards was the honoring of the OTF

Man of the Year for 1973. He is Walter Wagner, superintendent, Lancaster Country Club, Lancaster, Ohio. He has been active for many years in the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and is recognized as the dean of golf course superintendents in central Ohio.

New Officers of the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation for 1974 are: Ron Smith, Bowling Green State University, president; Paul Mechling, Sylvania Country Club, Sylvania, Ohio, first vice president; James Seigfreid, Losantiville Country Club, Cincinnati, Ohio, second vice president; and Glenn Hudson, Walnut Hills Country Club, Columbus, Ohio, treasurer. Paul Morgan, Browns Run Country Club, Middletown, Ohio, is past president.

Trustees are: John Fitzgerald, Century Toro Distributors; John Laake, Crest Hills Country Club; Lou Greco, Squaw Creek Country Club; Don Collins, Upper Landsdowne Golf Links; Bill Eble, Ohio Toro; Fred Buscher, area horticulture extension agent, Ohio Cooperative Extension Service; Art Edwards, publisher, WEEDS TREES AND TURF; Ron Giffen, Lakeshore Equipment and Supply Company and Mac Gilley, Findlay Country Club.

The concluding educational sessions were designed for builders and contractors, golf course superintendents, and landscape contractors. Dr. William Daniel of Purdue University presented an up-to-date report on the Purr-Wick greens system. There also were talks on fertilization, irrigation, and golf greens construction.

The 1974 Conference and Show of the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation will be held in Columbus, Ohio, December 3-5, 1974. □