

Rumored cutbacks raise ire of AAN

According to the American Association of Nurserymen, strong indications are coming from Washington, D.C. alluding to plans to close the Agricultural Research Service's Nursery Crops Research Laboratory in Delaware, OH, and significantly reduce the scope of nursery-related research at the ARS laboratories in Mandan, ND, Corvallis, OR, and Tifton, GA.

The rumored reductions have brought an avalanche of protest and supporting arguments from the AAN office, including a 12-item list outlining the ARS' beneficial accomplishments to the nursery industry.

At press time, Duane F. Jelinek, director of horticultural services for the AAN, said the USDA's Six Year Implementation Plan 1984-1990, earmarked \$29 million in cuts in broad agricultural categories, underscoring the belief by the AAN that the cuts are more than rumored.

"The ARS in Wooster, OH, which is an entomology lab studying Japanese beetle control, was told to prepare for reassignment," Jelinek said. "For the

time being, this is on hold, however."

Jelinek also said an \$18.1 million cut is earmarked for horticultural crops, including research on nursery farming programs.

"They (USDA) are being very closed-mouth about the whole thing," he said.

A call from WT&T to the Washington office of the Agricultural Subcommittee, brought no response.

Jelinek credits the AAN's quick response to the alleged rumor as thwarting some of its impact for the time being.

In March, the AAN gave testimony before the House Appropriations Committee expressing its concern about the detrimental effects the cuts would have.

"Of all the segments of agriculture," the AAN concluded, "the nursery industry is one of the few which has neither sought nor benefitted from government subsidies. No federal funds have been expended for crop supports, marketing orders, etc. As such, the federal government's contribution of min-

imal research is a reasonable expenditure of federal government funds.

"The mission of the Agricultural Research Service is to 'plan, develop and implement research that is designed to produce the new knowledge and technologies required to assure the continuing vitality of the nation's food and agriculture enterprise.' The nursery industry is an agricultural enterprise."

The laboratories in question, the AAN said, provide essential applied research for the industry. Closing of the Delaware laboratory and reducing research at the other facilities would eliminate nearly all horticultural research by the Agricultural Research Service. Since virtually all nursery firms lack the size and resources to conduct research themselves, the AAN concludes the closings would be extremely detrimental to the industry.

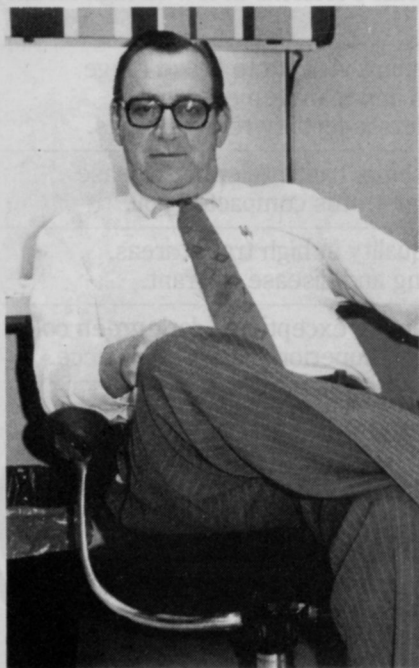
Jelinek said his office will continue to try to bring the alleged cutbacks out in the open and lobby for curtailment of reduced funding.

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CHEMICALS

Mobay's Benson retires after 20 years

After 20 years with the Mobay Chemical Corporation, Oscar Benson, adver-



tising manager for the Agricultural Chemicals Division, has retired to "fiddle with his gardening and cattle" on his small, Liberty, MO, farm.

Benson, 56, was responsible for ad accounts in excess of \$10 million for Mobay.

"I will miss the involvement with company and industry people that I had for the past 20 years, he told WT&T.

Benson had served the company as technical editor and assistant ad manager before being promoted to advertising manager. He was also a county extension agent at the University of Missouri before joining Mobay.

His replacement is Ron Miller, 46, formerly sales manager and assistant advertising manager, who says the department will continue to be run as it has in the past.

