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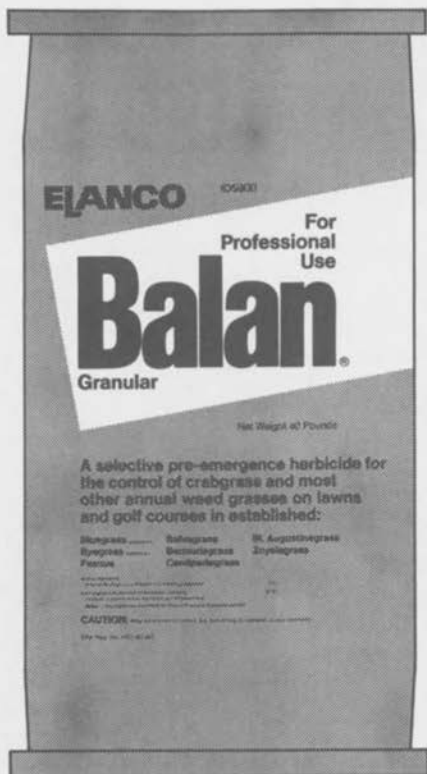
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The President's Message

This issue of our magazine, *A Patch of Green*, marks the beginning of its 5th year of existence. Each and every year we have watched this publication grow with more and more information to aid us in golf course management.

We have seen the publication grow in circulation from 500 to 1,250 with the last issue, and everyone who receives a copy each month thoroughly enjoys its contents.

You may have noticed in the January issue that the cover has been redesigned to commemorate our 50th year as an organization.

All of this success is due largely to our editor, Ted Woehrle, who writes and gathers articles each month for publication in *A Patch of Green* – and believe me, this is no easy task. Ted has been editor since the magazine's birth and has graciously accepted the job each year.

I would like to remind the membership that anyone who has any information or anything of interest in the field of Golf Course Superintending,

should send it to Ted, it helps him, and would also aid our magazine. I can't think of a better way to reach the entire membership, be it an ad to sell something or just an article of interest to the membership.

I would like to thank Ted Woehrle for his time consuming task as editor, and also all the suppliers for their generous support each month. Combined they make *A Patch of Green* one of the finest newsletters in the country.

Jerry Gill
President MBCGCSA

Material Wanted

What Educational Programs do you want presented at monthly meetings in 1975?

A request from Bill Milne, Chairman of the Educational Committee, was made for subject material to be presented at our monthly meetings. Drop a line to Bill if you have a special request or suggestion.



Ted Woehrle, right, reading the "Certified Golf Course Superintendent" wall plaque to recipient Don Olsund, center, as President Jerry Gill looks on.

600 Attend Turfgrass Conference

Over 600 interested turf men and women registered and attended the 45th Annual Turfgrass Conference at Michigan State University on January 14-15, 1975. The meetings were held at the Kellogg Center for Continuing Education.

A new format was used this year to help utilize the limited space to the best advantage. Concurrent sessions were held to accommodate as many members as possible without overcrowding them.

The materials offered were well presented by outstanding speakers. One outstanding and memorable talk was given by the Rev. Charles Willey, who's topic was "Pick up a piece of Sunshine". He stressed the point that we should display a wholesome attitude to work and SMILE a lot. We should do things for the joy of doing them.

Another suggestion to the audience was to "develop and maintain a willingness to learn and to live."

We must also acquire a wholesome attitude to people. The secret to happiness is being kind to others. "What are you willing to live and die for?" The absence of conviction is what causes people to fail. Remember, today is the first day of the rest of your life!

The closing topic was about Public Relations in Inflationary Times, presented by Dr. Vern Freeh, Assistant Director, Office of Special Programs, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota.

He said it is important to all of us that we have a successful life to live effectively. We need these six characteristics:

1. We must have self-respect and self acceptance.
2. A good sense of humor is important.
3. The ability to function in the face of

ambiguity is necessary.

4. We must have a minimum of a no-style of life and work towards a maximum of a yes-yes style of life — in other words *be positive*.

5. Develop the ability to feel and say WOW! On occasion we should let our emotions show.

6. We should all have the capacity of mutuality. The art of working together and teamwork are essential.

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Lee Record, left, of the USGA presenting check to Dr. Jim Beard for turf research.

