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President's Message

The 45th Annual Turfgrass Conference & Show held in Anaheim, California was another great success.

A record 5,017 people registered at the conference. It seems like every year a new record is set in attendance and this is a fine tribute to our profession. Those of you who were in Anaheim saw a fine educational program, a great equipment show and the weather wasn't bad either.

My congratulations go to Ted Woehrle for being re-elected to the National Board of Directors for a term of two years. Nice going, Ted!!!

I would also like to congratulate two of our local members, George Prieskorn and Jerry Faubel, for their fine contributions to the educational program.



The Annual Golf Tournament was won by the Connecticut Association, but right behind them, a close second, was the Michigan foursome composed of Bob, Earl and George Prieskorn and Ward Swanson. Go get'um next year fellas. Bob Prieskorn also finished second in the seniors division.

My personal thanks go to all of our members for the excellent representation we had in Anaheim. Much knowledge is gained through your participation at this national conference.

The Hospitality Room was again manned by Bob and Jackie Hope and Gene and Barbara Johanningsmeir. A special thank you to these people for their rewarding efforts.

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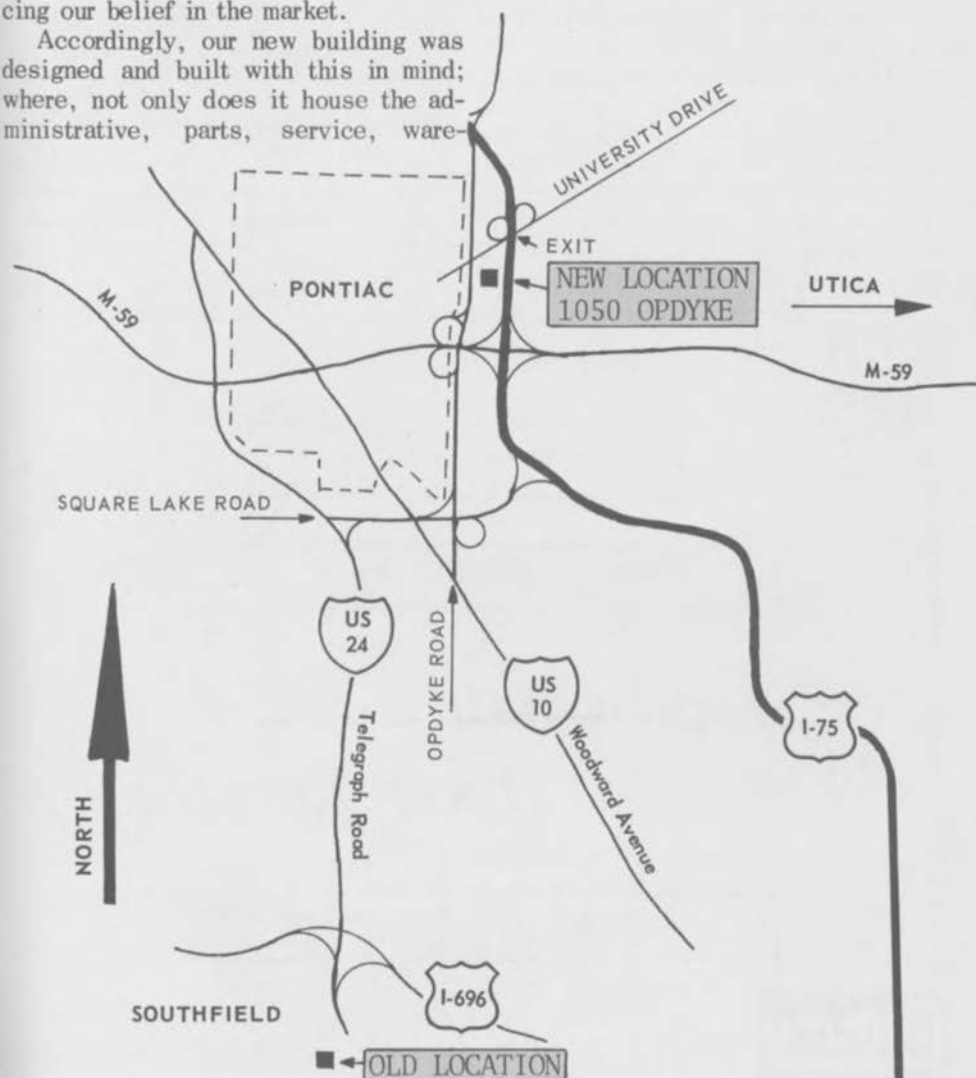
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Best regards,
Walter J. Wilkie



MSU Conference Breaks Record

Despite the energy crisis and the apparent shortage of gasoline it didn't curtail attendance at the 44th Annual Michigan Turfgrass Conference.

