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#### The President's Message

The 46th Annual Turfgrass Conference and Show held in New Orleans, Louisiana, February 16-21, 1975, was another fine tribute to our profession.

Although the total registrations were down from last year, we had more Superintendents registered than any other year. It seems the commercial people in attendance this year was far less than last, resulting in a lower total attendance.

My personal congratulations to the members from Michigan who attended, for we had a fine representation at the

Show.

#### New Orleans Conference a Success

Over 4,800 golf oriented registrants attended the 46th International Turfgrass Conference and Show. This was below the 5,000 registrants last year in Anneheim, but figures indicate that more golf course Superintendents attended this show than at any other conference in our history.

The new concept of offering seminars in Management and Pesticide Usage was received by a great number of Superintendents as the greatest thing in Education that has happened

to the Association.

Thirty members took the Certification exam while in attendance at the Conference. The results are not final yet but it looks like three Michigan and Border Superintendents passed the exam.

The split sessions were well received by the membership as was the golf course tours on Friday.

Maybe it wasn't planned that way, but American ends in "I can".

Once again our Hospitality Room was a rewarding effort. It seems each year this room gains in popularity. A special thanks to all the members who donated their time to help with the staffing of this room, and also to everyone who contributed money. especially the Western Michigan for their fine donation. Bob & Jackie Hope, Gene & Barb Johanningsmeier, are to be thanked for a fine job in managing the room. I would also like to thank our delegates, George Prieskorn and Bob Hope, for representing our association at the advisory meetings and also the voting Although Ted Woehrle was defeated in his bid for Vice-President of G.C.S.A.A., prospects for victory next year are very promising. Good Luck, Ted.

The Annual Golf Tournament this year was won by, who else, our own Michigan foursome composed of Fritz McMullin, Ward Swanson, George and Bob Prieskorn. Congratualtions, Fellas! Bob Prieskorn also won the Seniors tournament. Nice going, Bob! So once again, thanks to everyone for enabling us to have another successful convention.

President, Jerry Gill

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Dr. Fanny Fern Davis, 1975 USGA Green Section Award Recipient with (left) H. S. Semple, USGA President and E. S. Jennison, Jr., Green Section Committee Chairman.

#### **First Woman Receives Green Section Award**

Dr. Fanny Fern Davis, Valparaiso, Fla., has been named recipient of the 1975 USGA Green Section Award, presented in recognition of distinguished service to golf through work with turfgrass.

Davis is the first woman to receive the award, which was first presented in 1961. Over the years, she has made important contributions in the field of turfgrass and has had close ties with the USGA Green Section.

She was acting director of the Green Section from 1943 until late 1945 while director John Monteith was serving in the Army during World War II. During this time, Davis conducted experiments with plant growth regulators in cooperation with John W. Mitchell and Paul C. Marth, who were then employed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture at its plant industry station at Beltsville, Md.

They noticed during their experiments that the grass around the area where they had used the hormone-type herbicide 2,4-D was free of weeds. Together they published the paper

"Turf and Weed Control with Plant Growth Regulators," and their work led to widespread use of 2.4-D.

When Davis left the Green Section, she returned to the Horticulture and Maintenance Division of the National Capital Parks Service, a part of the Department of the Interior. She conducted more tests and did a complete study on the effects of 2,4-D and published her findings in the paper "Turf Weed Control with 2,4-D."

Although 72 years old, Davis remains active. She is chairman emeritus in biology at Okaloosa-Walton Junior College in Niceville, Fla.

Davis accepted the award Jan. 24 at the USGA's Annual Conference on Golf Course Management at the Biltmore Hotel in New York City.

Past recipients of the Green Section Award are John Monteith, Jr., Lawrence S. Dickinson, O.J. Noer, Joseph Valentine, Glenn W. Burton, Elmer J. Michael, James L. Haines, Fred V. Grau, E. R. Steiniger, Tom Mascaro, Herb and Joe Graffis, Marvin Ferguson and Howard B. Sprague.



OUR CHAMPS: Left to Right; Fritz McMullen, Ward Swanson, George Prieskorn, Bob Prieskorn (holding his Seniors Trophy also).

#### MBCGCSA Chapter Crowned GCSAA Golf Champs

Our Chapter Golf Team, comprised of George Prieskorn, Captain; Fritz McMullen; Bob Prieskorn; and Ward Swanson participated in the annual golf tournament which was held in Pensacola, Florida the week before the Conference and won the title by 12 strokes.

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golfers. We're proud of you.

Bob Prieskorn also won the Seniors Championship. This is becoming old hat for Bob. This make at least four times since I joined the Chapter in 1968.

Our Chapter golf teams have always done well in this event. Maybe one of our members will win the individual Low Grass Championship next year.

George Prieskorn is Superintendent of the Burroughs Farms Golf Club in Brighton, Michigan; Fritz McMullen is Superintendent of Forest Lake C.C. in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; Ward Swanson is Superintendent of Plum Hollow C.C. in Southfield, Michigan; and Bob Prieskorn is Superintendent of Godwin Glen Golf Club, South Lyon, Michigan.

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Richard Malpass, Superintendent of the Riverside Golf and Country Club, Portland, Oregon, was elected Vice President.

George Cleaver, Superintendent of Chestnut Ridge C.C., Lutherville, Md., and Gordon Witteveen, Superintendent of the Board of Trade C.C., Woodbridge, Ontario, Canada, were reelected to the Board for another two year term.

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President Maples appointed George Cleaver to his second term as Secretary Treasurer.

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Selected for their outstanding individual service to the profession, they were formally recognized at the opening assembly of the GCSAA Conference and Show, Monday morning, February 17, in New Orleans.