\$3000 Research Grant Presented by GCSAA

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America presented Dr. Paul Riecke a research grant of \$3,000 for work to be done in "Turfgrass cultivation effects on soil physical properties."

Dr. Riecke would like to find out exactly what happens to the soil during and after many of the practices of soil cultivation used today.

Frank Forier receives Meritorious Award

Gene Johanningsmeier, Chairman of the Selection Committee, had the pleasant duty of presenting the coveted Meritorious Service Award to Frank Forier.

This years recipient joins the ranks of some pretty great people here in Michigan. Past winners are:

- 1967 - Dr. James Tyson
- 1968 - Charles Chapman
- 1969 - Clarence Wolfrom
- 1970 - Dr. Ken Payne
- 1971 - George Prieskorn, Sr.
- 1972 - Hiram F. Godwin
- 1973 - Ward Cornwell
- 1974 - No recipient
- 1975 - Frank Forier

Frank is a past president of the Foundation. He served as president from 1967 to 1971. During his tenure as president he was instrumental in the growth of the foundation and its importance in the turf world. Frank also helped obtain the \$50,000 line item from the State Legislature for sod production research.



Gene Johanningsmeier, left, Chairman of the Meritorious Service Award Committee, presenting the award to Frank Forier.

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Awards Presented at Luncheon

The noon luncheon on Tuesday, January 14 was highlighted by the presentation of several student awards. The "Outstanding Student" award was presented to Jim Wile. This award is presented to the student who is selected by a committee made up of faculty members, fellow students and turfgrass members for qualities in leadership and scholastics.

The annual Norm Kramer Award was presented to Marty Miller. Marty was given this award for his scholastic ability. This award is given to the turf student with the highest grade point.

The Norm Kramer Award is given in the memory of the late Norm Kramer who was president of the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation when he passed away. He was a believer in the student program at State.

Norm was also the immediate past president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and Superintendent of the Point-O-Woods Country Club, Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Other winners of this award were:

Chris Fochtman, 1972
Roger Southworth, 1973
Doug Quiram, 1974

and Marty Miller this year.



George Prieskorn, President of the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation, left, presenting the "Outstanding Student Award" to Jim Wile.



Marty Miller with his Norm Kramer Award (outstanding scholar) which was presented by Clem Wolfrom.

Marty comes to us from Phoenix, Arizona after spending some time in the Navy. He is looking for employment upon graduation.

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Class A from \$15.00 to \$18.00

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Secretary-Treasurer, Bob Hope, urges each of you to be prompt about paying your dues.

Other Business Transacted & Reported

The date for the fall *GOLF DAY* was announced as September 19, 1975. This is a *Friday* and not on Monday as was the practice in the past.

The Friday date was chosen to avoid a conflict with the PGA. We hope to gain their support this year so we are changing our date.

Don Benham, chairman of the ticket committee, has embarked on a totally new selling program. We are planning on manning a booth at the annual Flower Show at Cobo Hall this year to

promote ticket sales. Tickets were also available at the Turf Conference in January.

Details of the ticket program will be covered in future issues of the *Patch of Green*. The dates of the Flower Show are March 15-23, from 5-10 p.m. and all day Saturday and Sunday. Clem Wolfrom, chairman of the Show Committee, estimates that he will need about 40 men. There are a few vacant spots left in the schedule. Call Clem at 345-4589 and volunteer now.

Bruce Wolfrom, chairman of the *GOLF DAY*, announced that raffle tickets will be sold for:

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Our next meeting will be held at a club in Windsor during the month of April. This will be a joint meeting with the Ontario Superintendents.

