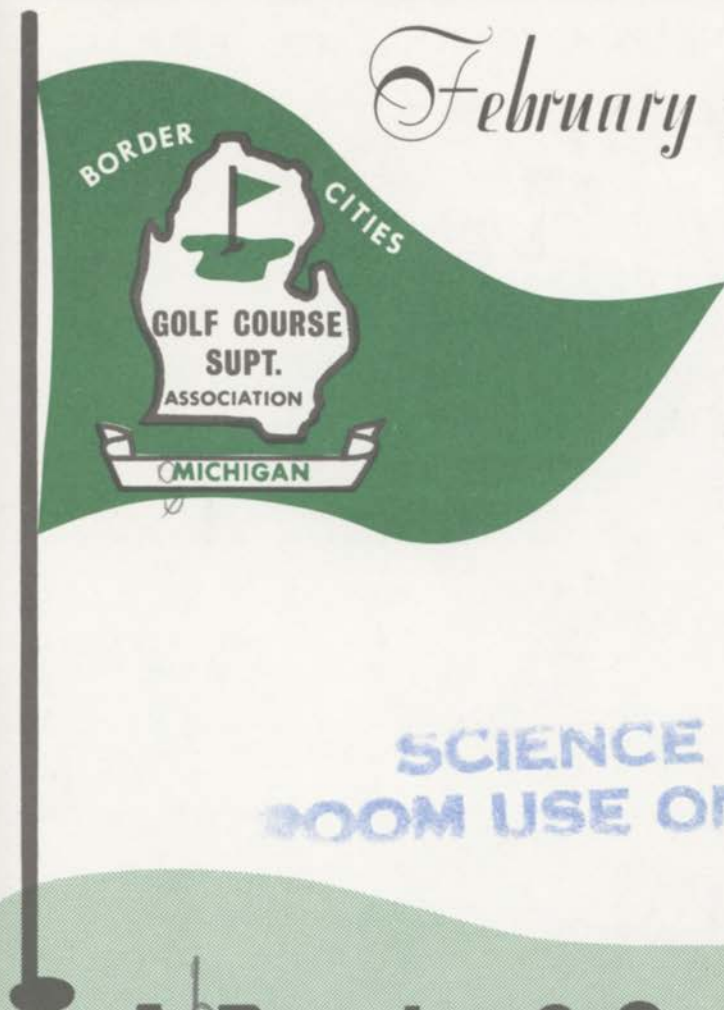


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We have just completed our second year of publishing "A Patch of Green." We are proud to write that our second year was far more successful than our first year; and we look forward to our third year as being the best year of all.

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Clem Wolfrom has been appointed as co-editor and he has already been given the nickname of "Scoop Wolfrom."

We plan on covering the social activities of the Association a little better and maybe starting a gossip column!

This year will start out quite slow as far as the Association is concerned because of the early date of the National Conference - our first meeting will be in late March. Most of our members are taking their vacations in February.

Your President,
Ted Woehrle, C.G.C.S.

GCSAA Conference Sets Attendance Record

A huge success - over 4,300 people attended the Conference - A new record.

Michigan was well represented with over 50 Superintendents and guests. The Michigan hospitality room was well organized and well attended. We have Gene Johaningsmeier and his wife Barbara to thank for acting as official host and hostess.

Others helping were Bob and Jackie Hope, Jim and Barbara Timmerman, and a host of others that worked so hard to make the room so much fun.

We had a little International flavor added when many of the English and Scottish Superintendents visited our room. Thanks to all of you that donated your time and booze. Our room would not have been the same without your help.

This fine tradition should be continued again next year.

The OSHA Dirty Dozen

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Gary Bartsch Resigns

Gary Bartsch, Superintendent of Pine Lake C.C., has resigned as Superintendent of Pine Lake and as Director of the Michigan and Border Cities G.C.S.A.A. effective February 2, 1973. He will begin working for the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Park District February 5, 1973.

Replacing Gary at Pine Lake will be Roger Gill, formerly of the Royal Oak Golf Club.

We wish Gary all the luck and best wishes in his future endeavors.

Replacing Gary on the Board of Directors will be Don LaFond, Superintendent of Bay Pointe Golf Club. Don was appointed by President, Ted Woehrle to fill Gary's spot on the Board for the remainder of this year. Next year we will have to elect someone for the remaining one year.

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Don Clemans Returns to Michigan

Don Clemans is the new Golf Course Superintendent at Wabcek C.C.

Don and his family recently returned to the area after serving as Superintendent at the Columbus C.C., Columbus, Ohio.