"Oscar is a tough act to follow," he said. "I've worked with him for the past 10 years and have learned a great deal, though."

Allen Haws, sales manager of Specialty Products for Mobay and who has known Benson for the past 15 years, respected him as a "sounding board and a man who did his best all the time."

"Oscar was genuinely interested in the business and was extremely con-

scientious. He will be missed," said Haws.



Morgan Is New ALCA Manager. The Associated Landscape Contractors of America selected Gail Morgan, formerly ALCA Director of Programs, to become its new executive director. Before joining ALCA, Morgan was the manager of a 3,500 member recreational facility in Arlington, VA. ALCA membership currently stands at 885.

GCSAA continues site search

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America is continuing its analysis of sites for its home office, currently located in Lawrence, KS.

At its Executive Committee meeting in May, the Relocation Committee continued to "set priorities," according to Director of Education Jim Prusa.

Suggestions of moving the headquarters out of Kansas has caused some controversy among members who feel the move would be a waste of GCSAA money.

"The committee began looking at the Lawrence, KS, site and the resources available at the University of Kansas," Prusa said.

University resources such as computer facilities, continuing education support, executive development and audio visual capabilities, because of monetary considerations, will play a major role in site selection.

Members of the Relocation Committee are James Wyllie, Robert Osterman and Riley Stottern. Members-at-large are Michael Heacock and Jim Taylor.

Ethics revision could hurt clubs

The American Bar Association Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility is evaluating judges belonging to private clubs with selective membership policies. A proposed resolution would make it a violation for judges to belong to such clubs.

The National Club Association is appealing to ABA regarding the "perception of bias" the committee has stressed. NCA fears the ban might extend to lawyers as officers of the court. The association says the rule violates the private lives of judges.

Golf clubs with selective membership stand to lose a significant number of members from the revision of the ABA Code of Ethics. Groups such as the Kiwanis, Elks, Rotary, Masons and Junior League would also lose judge members.

Golf Course Builders offer yearbook

Grass seed mixtures, British golf courses and the future "natural look" for American courses are featured in the 1983 yearbook of the Golf Course Builders of America.

The 44-page booklet, an annual publication of the golf course builders trade association, is available free from the association's Washington office, Suite 638, 1001 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D.C. 20036.

Larry Vetter, a turfgrass management specialist and a former golf course superintendent, discusses correct seed mixtures to achieve better quality at less cost. Vetter is manager of the Medalist Turf Products Division of the Northrup King Co., Minneapolis.

Arthur Jack Snyder, president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects, writes on the new look he anticipates for future American golf courses.

Howard Swan of Golf Landscapes Ltd., Brentwood, England, explains the difference between British golf turfgrass and American.

INDUSTRY

Jacobsen promotes Carter to vice presidency

Thomas M. Carter has been appointed Vice President of Engineering for Jacobsen Division of Textron Inc., Racine, WI.

Carter will continue to direct the design and development of new products, enhancement of current equipment, field and in-plant testing, exper-



imental programs, and cost analysis and comparisons. He will also be responsible for all Field Service activities including the company's factory training school, Field Service clinics and liaison with distributors and in-plant publications. Carter joined the company as Manager of Engineering in 1977 and was named Director of Engineering in 1980.

CHEMICALS

Diamond, Japanese plan joint venture

Diamond Shamrock and a Japanese chemical and pharmaceutical firm, Showa Denko, K.K., have entered into a preliminary agreement to form an international agricultural chemicals/animal health business.

The 50/50 joint venture will consolidate Diamond Shamrock's world-wide agricultural chemicals interests, animal health business and research facilities with Showa Denko's technical and marketing expertise. The Japanese firm's monetary investment was not disclosed.

The joint venture is subject to execution of a definitive agreement and approval from the appropriate U.S. and Japanese government agencies. A definitive agreement is expected to be reached in mid-1983.

