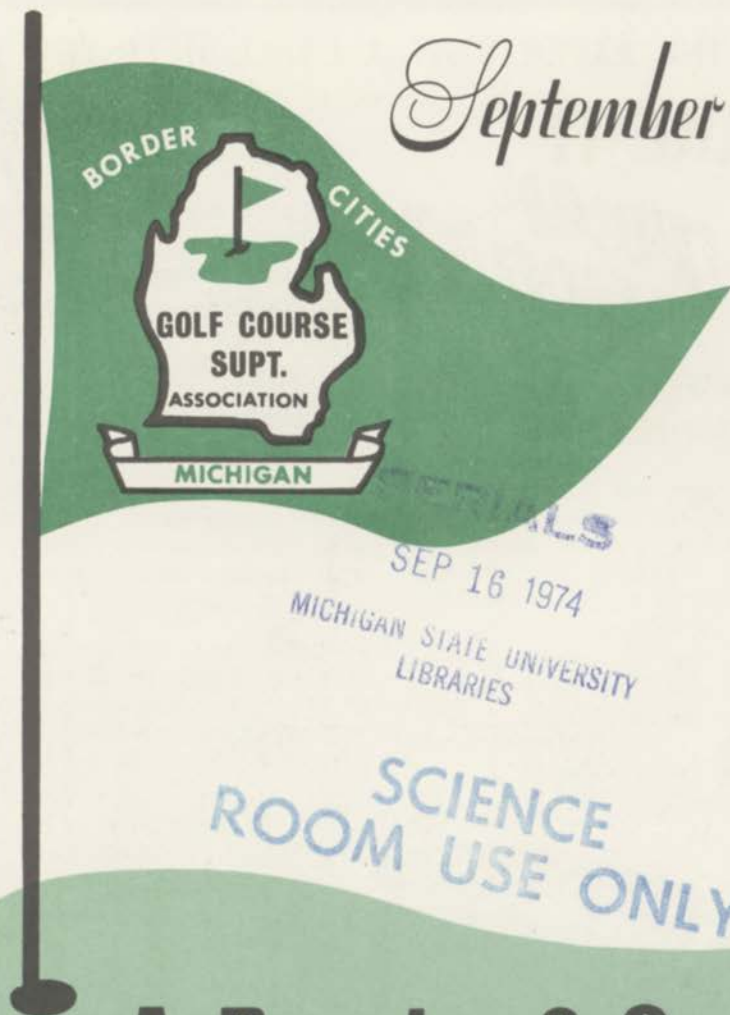


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This pilot membership drive should also increase chapter membership, because the application for membership requires the attesting signatures of two voting GCSAA members and provides a place for the chapter secretary's signature. All GCSAA and chapter members are encouraged to seek out non-member superintendents and explain the many advantages of membership in these professional organizations. Members may also request packets of materials for recruiting new members from the headquarters office.

Membership in the international association has grown more than ten per cent in the last two years, going from 3,361 members on May 31, 1972, to 3,720 members this past May, the latest month for which figures are available.

A breakdown of membership completed on May 20, 1974 shows a total of 3,691 GCSAA members in the Association. Although 29 additional members joined before the end of May, making the May 31, 1974 total 3,720, they were not available for the state-by-state breakdown.

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The National Golf Fund (National Golf Day) had as its first President, Brother Herb. The two brothers were co-recipients of the USGA Green Section Award in 1972. These two wonderful men have been responsible for more good things that happened to golf than any other two people. They have always been in the corner of the Golf Course Superintendent and have helped us in many ways. We will be forever grateful.

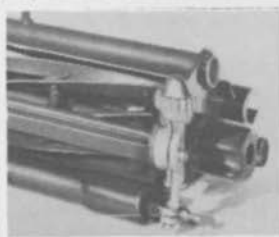
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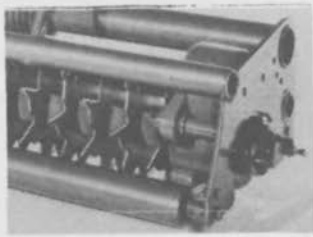
Montana showed the greatest two-year percentage increase with 700% having gone from one member in 1972 to eight members in 1974, while Florida showed the greatest numerical increase, adding 43 members. Ohio remained the state with the greatest number of members, 400 in 1972 and 412 in 1974, followed by Pennsylvania with 341, Illinois with 286, New York with 243 and California with 235, Michigan has 165 members.

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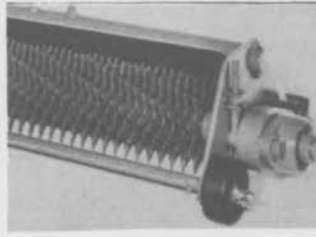
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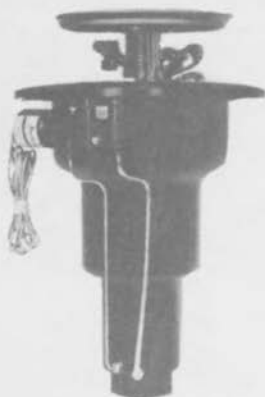
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Opinion on an Opinion

I found the following information in the February *Farm Journal*; and it is from their editorial opinion entitled, "Worrying About the Wrong Chemicals":

Consumers seem preoccupied these days with the ailments they fear are caused by pesticides, additives, and especially saturated fats used in processing, producing, and preparing foods.