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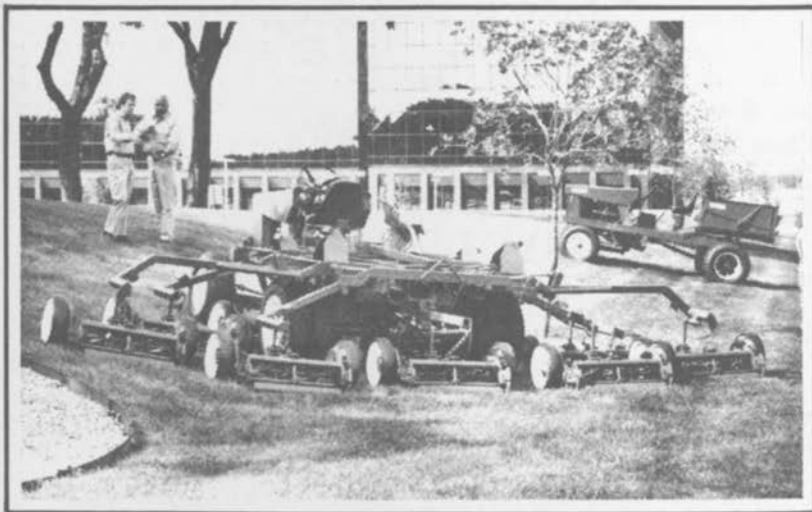
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Budget deficit—A situation in which the government spends more than it takes through taxes and other revenue. Governments finance deficits by borrowing from the public. The interest on the public debt becomes part of government spending in future years.

Consumer Price Index (CPI)—A statistical figure that measures the change in price of a selected market basket of goods assumed to be purchased by the average urban worker with a wife and two children (often called the cost-of-living index).

Depression—A period of low general economic activity marked especially by unemployment.

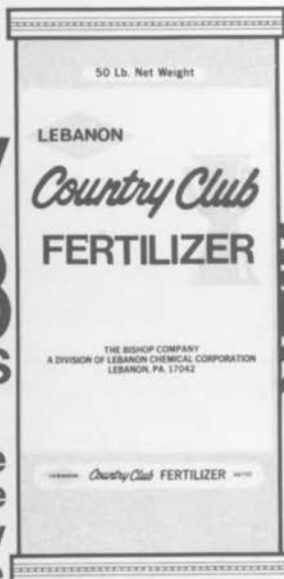
Gross National Product (GNP)—The total dollar value of goods and services produced by the economy in a given year. It is the broadest measure of the health of an economy. "Real" GNP is the GNP adjusted to eliminate the distorting effects of inflation.

Inflation—The situation in which prices in general are rising. There are two kinds of inflation: Cost-push inflation which comes about because special interests have the power to force wages or prices up on their own; excess-demand inflation which occurs when demand for goods and services rises more swiftly than the society's ability to produce them. Both types of

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Economic Language Cont.

inflation may occur at the same time.

Prime rate — The rate of interest charged by commercial banks for short-term loans to the most credit-worthy corporations.

Recession — A period in which the economy's output of goods and services undergoes a prolonged, deep decline. Many economists consider a recession a decline in real Gross National Product that stretches on for more than six months.

Stagflation — A new word coined several years ago to describe the situation in which output is constant or falling (stagnation) while prices are rising (inflation).

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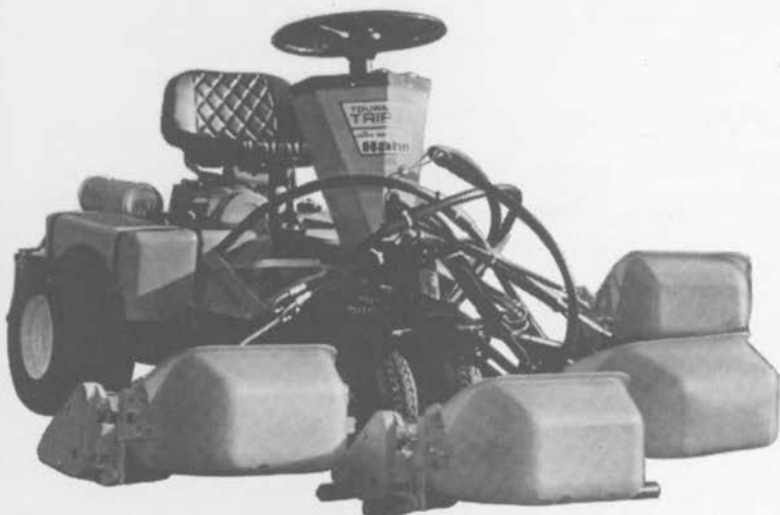
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