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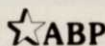
Photomicrographs are used by scientists to probe the unseen. Our cover this month takes the reader into the unknown. This is an extreme exposure to a turfgrass disease that plagues almost every superintendent and maintenance man in the business. For details on this unusual picture, see our cover story "Probing The Unseen" on page 10.

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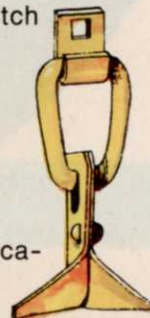
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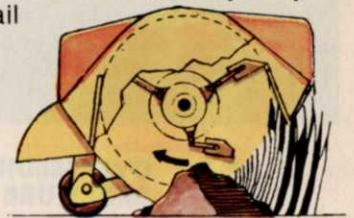
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## Editorial

Decline in rail transportation of goods may soon take a swing in the opposite direction, if Federal Highway Administrator Norbert T. Tiemann has his way.

Speaking out in what amounts to the first positive stand for sensible movement of goods over long distances, he predicts that pressures of growth and shortages of energy will dictate greater use of railroads in the future. Pressures for increasing the current size and weight limits on motor carriers, pressures to develop separate rights-of-ways for passenger and freight vehicles, pressures to develop other modes of freight transportation—all these and others are causing the present Administration to once again turn to America's most economical transportation system.

Why the delay? Box cars (freight units) coupled end to end and pulled by a single power source represent rolling economies in fuel, space and efficiency. For long distance terrestrial hauling, railroads have always been the most economical mode.

Yet, during our lifetime, changes in technology have nurtured the maturity of transportation systems such as airplanes, pipelines, autos and trucks. Industry's race to develop, build, compete, expand and profit has perpetuated the long-haul-by-truck-to-save-time concept.

So when railroads began slipping off their mighty throne, multi-wheeled leviathans lumbered onto highways built originally for passenger traffic and

## Let's Put The Railroads To Work

skimmed the gravey off the long haul, high ticket value items. The result is that in 1972, combinations of trailer and semi-trailer vehicles totaling 990,000 traveled almost 47 billion miles and consumed over 8.5 billion gallons of fuel.

In short, we now have paid dearly to buy those few hours of precious time.

Administrator Tiemann now has proposed that we develop a long-range solution. He suggests shifting freight from roads to rails in a coordinated system of freight transportation. To carry his idea ahead motor carriers would perform pick-up and delivery services, and short-haul intercity movements. Intermodal terminals could be jointly operated. Railroads would handle the line-haul portion of long distance movements. Thus "... railroads become the wholesalers of transportation ... while motor carriers would become, in effect, retailers of transportation," he says.

The Green Industry stands to gain from this directly. Greater use of railroads will necessitate more and better maintenance of rights-of-ways. The possibility of separate highways for motor carriers moving freight short distances creates more miles to be patrolled in vegetation care. Terminals will mean bareground weed control to reduce the chance of fire, etc. Landscaping will be needed. Tree and ornamental care possibilities emerge.

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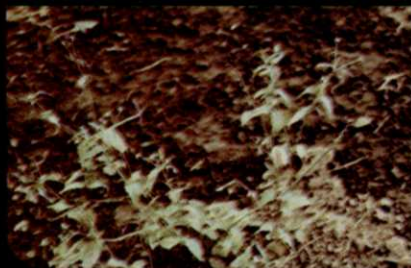
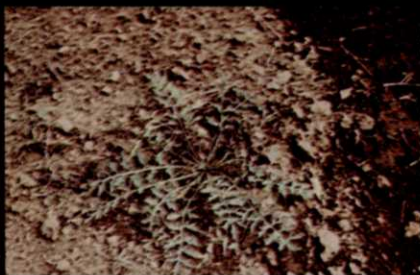
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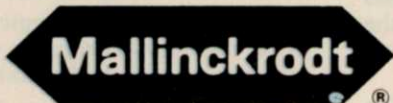


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THE COVER

## Probing The Unseen

Feeling like Gulliver in this Lilliputian world known only to mortals with microscopes, we must stare with awe at the marvels of nature. What you see on this page and also on the cover of this issue represents man's ability to penetrate the unseen.

These are spores and mycelium of *Helminthosporium sativum*. They were trapped in this photomicrograph taken by Dr. Houston B. Couch, professor and head of the department of plant pathology and physiology, Virginia Tech. Technically this disease of turf is also known as *Helminthosporium sorokinianum*.

But commercial turfgrass managers know it better as leafspot.

This particular strain is perhaps the most destructive of the many Helminth strains. It most commonly affects Kentucky bluegrass, annual bluegrass, creeping bentgrass and creeping red fescues. It should not be confused with melting out, a characteristic identified by *Helminthosporium vagans*. Rather, leafspot actually blights the lamina (extended parts of the leaf). This causes a sudden collapse and drying of the leaf blade, after which the leaves blanch to a light straw color.

How fast does this occur. The

photo you see here contains only a few isolated spores. In turf, millions of those spores can germinate within a very short time. During warm, humid weather, leaf blighting may occur with four or five days from the time of initial infection. It's been reported that leafspot is temperature related. The higher the temperature the greater the damage resulting from the disease.

Leafspot survives the winter as dormant mycelium (the chainlike structures in the photo) in infected plants and infested debris such as thatch. It initially develops on this dead tissue, but can just as easily develop on dead tissue of growing plants. According to Dr. Couch, on Kentucky bluegrass leaves, spores germinate in 30 to 40 minutes from the onset of optimum environmental conditions.

Carbohydrate levels as a factor of plant nutrition are not of importance in determining the proneness of Kentucky bluegrass to *Helminthosporium* leafspot. Tests have shown that the susceptibility of Kentucky bluegrass to leafspot increases with increasing rates of nitrogen fertilization.

How can you control leafspot? Cultural practices including fertilization and mowing should be practiced. Seed varieties exhibiting some resistance to leafspot have been developed; more will be coming. Fungicides are available to effectively control the spread of the disease. Among the many are: Dyrene, Daconil, Thiram, Zineb, Tersan LSR, Actidione, and others.

### Disease Control Planning Is Needed

On many golf courses disease control was a relatively simple business until irrigated fairways and the new systemic fungicides came along. Since then life has become more complicated every year.

In the good old days of dry fairways, drought damage overshadowed disease problems, thus, the greens and sometimes tees were a superintendent's only worry.

Irrigated fairways created 30-40 acres of potential "sick grass." A single fungicide application to fairways may involve an investment from \$500 to as high as \$6,000.

The older metallic fungicides such as the mercury to cadmium materials and even organic protectants such as

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