He was at Orchard Lake C.C. when last in Michigan. Welcome back, Don. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Don replaces Lee Schmidt who is now at the Bar Ranch at the Camp of Golf at the Romana, Dominican Republic.

A recent card from Lee expresses his thanks to his friends for their thoughtfulness. He is learning to speak Spanish and says that he can get along pretty good with his crew.

MBCGCSA Meeting Sites Needed

We need help in finding locations for our monthly meetings. Ask your Club officials if we would be welcome at your Club - Call Don LaFond if you can help.

culture by showing up in large numbers at the Kellogg Center for Continuing Education on January 16 and 17, 1973.

Specific subject material will be discussed in later issues. Once again the conference proceedings will be published for all who attended and all members of the Turfgrass Foundation.

It was pointed out to us that many clubs in Michigan think they are members of the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation, but they aren't. If you have doubts, please check. We will have membership applications with us at all meetings.

New directors elected this year are Gordy LaFontaine and Ward Swanson. George Prieskorn was elected President.

Certification Program Hits 100

The Golf Course Superintendents Certification Program has certified its 100th member. A milestone has been reached. Michigan has five Certified Superintendents.

Bob Hope and George Grober were the latest members to become Certified. Others in the state are Clarence Wolfrom, "Tuck" Tate, and Ted Woehrl.

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Richard Manahan Joins Lawn Equipment

Richard B. Manahan has been added to the sales staff of Lawn Equipment Corporation in Royal Oak. He will be responsible for outside customer sales.



Before joining Lawn Equipment, he was most recently employed by Century Supply Corp., of Berkley.

After completing four years at Michigan State University, specializing in Ornamental Horticulture, he elected to move into the general turf field, as salesman for various companies.

Dick and his wife, Joyce, reside in Romeo with their two daughters, Pam and Lori Gay.

Golf Day Date Set

It was announced by Roger Gill, Chairman of the Golf Day Committee, that the Golf Day will be held on Monday, September 17, 1973, at Bay Pointe Golf Club.

Plan now to participate. Volunteer to help on some committee.

policies. The following changes are in effect as of October 1, 1972.

SICKNESS (NO EXCUSE) We will no longer accept your doctors statement as proof. We believe that if you are well enough to go to the doctor, you are able to come to work.

DEATH (OTHER THAN YOUR OWN) This is no excuse - there is nothing you can do for them and we are sure someone else can attend the funeral. However, if the funeral can be held in the late afternoon, we will be glad to let you off one hour early, provided your work for the day is completed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE (FOR AN OPERATION ONLY) We are no longer allowing this practice. We wish to discourage any thought that you may need an operation. We wish to discourage this because we believe that while you are an employee here, you will need all of what you have and you should not consider having anything removed. We hired you as you are and to have anything removed would certainly make you less than we bargained for.

DEATH (YOUR OWN) Rarely is this accepted as an excuse, but we will require two weeks notice as we feel it is your duty to train someone to fill your position.

Also, entirely too much time is being spent in the restrooms. In the future, we will follow the practice of going in alphabetical order. For instance, those whose names begin with "A" will go from 8:00 to 8:15, "B" will go from 8:15 to 8:30, etc. If you are unable to go at your time, it will be necessary to wait until the next day when your turn comes again.

Article submitted by:
Dennis McCammon,
Springfield C.C., Va.

The Changing Times

Everything is farther than it used to be. It's twice as far from my house to the station now, and they've added a hill that I've just noticed. The trains leave sooner, too, but I've given up running for them because they go faster than they used to.

Seems to me they are making staircases steeper than in the old days. The risers are higher and there are more of them, because I've noticed it's harder to make two at a time. It's

all one can do to make one step at a time.

Have you noticed the small print they are using lately? Newspapers are getting farther and farther away when I read them, and I have to squint to make out the news. Now it's getting ridiculous to suggest that a person of my age needs glasses, but it's the only way I can find out what's going on without someone reading aloud to me, and that isn't much help because everyone seems to speak in such a low voice that I can scarcely hear.

Times are sure changing. The material in my clothes, I notice, shrinks in certain places (you know, like around the waist, or in the seat). Shoe laces are so short they are next to impossible to reach.

Even the weather is changing. It's getting colder in winter and the summers are hotter than in the good old days. Snow is so much heavier when I shovel it, and rain is so much wetter that I have to wear rubbers. I guess the way they build windows now makes drafts more severe.

People are changing, too. For one thing they are younger than they used to be when I was their age. On the other hand, people my own age are so much older than I am. I realize that my generation is approaching middle age.