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LANDSCAPE

UPDATE

Robertson director of programs

Linda A. Robertson has been appointed Director of Programs and Administration for the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Robertson, formerly ASLA's director of membership and chapter services, will be responsible for coordinating ASLA annual meetings, professional awards programs and educational seminars. Robertson replaces William W. Oyler who resigned from ASLA in February.

ASLA also announced the appointments of Teresa M. Morris, formerly membership coordinator, as director of membership; Anne M. Tierney, formerly project coordinator, as director of chapter services; and Ned Flaherty, formerly ASLA's automated systems consultant, as manager of information systems and landscape architecture bookstore.

For pricing and additional information, write Associated Landscape Contractors of America, 1750 Old Meadow Road, McLean, VA 22102, (703) 821-8611.

NLA elects new directors, officers

At the 44th annual meeting of the National Landscape Association, Joe Wayman of Forrest Keeling Nursery, Elsberry, MO, was elected the association's president and Robert Siebenthaler of The Siebenthaler Company, Dayton, OH, was elected its vice president. NLA's new secretary-treasurer is Denny Church of the D.R. Church Landscape Co., Addison, IL.

Directors elected for two-year terms are: Robert Siebenthaler, Richard Campbell of Campbell's Nursery & Garden Center, Lincoln, NE; and Wayne Hardy of Vista Landscaping, Orlando, FL. Gerald Harrell of Landscapes Unlimited, Houston, TX, was elected director-at-large.

ALCA tape offers irrigation basics

Contractors can learn about design and installation of landscape irrigation systems through a one hour, color, video tape called "Basic Landscape Irrigation" from the Associated Landscape Contractors of America. The program covers the basic essentials that need to be considered before undertaking the design and installation of an irrigation system.

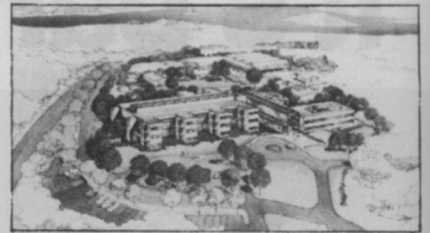
The videotape follows a professional contractor on a job from beginning to end. The tape shows how to measure and stake a project, install a complete system, flush it out and final fine-tuning adjustments to put it into operation.

Also included on "Basic Landscape Irrigation" is basic concepts of designing an efficient irrigation system. There are examples of various types of systems and treatments for different irrigation situations like lawns, groundcovers, flower beds, slopes, planters and other areas that need special consideration. The tape also examines in detail the various components such as sprinklers, drip equipment, valves, controllers, pipe and fittings and explains their operation, function and application in the system.

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For the last 15 years, Showa Denko and Diamond Shamrock have been in a joint venture in Japan for the production and sales of the fungicide, Daconil.

Diamond Shamrock's agricultural chemicals and animal health sales are expected to reach \$260 million in 1983 with operating profits of about \$40 million.



A new \$38 million agricultural chemicals research facility to be located in Richmond, CA, will consolidate the research and development activities of Chevron Chemical Company's Ortho divisions. The new facility, to be called Ortho Research Center, will comprise a two building complex enclosing 135,000 square feet. The new scientific complex is scheduled for completion and occupancy in 1985.

TURF

New York State turf field day set

Cornell University and the New York State Turfgrass Association will co-sponsor a turfgrass field day June 21 at the Turfgrass Field Laboratory, Ithaca, NY.

The all day program includes turfgrass management, diseases, fungicides, insect problems, insecticides, growth regulators, wetting agents and weed control. For more information, contact Dr. A Martin Petrovic, Plant Science Bldg., Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853.