An increase of 20% over last year was hard to explain but it helps to strengthen the belief that the turfgrass industry is on the upswing in Michigan.

Michigan State presented timely and important papers concerning new innovations and ideas for 1974.

The PreConference - basics course - was also well attended. This portion of the conference is perhaps the strongest offering given because of its total value in basic turf management.

Several of the points that Dr. James Watson of the Toro Manufacturing Co., Minneapolis, Minnesota, stressed in

his talk on "The Energy Crisis: Golf Course Implications" are listed here:

The 1974 energy crisis provides an opportunity to evaluate the managerial procedures and operational techniques required for high turfgrass standards so vital to achievement of environmental beauty and ecological balance. We suggest a review and consideration of the management of budget, facilities, equipment, turfgrass and people.

BUDGET

- Budget for increasingly higher prices.
- Expect delays in deliveries of most products and supplies.
- Fuel costs represents some 2-3% of the total budget, whereas labor is estimated to be 65-70%.
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EQUIPMENT

- Keep engines tuned — adjust carburetor and ignition.
- Keep air cleaner and combustion chamber clean.
- Keep equipment properly adjusted and lubricated.
- Keep blades sharp to reduce friction loss.
- Keep tires properly inflated.
- Review owner's manual.
- Establish preventative maintenance procedures.

TURFGRASS

- Review all cultural practices and techniques.
- Test soils to determine pH and nutrient levels.
- Review fertilizer programs and products.
- Evaluate watering schedules — frequency, timing, location.
- Correct all drainage problem areas.
- Evaluate mowing schedules — frequency, timing, location.
- Evaluate adaptation and use of turfgrass varieties you now have versus characteristics to be found in "new" improved selections.
- Evaluate height of cut in relation to type of mowing equipment.
- Cultivate to ensure efficient use of fertilizer, water and chemicals.
- Use pesticides wisely and maintain adequate programs for control of all pests, weeds, insects and diseases.

PEOPLE

- Review all tasks and establish priorities.
 - Schedule equipment use to attain maximum efficiency.
 - Retrain operators on mowing techniques, equipment operation and adjustment.
 - Combine tasks, eliminate non-essential travel to and from work locations.
 - Familiarize all personnel with owner's manual.
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George Prieskorn, Michigan Turfgrass Foundation President, (left) accepting check for \$6,623.94 from Gerald Gill, President of the Michigan and Border Cities Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Pesticide Seminar for Superintendents

Because of the EPA regulations requiring certification of Pesticide Applicators by the fall of 1976, the GCSAA has prepared a Pesticide Seminar for golf course Superintendents. It is designed to help prepare Superintendents for the examination which will be required.

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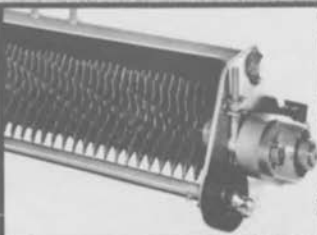
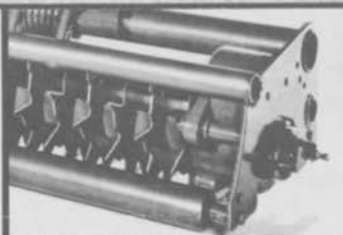
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Carl's Comments

by CARL SCHWARTZKOPF

Mid-Continent Agronomist
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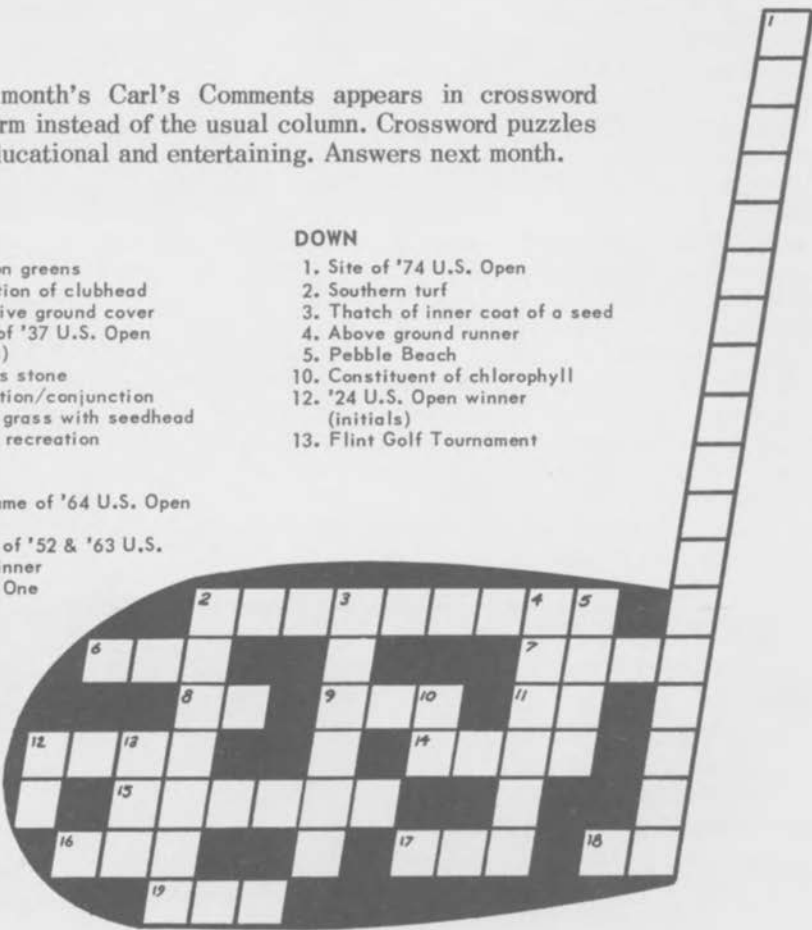
This month's Carl's Comments appears in crossword puzzle form instead of the usual column. Crossword puzzles can be educational and entertaining. Answers next month.