"Pollution Paranoia", Dr. Henry A. Schroeder calls this fear in his new book "The Trace Elements and Man", and he condemns it for distracting public attention from what he considers the real danger in our diet. It is the elements taken out of food during

processing which are causing widespread disease and death, says Dr. Schroeder.

Heart Attacks: An acute deficiency of chromium in (American) diets is the basic cause of heart disease, Dr. Schroeder believes. He supports his contention with many years of data from Dartmouth Medical Schools Element Laboratory in Vermont.

"Chromium is necessary for insulin to metabolize glucose in the blood stream", he writes. Without enough chromium, sugars and fatty acids are deposited as fats in tissues and as atherosclerotic plaques which finally block arteries. Schroeder and others at

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"The theory that a high dietary intake of cholesterol is responsible for arteriosclerosis has proved false," Dr. Schroeder writes.

"When cholesterol is eaten in egg yolks, animal fats and organ meats, the liver makes less cholesterol and excretes more, so that there is little net effect. Only during high intakes such as provided by a dozen eggs a day does the blood cholesterol level rise."

High Blood Pressure: A high level of cadmium in the kidneys in relation to zinc is a contributing, if not sometimes the whole, cause of high blood pressure," says Dr. Schroeder. "In many areas where this ratio is low, the incidence of hypertension is high, and vice versa."

A diet of unprocessed foods, such as African natives eat, contains

enough zinc to mask the effects of cadmium. But here again, western man removes the zinc during processing.

Pesticides: "Environmental pollution by toxic metals such as lead from gasoline is much more serious and much more insidious than pollution by organic substances such as pesticides and weed killers. Most organic substances break down by natural processes."

"*The News Media Have Built Up A National Paranoia* about poisons which could ruin our health: Pesticides, food additives, radiation, trace elements and the like," Dr. Schroeder concludes. Some scientists have been affected by this mental disease, and add their own strident cries of danger. There is an abysmal lack of reason, logic and common sense shown by some scientists which is reflected in attitudes of the public.

I agree with Dr. Schroeder and the editorial in regard to the news media and effects of pesticides. I find the comments on trace elements interesting and easier to believe than the theory of cholesterol. I believe that everything (plants, humans, the economy) is a system and if you make changes in the environment and in particular its growth factors, you should start looking for problems, deficiencies, and diseases as a result of complex interaction that we do not yet understand. I feel that it is worth

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keeping this in mind as we switch fungicides, pesticides, and sources of nutrients in the fertilizer mixtures. We have observed strange new diseases and problems since dropping materials such as mercury and limiting use of cadmium. Who knows, maybe the turf is getting high blood pressure from the lack of mercury in its diet or is subject to heart attacks during hot weather from overdoses of sugar in its blood.

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Point of View

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"Dear Editor, I had not intended to discuss this controversial subject at this particular time. However, I want you to know that I do not shun controversy. On the contrary, I'll take a stand on any issue at any time, regardless of how fraught with controversy it may be. You have asked me how I felt about whiskey; well, brother, here's how I stand on this question. If when you say whiskey, you mean the devil's brew, the poison scrouge, the bloody monster which defiles innocence, dethrones reason,

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"But, if when you say whiskey, you mean the oil of conversation, the philosophic wine and ale that is consumed when good fellows get together, that puts a song in their hearts and laughter on their lips and the warm glow of contentment in their eyes; if you mean that stimulating drink that puts the spring in an old man's step on a frosty morning; if you mean the drink that enables a man to magnify his joy and happiness and to forget, if only for a moment, life's great tragedies and heartbreaks and sorrows; if you mean that drink the sales of which pour into our treasury untold millions of dollars, which are used to provide tender care for our little crippled children, our blind, our deaf and our pitifully aged and infirm, and to build highways, hospitals, and schools, then brother I am for it."

And then he added, "This is my stand, Mr. Editor. I will not retreat from it. I will not compromise. This is my stand."

Anonymous

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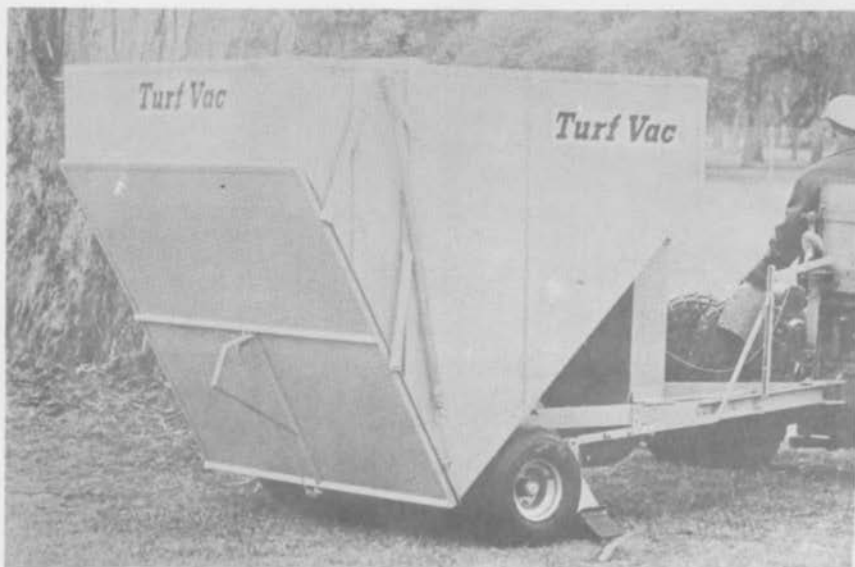
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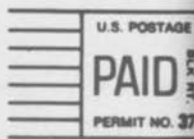
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