

LANDSCAPE

CONTRACTOR NEWS

New ALCA officers nominated for 1980

Wally SaBell will head the Associated Landscape Contractors of America in 1980 and Allen Keesen, also of Colorado, will be president elect. Keesen is also chairman of the annual meeting in San Diego this winter.

Ritchie Skelton of Duncan Landscape Assoc. in Ohio and Ray Gustin III were nominated for vice president. Dave Pinkus of Dallas has been nominated as treasurer and Landon Reeve of Chapel Valley Nursery in Maryland as secretary.

The new officers will be elected and installed at the San Diego meeting.

NLA helps sponsor management clinic

The National Landscape Association and allied associations have put together a four-day Landscape/Garden Center Management Clinic for Feb. 10-13 in Louisville, KN. The clinic will cover such topics as liquidity, break even, building a cash budget, inventory management and managerial attitude. Interested persons should contact NLA immediately at 202-737-4060.

Dennis DiSanto dies of cancer

Active Ohio landscape contractor Dennis DiSanto died in December after a ten-month battle with cancer. Active in ALCA, NLA, and the Ohio Landscape Contractors Association, DiSanto and his brother George took their father's business and built it into a multi-service company, with indoor plant service, lawn care, and their own nursery.

DiSanto was a friendly and unselfish advisor to Weeds Trees & Turf and will be missed greatly.



Moving a 30-year-old Banyan tree down the Intercoastal Waterway near Miami Beach to its new home two miles away was the challenge of Ralph's Tree Service and landscape architect Jerry Peters. The tree was moved to the home of singer Julio Iglesias.

vide membership applications. There was obvious agreement in the lawn care sessions when need for protecting the image of professional firms came up. Representatives from ChemScape, Leisure Lawn, Barefoot Grass Lawn Service, ChemLawn Corp., and Hydro Lawn spoke during the sessions, in addition to turf specialists from Ohio State, Michigan State, and the Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster, OH.

Ohio now has a local needs label for Pirimor 50W for greenbug aphid control which will aid considerably in control of this pest in 1980. The product is manufactured by ICI Americas. Dr. Harry Niemczyk was able to derive the needed data in a matter of months with cooperation of ICI and Ohio turf professionals. Pirimor's effectiveness against the greenbug aphid is higher than others currently available.

To help lawn care applicators solve drift problems, Dr. Partyka of Chemscape showed the changes which occur in nearby ornamentals when they are damaged by phenoxy herbicides. The veins in new leaves are closer together and parallel. Also, some leaf cupping and stunting is found.

On the seed scene, Bob Petersen of E.F. Burlingham & Sons, gave delegates a rundown on the status of seed supply. A worldwide shortage of bentgrass was the major news due to rains at harvest time. This year's harvest of Kentucky bluegrass was also poor because of weather, but growers had good conditions this fall for planting the 1980 crop. Perennial ryegrasses were also effected by long rains to an extent, Petersen said, with a possible 40 percent reduction in the harvest. Fine fescues are in good shape, although Canadian growers have cut acreage on fine fescue recently. Petersen said there will be a great deal of pressure to get fine turfgrass seed harvested, cleaned and in the marketplace next August. Backstock of some seed types is very short he added and replenishing this backstock will take time.

OTF goes back to Columbus next year under new leadership since Dave Martin has moved over to ChemLawn's Detroit office. Bob Earley, associate publisher of Lawn Care Industry magazine, was elected a trustee for his efforts in promoting the lawn care market.