

VIEWPOINT

As promised, we have provided you with an improved journal. What do you think? We'd really like to know. Just write down your comments on this or any matter on the new post-paid, reader comment card and send it to us.

I hope you will use the new problem solving columns, Vegetation Management and Proscapes, to help you in your business. Or if you have a remark on any industry subject we'd like to see if others feel the same way. This can be accom-

plished in a letter column, which will premiere in the February issue.

We have had some feedback in regard to our desire to help bring a national affiliation of green industry associations to reality. It is apparent that to do this properly, months and years of planning and working together are needed. We urge everyone to avoid the temptation to rush into such an organization without the patient consultation of all industry groups and entities. We are certain that manufacturers would like to help, and of course all the trade publications. To build a solid and respectable foundation for lobbying efforts in Washington, D.C., there must be no taint of opportunism by any one organization or entity.

We urge the Golf Course Superintendents to sponsor discussions on such an organization at its national meeting in San Antonio. GCSAA has appointed a group to study such a cooperative effort for the green industries. The discussions should be many and held at all the various industry associations. Formation should occur as a result of cooperation among all the associations, and not by the efforts of just one group. To work it has to be comprehensive.

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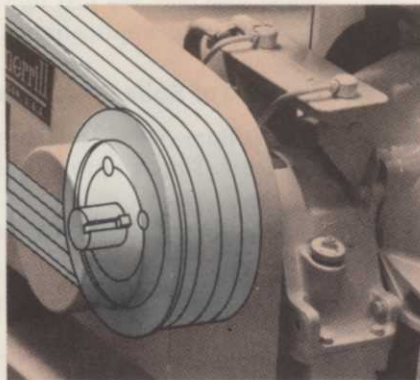


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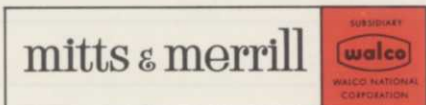


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