

# Landscape Contractor News

## ALCA annual meeting topics announced

Topics for the Associated Landscape Contractors of America annual meeting set for Feb. 3-8 at the Town and Country Hotel in San Diego have been announced. The theme of the meeting is "New Directions for the New Decade."

Specialty workshops for markets of potential for the 1980's include interior landscaping, design/build, new chemicals, erosion control, lawn care, new equipment and irrigation maintenance.

Business communications and creative thinking are special topics with special speakers. The yearly highlights including the Environmental Improvement Awards, trade exhibits by manufacturers, and membership meeting are planned.

On the social side, ALCA has arranged tours to Tijuana and LaJolla, buzz sessions to exchange ideas, and the President's banquet.

A seven-day adventure to Hawaii has been arranged for after the convention. The trip will include the islands of Hawaii, Maui and Kauai.

For information on the show contact Associated Landscape Contractors of America, 1750 Old Meadow Rd., McLean, VA 22102.

## Link new PGMS president

William H. Link, director of landscaping for Century Dev. Corp., Houston, TX, was elected president of the Professional Grounds Management Society at its recent annual meeting in Baltimore. John Vorst, parks supervisor for Tenafly, NJ, was elected president-elect. Earl Wilson of Maineville, OH, was elected vice-president and Robert Fisher of Mount Vernon, VA was elected treasurer.

Magazine columnist will conduct a seminar on personnel management.

The plant nutrition seminars will be taught by Dr. John Dunn of the University of Missouri, Dr. Ralph Engel of Rutgers, and Dr. Paul Rieke of Michigan State University.

Rain Bird's David Davis and Toro's William Speelman will conduct the irrigation seminar.

Interested persons should contact GCSAA, Larry Goldsmith, 913-841-2240.

## SEED

### Penncross, Penneagle sales limited to Toro

The marketers of Penncross and Penneagle creeping bentgrasses, Tee-2-Green Corp., has elected to sell the seed only through Toro distributors, unless a Toro distributor in an area turns down the chance.

B.H. Melton, president of Tee-2-Green, said the arrangement was made with Toro to lower distribution costs and to make the seed readily available to the consumer.

If a Toro distributor does not choose to participate, the dealership in his area will be offered to a seed

handler who calls on golf courses in the area.

The new marketing process will provide Tee-2-Green with better sales information and will enable the company to tailor marketing programs to usage areas.

### New bermudagrass resists winter-kill

A strain of bermudagrass discovered on a fairway in 1972 is showing good winter hardiness, outstanding vigor, and an attractive medium-green color in field tests conducted by Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Called VPI C-1, the bermudagrass forms a tight sod that tends to remain weed free and appears to tolerate traffic well.

Comparison plots are maintained at the Southern Piedmont Research and Continuing Education Center near Blackstone, VA. L.H. Taylor, professor of turfgrass and R.E. Schmidt, associate professor of turfgrass hope the strain can soon be named and made commercially available.

Kidwell Turf Farms in Baskerville, VA, assisted in providing material for the tests.

## CONFERENCE

### 1,500 expected at Ohio turf program

More than 1,500 turf and grounds specialists are expected to attend this year's Ohio Turfgrass Conference and Show at the Cincinnati Convention and Exposition Center Dec. 4-6.

The 150 booths in the exhibit hall have been sold out since July.

More than 20 hours of educational sessions have been planned. These sessions are divided into golf course and professional lawn service.

Educational sessions cover topics such as personnel management, pesticide and equipment developments, an update on liquid lawn care, and granular applications for professional lawn care.

Lodging reservations may be made at the Stouffer's Cincinnati Towers (513-352-2100). For further information contact the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation, 1827 Neil Ave., Columbus, OH 43210, 614-422-2591.

## NURSERY

### Industry loses two great leaders

Nurserymen mourned the death of two of the industry's greatest contributors in September; Henry Kohankie of Lake County, Ohio and Charles McFee, Jr., of Richmond, Virginia.

Although he retired in 1954, Henry Kohankie was regarded by Ohio nurserymen as a living legend because of his wide variety of types

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**Paspalum vaginatum**, a variety from Australia, is the subject of this turf plot demonstration by Orange County Farm Advisor J. Michael Henry during the University of California Field Day in Santa Ana in September. The new variety shows more salt tolerance and good winter color compared to other southern California turfgrasses.