ACROSS

2. Found on greens
6. Far portion of clubhead
7. Vegetative ground cover
8. Winner of '37 U.S. Open (initials)
9. Precious stone
11. Preposition/conjunction
12. Stem of grass with seedhead
14. Form of recreation
15. Hazard
16. Sward
17. First name of '64 U.S. Open winner
18. Initials of '52 & '63 U.S. Open winner
19. Hole in One

DOWN

1. Site of '74 U.S. Open
2. Southern turf
3. Thatch of inner coat of a seed
4. Above ground runner
5. Pebble Beach
10. Constituent of chlorophyll
12. '24 U.S. Open winner (initials)
13. Flint Golf Tournament



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The 45th International Turfgrass Conference and Show was well attended by Michigan golf course Superintendents.

The magic number of 5000 was reached in attendance. To be exact, 5017 registrants showed up in Anaheim during the week of February 10th. The theme "Out of the Past Comes the Future" was followed throughout the conference, starting with accounts of golf course maintenance with the old equipment and practices.

The film shown by Ray Gerber was really a rare film on golf course maintenance in the late 20's. Dr. Fred Grau related stories and names of the past, and James Latham showed a film of the 50's showing methods of golf course maintenance. Al Radko of the USGA

shared several of his pictures and stories of early golf course construction.

The next two sessions conveyed stories and research of today's problems. Gordon Brinkworth presented slides about "Golf Around the World" which turned out to be a collection of the finest pictures of foreign golf courses ever assembled.

On Thursday the conference turned to the "future", New ideas on the horizon were presented and four Michigan area representatives did outstanding jobs in presenting papers on the "future". Dr. Joe Vargas, of Michigan State University, brought the assembly up to date on "Proper Use of Systemic Fungicides". Followed by Superinten-

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dent George W. Prieskorn of Burroughs Farms, Brighton, Michigan, on "The Metric System — A Superintendent's View", giving an account of a typical day in the life if a Superintendent using the metric system. Gerald Faubel Superintendent of the Saginaw C.C., Saginaw, Michigan, appeared in the "Thinking Superintendents" section relating his experiences using infra-red film for troubleshooting problems on his golf course.

Rounding out the Michigan representatives was Cecil Kerr, General Manager, J.J. Dill Company, Kalamazoo, Michigan, speaking on "The Future of the Golf Course Superintendent."

Other highlights of the conference were the Equipment Show, the bus tour of five golf courses and their facilities.

The Michigan Golf Team did an outstanding job representing our state. They came in second!!! Through the years Michigan has always done well.

Hospitality Room

Once again our Hospitality Room at the Conference Headquarters was a huge success. Gene Johaningsmeir and his wife, Barbara, and Bob and Jackie Hope are to be thanked for their efforts in hosting the room during the conference.

Many other Superintendents took turns hosting the "watering hole" and did an outstanding job. Thanks to all the contributors and gifts which helped to liven up the party.

OOPS

Correction!!! Jim Vlassis is the chairman of the Golf Day Committee and Clem Wolfrom and Roger Gill are co-chairmen. The last issue of *A Patch of Green* stated that Clem was the chairman.



GCSAA Scholarship-Award winners pictured with Ted Woehrle, Director of GCSAA. Left to right: Thomas E. Mason, Jr., Donald R. Ratcliff, Ted Woehrle, Frederick S. Green, and Clinton A. Overn.

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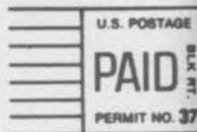
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