SEED

Turf-Seed sponsors Blue Tag promotion

Turf-Seed, Inc. of Hubbard, OR is sponsoring a Blue Tag Promotion that is offering a free Oregon Deep Sea Salmon fishing trip, gourmet Hubbard hams and Oregon Products Gift Packs. Prizes will be awarded based on the total number of points accumulated during the promotion. Points will be awarded for each Oregon Blue Tag

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UPDATE

EPA, White House mix Superfund with politics

The resignation of Ann Gorsuch Burford and the installation of William Ruckelshaus as EPA Administrator overshadowed discoveries by a Congressional Subcommittee of political cooperation between Rita Lavelle, fired head of the hazardous waste program, and White House staff.

Lavelle's office was secured when she left and documents were found that indicated Lavelle met with White House aide James Medas in July 1982 to discuss how Superfund spending could be manipulated to help out candidates in close races for reelection. One example is the funding provided to Massachusetts months before the election to help former Governor Edward King.

Lavelle and Burford both face contempt charges. The subcommittee hopes to call Medas to testify to explain the notes found in Lavelle's office.

Label disposal guidelines expanded

New pesticide storage and disposal requirements for labels of pesticides have been expanded to include a mandatory disposal warning and directions for storage and disposal. Storage directions will cover temperature, humidity and handling. Disposal directions will be based upon container type, such as aerosol or plastic containers, and type of chemical.

Change in EPA leaders may delay FIFRA changes

A temporary hold on amendments to FIFRA until new EPA leadership has had time to make their own suggestions is being discussed by members of the House Agriculture Committee. A subcommittee to the committee has received numerous amendments to FIFRA and held hearings. A two-year extension for FIFRA is being considered giving the new administrator time to study the issues and changes required in FIFRA.

Caribbean Initiative reintroduced

The Senate Finance Committee has been holding hearings on Senate Bill 544, known as the Caribbean Basin Initiative. The bill passed the House prior to adjournment but was not considered by the Senate. The bill seeks to exempt nursery products from a duty-free status allowed to Caribbean growers. Leather and sugar have already been exempted from the duty-free status. The Interior Plantscape Association and the American Association of Nurserymen are supporting the bill.

saved that carries the variety name or seed mixture of a Turf-Seed, Inc. proprietary. Different seed kinds carry different point values. Varieties and mixes participating in the Blue Tag promotion and the corresponding point values are:

CBS, 1; Citation, 1; Omega, 1; Birdie, 1; Oregreen, 1; Birdie II, 1; Manhattan II, 1; Columbia, 2; Shasta, 2, Midnight, 2; N-535, 2; Fortress, 2; Shadow, 2; Waldina, 4; Aurora, 4; and Olympic, 1.

Each participant who accumulates any combination of tags valued at 2,000 points wins the fishing trip; 100 points wins a ham and 25 points earns a Gift Pack. Qualifying turf associations may redeem blue tags for cash at the rate of \$.50 per point. This program will have an initial run of three years. Tags can be saved from year to year.

TURF

Bidwell joins Tee-2-Green Corp.

The Tee-2-Green Corporation is sponsoring former golf course superintendent Warren Bidwell as speaker for local GCSAA chapter meetings and state agricultural schools offering a turf seminar program to discuss the merits of Penneagle and Pencross Bentgrass. Bidwell has over 52 years experience in turfgrass. His career has been varied, including major construction and landscaping. He was sent abroad by Tee-2-Green in 1974, '76, '80 and '81 to acquaint fellow turf growers with the merits of Penncross and later, Penneagle. On two occasions, he was guest lecturer at the South African Greenkeepers and Club Managers Associations, the 4th and 6th Australian Turf Conferences and the New Zealand Turf Seminar at Palmerston North, and later at the Kansai Turf Station in Japan.

Stauffer promotes Wissmiller in sales

Stauffer Chemical Company has named James E. Wissmiller national sales manager for the company's Agricultural Chemical Division.

For the past four years, Wissmiller has served as director of marketing for Stauffer Produtos Quimicos Ltda., Sao Paulo, Brazil, a wholly-owned Stauffer subsidiary. Since joining Stauffer in 1970, Wissmiller has also held positions in agricultural chemical sales and sales management. In his new position, Wissmiller will be located at the company's Westport, CT headquarters.