The following citations were presented by the Awards Committee in defense of the nominations for each individual.

MR. GERBER was selected in a general category of contribution to the profession. He has spent many years as a golf course superintendent, is a Past President of GCSAA, and has served in offices in local chapters and turf foundations. He continues to remain interested in our profession and to be an active participant in its affairs even after he has retired.

DR. DANIEL was selected for his contribution through education and extension work in the golf turf industry. Dr. Daniel has helped to educate many turf students who subsequently became superintendents or who have contributed to the education of superintendents. He has inspired many young men as a result of his close personal contact with his students. He has always been a willing participant on programs on the local, state, regional or national level. He has made himself available to answer calls for help from superintendents who may find themselves in difficult situations. He has authored many articles and papers as well as contributing many new innovations to the field of golf turf management.

DR. GRAU was selected for his contribution through his promotion and participation in research programs dating back many years. His work with the USDA, the USGA Green Section, various universities and several commercial interests has resulted in many improved tools of our trade which have enhanced the progress of our profession. He has always tried to

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#### GCSAA Awards Cont.

inspire the superintendent to improve himself professionally. He continues to be active in contributing toward the advancement of our profession despite many personal adversities.

To be considered for this award, an individual must first meet the basic criteria of having made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the profession which can be judged significant on a national or international basis, and he must not have received the award during the preceding 10 years.

There were no Distinguished Service Awards presented for 1974.

The Michigan Turfgrass Foundation presently is investing this money along with your past gifts, a total that now exceeds \$60,000.00, to be used for the purchase of necessary research equipment for the Turfgrass Wing of the planned new Crop and Soil Science Building at Michigan State University.

The planning of this building is currently in its final stages, reports from the Dean of Agriculture indicate that construction could possible begin

this year or next.

Again, congratulations to the Michigan & Border Cities Golf Course Superintendents Association on their successful Ninth Annual Turfgrass Benefit Day and many thanks for your continued support of the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation.

Sincerely, George W. Prieskorn President



#### Use of "low grade" sewage sludge

The use of digested (non-activated) sewage sludge has in the past hardly been considered worth the cost of hauling. However, with fertilizer being scarce and higher priced and organic matter commanding a high trucking cost, this so called low grade material with one to three percent nitrogen and high in organic matter is taking on a new value, and may soon be removed from the "outcast" list. In addition to nitrogen, a nice amount of phosphorus is present along with small quantities of potassium and various trace elements.

Sludge is to be found in the sanitary disposal plants of many cities and towns and the number is increasing as federal requirements and assistance increases. Disposal for the cities is a problem, so the stage is set for rather easy procurement.

Probably the best method for using the sludge will be as an organic component of topdressing material. It can be substituted for a part of the peat ordinarily used. However, it would serve as both a fertilizer and as organic matter.

A reasonable assumption can be made that you could obtain from two to three pounds of nitrogen and adequate phosphorus for each 1000 sq. ft. of

area with a mixture by volume of 80 parts sand and soil, 10 to 20 parts of the sludge, with up to 10 parts of peat. This would be applied four to 8 times annually depending on the analysis of the sludge and the mixture to be used. This may all seem like quite a chore but the results may prove worthwhile enough to convince you of its value. We need more information on the value of sludge as an organic source and on the amount of minor elements and the possibility of toxicity on a long run basis. There should be no problem in using the material for two or three years until it has been tested for further analytical makeup.

The basic steps in getting a project of this kind underway may be as follows:

1. Call or contact your nearest or most likely source (city, town, county sewer department).

2. If available and price is reasonable have the material hauled to you. Place in a six to eight inch layer

3. Rototill a few times to break the "cake" and assist in drying. You may prefer to stockpile it and run it through a Royer or Lindig. Regardless, the sludge should be as dry as the soil or peat for final mixing. Cont. Page 18

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Mycorrhiazae - key to plant life are the symbiotic association of certain

fungi with the roots of plants.

This finding was reported at the recent Second North American Conference Mycorrhiazae held at Corvallis, Oregon, by Dr. A. J. R. Guttay, head of the plant science department of the

University of Connecticut.

He siad that such trees, showing extreme dieback of the top growth and leaf scorch, were generally found to have mycorrhizal roots in the top six inches of soil. In addition, other symptoms of salt damage were early leaf coloration and leaf fall. In contrast, healthy sugar maples were heavily mycorrhizal right to the soil surface.

Dr. Guttay, who studied the complex role of mycorrhizae in plants while on sabbatic leave last fall, stated that destruction of the mycorrhizae - the prime feeder roots of the trees amounted to a severe root pruning. The remaining deeper roots were unable to sustain the trees with resultant dieback of the crown.

As for leaf scorch and other leaf damage, he believed that these occurred after destruction of the mycorrhizae. His resreach showed that massive uptake of salts to the leaves did not occur until after mycorrhizae were destroyed.

Additionally, the UConn plant scientist noted that deicing salts had generally destroyed the soil structure around the tree. The soil was so hard and compact and retained sufficient sodium that he doubted the tree roots



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could grow back into that soil, even if no further salts were applied.

Dr. Guttay felt that on severely damaged trees the only possible solution was to remove the compact, salt polluted, root-free soil and replace it with leaf compost.

He recommended the use of leaf compost, since the continued deicing operations necessary to safe winter driving conditions would have a lesser detrimental effect upon compost than on soil.

He added that a mulch of wood chips placed on top of the compost would improve the esthetics of the compost as well as provide protection from erosion.

#### Sewage Sludge Cont.

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