

Industry News

Conservation cover plants released

Plant breeders of the Agricultural Experiment Station at the Pennsylvania State University have released Lathco flatpea and Tioga deertongue grass as conservation cover plants. Lathco flatpea is useful on old logging roads, transmission lines and pipelines, roadbanks and mine spoils.

Tioga deertongue grass is highly tolerant of acid soils and toxicity from aluminum and manganese. Its greatest use, according to the breeders, will be to help revegetate acid spoil banks and refuse banks.

Park system OK'd for Santa Monica

A master plan for the development of a 25,000-acre park system in the Santa Monica Mountains has been approved and construction is expected to begin within a year.

Parks will be built at Point Mugu, Malibu Creek and Topanga, and will incorporate many new features. Among these are a model farm, an American Indian cultural center, and 108 miles of hiking trails.

Parking areas, hotels, campgrounds and picnic areas will be placed on the fringes of each park so that most of the land can remain in a natural state.

USDA certifies new Lofts grasses

Lofts Pedigreed Seed, Inc. recently announced receiving Plant Protection Certificates for both their Yorktown and Diplomat Perennial Ryegrasses.

It takes from two to five years to get a certificate from the U.S.D.A., during which time it must be proven that the seed is both new and superior.

Dr. Fred Ledebauer, director of

research for the company, said that Yorktown produces grass distinguished by dark green color. It produces excellent turf when grown in a cold, humid environment and is resistant to leaf blights, he said.

Diplomat produces grass that has fine texture and a medium green color. Improved mowability and good summer performance are characteristics of Diplomat, he said.

Urban forestry works available

A compilation of the works of arboriculturists and urban forestry scientists from all over the world has been published by the University of Toronto Press.

Entitled, "Trees and Forests for Human Settlements", the paperback edition contains the full texts of 38 papers presented during symposia at the United Nations Habitat Forum, Vancouver, British Columbia, and at the 16th International Union of Forestry Research Organization, World Congress, Oslo, Norway.

The book is available from the Centre for Urban Forestry Studies, University of Toronto, 203 College Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 1A1. Copies are \$5.00.

Perlite Institute offers data sheet

Perlite Institute, Inc. has published a two-page data sheet titled "Horticultural Perlite for Successful Planting."

Covered in the new publication is a description, availability and properties of horticultural perlite. Also detailed are propagation, all purpose and soil amendment grades of horticultural perlite for rooting cuttings, potting and for lawn, flower and vegetable growing applications. Weight comparisons for loam and perlite-peat moss mixtures are included.

Copies of Bulletin HP-77, "Horticultural Perlite for Successful Planting," may be obtained from Perlite Institute, Inc., 45 West 45 Street, New York, NY 10036.

Brouwer expands Canadian plant

Brouwer Turf Equipment Limited, with a factory and offices located on a 50-acre site near Toronto, Canada, has completed a 38,000 sq. ft. expansion to this plant.

Brouwer's entry into the reel mower production and increased demand for harvesting equipment created the need for the additional space. The plant was opened in 1974 solely for the production of the company's sod harvester.

5000 attend GCSAA show

A record 5,200 people attended the 48th International Turfgrass Conference and Show in Portland, OR. sponsored by the GCSAA in February.

More than 1,000 GCSAA members were present, according to early tabulations.

The two attractions were the educational sessions and the displays of 166 exhibitors.

Fifty-seven experts in turf management and various aspects of research, equipment, chemicals and management conducted more than 39 hours of actual educational experiences.

Four preconference seminars attracted 126 superintendent-students and 17 others took the rigorous six-hour certification examination. Of those, 13 passed all portions of the exam becoming Certified Golf Course Superintendents. One is Thomas Malehorn, 23, golf course superintendent at Red Lion (PA) Country Club, the youngest superintendent ever certified. □