I ran into my roommate the other night, and he had changed so much that he didn't recognize me. "You've put on a little weight, Jim," I said. "It's this modern food," Jim replied. "It seems to be more fattening."

I got to thinking about poor Jim this morning while I was shaving. Stopping for a moment, I looked at my reflection in the mirror. They don't use the same kind of glass in mirrors any more.

GCSAA Golf Tournament

The Annual GCSAA Golf Tournament was held January 15-16, 1973, at the beautiful Port Royal Inn & Golf Club, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. The MBCGCSA was represented by George, Earl and Bob Prieskorn, Frank Forier, Bob Fauteck and Bill Davis.

The contingent from Michigan made their presence felt by George Prieskorn winning closest-to-the-hole contest—just over four feet from the pin—and Frank Forier winning the exhibitors class with a two-round total of 172. Congratulations fellows! The four-man team event was not entered because they lacked one Class A Superintendent.

The report is that everything was great, the tournament was run well, good golf course and weather. But they tell me beer was \$8.00 a case in South Carolina, and that's rough on the expense account.

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CLASS II MEDIUM PRUNING

Removal of dead, dying, diseased, interfering, objectionable and weak branches.

Medium pruning shall consist of the removal on the main trunks and limbs inside the leaf area and any that extend beyond this area. The described branches to 1" (size of a quarter) may remain within the leaf area to their full length.

This work will be accomplished within the following specifications:

A. All cuts to be made sufficiently close to the parent stem so that healing

can readily start under normal conditions.

B. All limbs one inch in diameter (size of a quarter) or over must be precut to prevent splitting. All branches 3-1/2" in diameter should be lowered by proper ropes to the ground.

C. Paint all cuts, old and new, one inch in diameter (size of quarter) and over with an approved tree wound dressing. On old wounds care is to be taken to paint exposed wood only.

D. On trees known to be diseased, tools are to be disinfected with alcohol after each cut and between trees, where there is a known danger of transmitting the disease on tools.

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E. Old scars not healing properly and where callus growth is not already established are to be traced and painted, unless other treatment is designated.

F. All girdling roots visible to the eye are to be reported.

G. Any structural weakness, decayed trunk or branches, split crotches, or branches, should be reported.

CLASS III SAFETY PRUNING

Removal of dead, diseased or weak branches.

Safety pruning shall consist of the removal of the described branches to a size that in falling would injure a person.

This work is subject to the following specifications:

A. All cuts to be made sufficiently close to the parent stem so that healing can readily start under normal conditions.

B. All limbs over two inches in diameter to be removed by precutting to prevent splitting. Lowering of any branches by proper ropes that would injure the tree by falling.

C. Paint all cuts made in accomplishing this work, with an approved tree wound dressing.

D. On trees known to be diseased, tools are to be disinfected after each cut and between trees with alcohol, where there is known to be danger of transmitting the disease on tools.

E. Any structural weakness, decayed

trunk or branches, split crotches, or branches should be reported.

F. Suggested minimum for safety pruning...remove limbs to two and one half inches diameter and five feet in length. Account should be taken of location of tree and tree variety in applying the above.

CLASS IV CUT BACK OR TOPPING

The reduction of tops, sides, under-branches or individual limbs.

This work must be accomplished with the following specifications:

A. All cuts to be made sufficiently close to the parent stem so that healing can readily start under normal conditions.

B. All limbs one inch in diameter (size of a quarter) or over must be precut to prevent splitting. All branches 3-1/2" in diameter should be lowered by proper ropes to the ground.

C. Paint all cuts old and new one inch in diameter (size of a quarter) and over, with an approved tree wound dressing. On old wounds care is to be taken to paint exposed wood only.

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F. All girdling roots visible to the eye, where practicable, should be treated as follows:

1. When *cut back or topping trees*, drop crotch as much as possible, avoid cutting back to small suckers. Remove smaller limbs and twigs in such a manner as to leave the foliage pattern evenly distributed.

2. In reducing overall size, attention is to be given to symmetrical appearance. Top is to be higher and sides reduced in order to maintain a tree-like form.

3. On thin bark trees, just enough limbs should be removed to get the effect wanted without admitting too much sunlight to the trunk of the tree or to the top of the large branches. Care should be taken with the following trees: Lindens, Sugar Maples, Red Maples, Beeches, Apple, Oaks and other trees susceptible to sunscald growing in different geo-

graphical areas. The above damage may be minimized by doing work on susceptible trees during the dormant season.

