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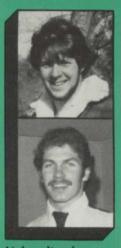
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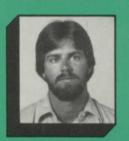


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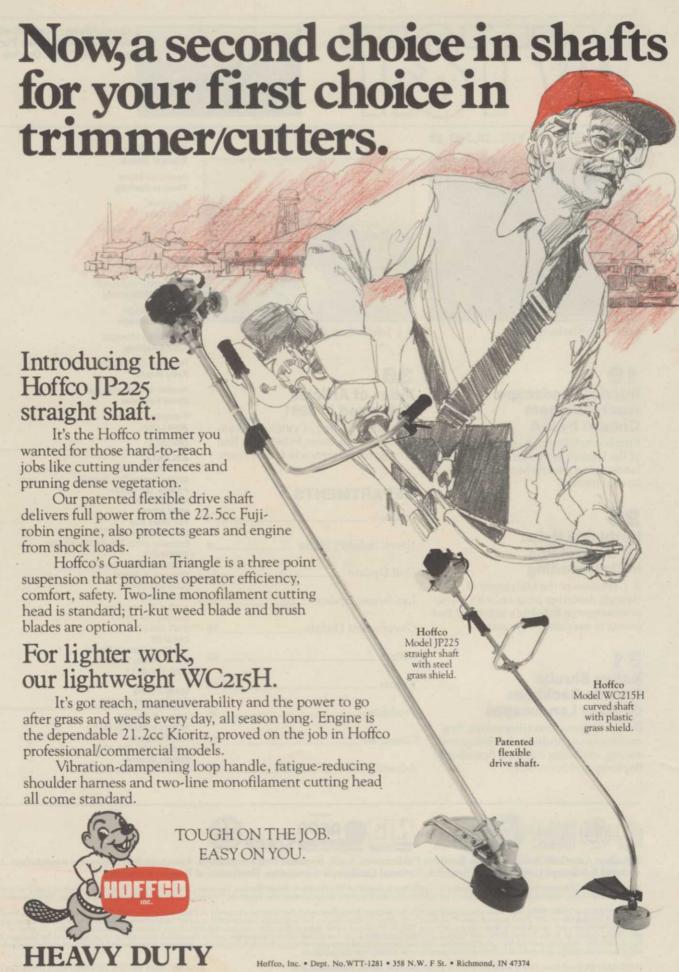
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Residential construction is a moving target

Many facets of the Green Industry depend upon the residential construction market. Tight money is causing an acceleration of changes in this business sector. The landscape industry must accelerate its changes to keep up.

Residential construction starts are down severely while apartment conversions are way up. Condo or coop living is gaining acceptance. The young, home-owning family is disappearing in the suburbs as is construction of small, single family homes. The big homes are being built at a conservative

First time home buyers are getting older and are in higher income brackets. Nevertheless, due to high mortgage payments, they have no more disposable income than younger couples of five years ago.

Many families are asking if a single family residence is worth the money and effort to maintain. They have a better selection of condominiums to choose from, where they can avoid yard care worries.

Of course, the harder you work for something, the better you take care of it. Those that struggle and succeed in breaking the new home barrier are more careful and more interested in their property. They won't jeopardize the value of their home with a cheap landscape.

For this reason, the willingness of a homeowner to call a professional landscaper is greater. They want the job done properly. If they don't enjoy

the landscape, it is at least insurance for property values.

Contractors should realize their residential customer is older, wiser, and probably more concerned about the landscape. They want to know more than the garden center can provide. They know good things are more

The landscape nurserymen, the original landscape contractor, no longer has the time to assist a customer design his landscape and select the proper plant material. The large garden center has let service slip to keep up with the volume demand of mass merchandising. Too often, there is only one knowledgeable person to answer the questions of tens of customers. That is insufficient to answer the questions of new homeowners who want to make sure they are not buying a mistake.

Garden centers must make a better effort to educate by wall displays, brochures, and knowledgeable sales people. If they do not, the homeowner will

pay the landscape contractor to do the job correctly.

The landscape contractor must also allow time to answer customer questions. Work with homeowers who must phase landscaping. Stress that plant varieties commonly found in mass merchandising establishments have weaknessess not found in improved varieties. Excite them with your designs and earn their dependence with quality installation.

Part of the success of the lawn care market is the professionalism of its marketing material. Simple doorhangers don't work anymore. It takes colorful, educational, and impressive literature to get the attention of today's homeowner. They require more of your time to explain things. Price ironically is less a factor than quality. They need to see that the landscaper knows horticulture and design.

The residential property owner is changing. It's time to change our meth-

ods of reaching him or her.

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Winter Marks Beginning of Show Season



Rutgers Field Day had both good weather and attendance in October.

As the cool weather began to roll into the various parts of the United States, three well-attended turf shows in such diverse areas as New Jersey, California and Florida marked the beginning of show season.

More than 600 turf managers attended the New Jersey Turfgrass Field Day at Rutgers Stadium in October. Dr. Henry Indyk led demonstrations of athletic field care and renovation while distributors displayed their equipment on the nearby golf course.

Seed, chemical and equipment distributors were able to show their wares, describe them, and clear up confusion as to shortages for the coming year. Equipment distributors showed their new models for 1982. Show attendants were able to try out all models for themselves if they chose.

There was considerable discussion of shortages of Dacthal and possible substitutes, especially in fertilizer mixtures. Seed and chemical company technical representatives were there to explain management techniques and product performance.

The field day precedes the New Jersey Turf Expo in Cherry Hill by two months, so those who were introduced to products at the field day can get final answers at the Expo on December 7-10. It is a system that New Jersey turf managers appear to like and support.

California

"Well planned, superbly conducted; informative and fulfilling" were some of the comments of the 185 industry personnel who attended the University of California Turfgrass Field Day at the South Coast Field Station, Santa Ana, CA.

Highlighting the latest research information were farm advisors John Van Dam and Mike Henry, turfgrass specialist Dr. Victor Gibeault, plant

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John Van Dam (second from left) discusses cool season cultivars with industry leaders at the University of California Turfgrass Field, South Coast Field Station, Santa Ana. CA.

PENNEAGLE Creeping Bentgrass



The grass that re-greened Butler National

A devastating grass disease virtually destroyed the greens at Butler National Golf Club, Oak Brook, Illinois, home of the Western Open, shortly before the 1980 tournament. The Butler Board of Directors decided to replace the grass on all greens and after viewing several varieties of bentgrass in the Chicago area, they selected Penneagle Creeping Bentgrass for the restoration program.

Dr. Joseph M. Duich, professor of Turf Science. Penn State University, and

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course was seeded to Penneagle Bentgrass.

By November the course was pronounced in excellent condition and by the 1981 Western Open the course drew raves from players and spectators alike.

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