

Melnor's Midwest Rep. Retires After 20 years

Melnor Industries of Moonachie, N.J., a leading manufacturer of lawn sprinklers and garden care products, has recently announced the retirement of Robert S. Black of Kansas City, Mo.

Black has represented Melnor for over 20 years in the states of Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska and southern Illinois.

According to Eugene C. Okin, vice president of marketing for Melnor, these states will now be serviced by Byler & Associates, Kansas City, Mo., who have over 20 years experience in the hardware/houseware industry.

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San Antonio's Harold Henk Named Turfgrass President

Harold Henk, San Antonio's superintendent of parks, is the new president of the Texas Turfgrass Association.

Henk was named to the post during the 29th annual Texas Turfgrass Conference at Texas A&M University. He succeeds Herman Johnson, landscape architect in Corpus Christi.

Dwight Anderson of Dallas City Parks Department was elected vice president, and Amos Mills of Watson Distributing Company, San Antonio, was chosen as executive secretary.

A record 435 persons registered for the conference according to Richard L. Duble, program chairman. Twenty-four commercial exhibits were also featured, Duble said, and the Association presented \$2,600 in scholarships to A&M agronomy students specializing in turf.

Municipal Arborists Group Elects Officers for 1975

Richard W. Boers, commissioner of forestry, Toledo, Ohio, was reelected president of the Society of Municipal Arborists at the 10th annual meeting in Chicago, Ill. Joseph H. Plante, Jr., city arborist, Providence, R.I., was elected vice president and Harold Robson, director of parks and forestry, Lake Forest, Ill., was elected to the executive committee.

Approximately 90 municipal arborists from Maine to California attended the three-day convention which included two days of meetings and a one-day bus tour of street trees in surrounding suburbs. Each delegate represented one city. The tour also included a visit to the Chicago Horticultural Society Botani-

cal Garden for lunch and equipment demonstrations.

During the business meeting, members approved a resolution to contribute \$2,100 from the society treasury to co-sponsor a film on the safe use of pesticides.

The 1975 meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, Hartford, Conn., Oct. 1-3 with Victor J. Jarm, director of parks and recreation, as local chairman.

Plant Propagator Society Honors 3 Horticulturists

Three University of California scientists were honored for their contributions to horticultural science.

Dr. Curtis J. Alley, a specialist in viticulture at UC Davis, Dr. Hudson T. Hartmann, professor of pomology at UC Davis, and Dr. Mildred E. Mathias, professor of botany emeritus at UCLA and director of UCLA's botanical gardens from 1956 to 1968, received merit awards from the International Plant Propagators Society during the 15th annual meeting.

Agrico Marketing Group Redefines Ag Sales Areas

A restructuring of Agrico Chemical Company's marketing department was announced by Agrico group vice president of marketing, R. R. Johnson. Agrico is a subsidiary of The Williams Companies.

Johnson said the new structure of the marketing group is responsive to Agrico's plans for increased production. Agrico's production is expected to increase by 50 percent by mid-1975 as a result of current expansion programs. The change, Johnson said, divides the marketing department into "agricultural" and "non-agricultural" sales areas.

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