4. When cutting back trees, one should have in mind to make them shapely and typical of their species.

5. In lifting the bottom branches of trees for underclearance, care should be given to symmetrical appearance, and cuts should not be made so large they will prevent normal sap flow.

6. Periodical *cut back or topping* of Silver Maples, Poplars and other trees with brittle and soft wood is an established practice and has proven beneficial in maintaining the safety of these trees over long periods of growth. Other trees with soft and brittle wood growing in different geographical areas may be specifically named when it is common practice to control the growth by *cut back or topping*.

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7. In general reduction of size (*cut back or topping*) not more than one-third of the total area should be reduced at a single operation.

TERMINOLOGY

Callus new growth made by the cambium layer around all wound.

Cambium Layer Growing point between the bark and sapwood.

The **Cut** is the exposed wood area that remains after the branch has been removed.

Cut Back is the specified reduction of the overall size of the tree or individual reduction of the sides as well as the top of the tree.

Dormant, a condition of non-active growth. Deciduous trees are considered to be dormant from the time the leaves fall until new foliage begins to appear.

Girdling Roots, located above or below ground level, whose circular growth around the base of the trunk or over the individual roots applies pressure to the bark area, thereby choking or restricting the flow of sap.

Healing, refers to the roll of the callus growth around the wound area.

Lifting, the removal of lower branches for underclearance.

Paint, an approved tree wound dressing, usually to contain a disinfectant and usually of asphalt base. Paint to be free of the materials toxic to callus formation.

Parent Stem, the main trunk system of the tree.

Precut or Precutting, the removal of the branch at least 6 inches beyond the finished cut, to prevent splitting into parent stem or branch.

Pruning, the removal of dead, dying diseased, interfering, objectionable and weak branches in a scientific manner.

Sap Flow, the definite course assumed by sap in its movement through a tree.

Scars, natural or man-made lesions of the bark in which wood is exposed.

Suckers, abnormal growth of small branches usually not following the general pattern of the tree.

Thinning Out, the removal of live branches to create more space.

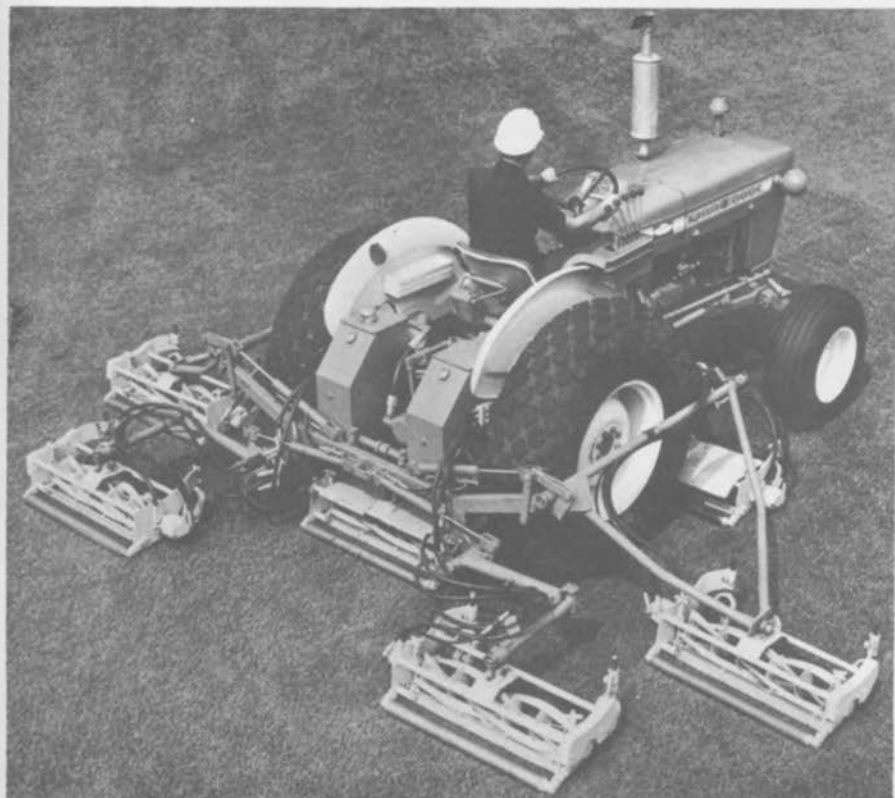
Topping, means the same as Cut Back.

Tracing, scientific cutting of the bark along the lines of sap flow to encourage healing and to be the outline of the wound area.

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