

WHOOPS!...A landscape architect does not a golf course architect make, says **F. Truitt Rabin Jr.**, ASLA, who was quoted in our April issue. "(In the article) I am described as a landscape architect and golf course designer. I surely do not consider myself a golf course architect," Rabin writes. "Perhaps 10 or 15 years ago I would have been naive enough to say, 'yes, our firm can lay out a golf course.' But, having worked with qualified golf course architects, I know that the art and science of golf course design is best in the hands of those trained to do it." Thank you for the clarification, Mr. Rabin.

FERMENTA RESPONDS...In the wake of the Prior vs. Diamond Shamrock (now Fermenta Plant Protection Inc.) lawsuit, Fermenta has issued a public statement defending its product, Daconil 2787. Daconil, of course, was declared innocent in the death of Navy Lt. George Prior. The statement noted that Daconil has been used on golf course turf for more than 18 years with more than 3 billion rounds of golf being played without any reported incidents of toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN), which Lt. Prior died from. "A review of all medical writings regarding TEN confirmed that Daconil 2787 has never been associated with the disease," it concluded.

CHARTER MEMBERS...Whitey Herzog, manager of last year's National League champion St. Louis Cardinals, and his wife Mary Lou were presented charter memberships in the Champions League of Quail Creek Golf Club, St. Louis. Course president **Richard J. Stahlhuth** and **Hale Irwin**, a fellow St. Louis sports figure and course designer, also presented the Herzogs with an architect's rendering of the course. The Champions League was established by Irwin to honor sports figures who exemplify the spirit and determination of St. Louis sporting tradition. Members are entitled to complimentary golf and other benefits.

ARNIE'S ARMY...Lofts Seed will continue to march in step with golf great **Arnold Palmer** until 1993. Lofts president **Jon Loft** recently made the agreement with Palmer, who has served as a company spokesman for nine years. One of Lofts' proprietary ryegrasses is named after Palmer.

GREAT AMERICAN...You need a trencher? Go with Ditch Witch, *Fortune* magazine says. *Fortune* named Ditch Witch trenchers one of the "100 Products America Makes Best" in its March 28 issue. "Building a family business from a single idea," notes president **Ed Malzahn**, "and watching an entire industry spring up is exciting. We believe it is indicative of never giving up...never sacrificing principles for expediency or quick profit."

PEOPLE

Penn State agronomist retires after 30 years

John C. Harper II, an extension agronomist at Pennsylvania State University, retired June 30 from his position with the university.

"It caught us a bit by surprise," notes Elwood Hatley, Ph.D., one of Harper's colleagues at Penn State.

Harper was a fixture in the Agronomy Department for 30 years. "I just figured I'd worked enough," Harper decided. He will remain in contact with the industry as a turf consultant.

"He was kinda Mr. Turf around here for so long," Hatley adds. "It will be hard to fill his shoes."

Before joining the staff at Penn State, Harper was an agronomist with Toro. Before Toro, he headed USDA's Beltsville, Md. research facility. He received his Ph.D. from Penn State.

In addition to consulting, Harper plans to travel and play golf in his retirement.



Dr. John Harper

SEED

Oregon seedsmen to publish report

The Oregon Seed Council and the Oregon Seed Trade Association will publish a "State of the Industry" report about Oregon's multi-million dollar seed business.

"This report will review our history, provide useful reference and explain many of the technical aspects of the business," says Dennis Hays, executive director of the Oregon Seed Trade Association. "We want to educate our legislators and other Oregonians about how vital this industry is."

The 32-page, full-color magazine will be mailed in mid-September and will be published by Medi-America, Inc. It will be circulated to agricultural professionals, public officials, regulatory agencies and legislators. It will also appear in next month's *Oregon Business* magazine.

WEEDS

Weevil and spraying control water hyacinth

A weevil introduced in Florida 16