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OPEN BURNING CONTINUES TO SMOLDER - HOT POKER NEEDED

Open Burning is again before the State of New Jersey Legislature. As you may recall, Bill #1004 was passed by both Houses late last year and placed in the hands of the Governor. On the advice of the former Commissioner of Environmental Protection former Governor Cahill vetoed the bill. One of the Governor's sage reasons for rejecting the bill was the "large market for woodchips and other processed vegetative waste" supposedly available in New Jersey.

Presently before the Assembly is Bill A-228. This bill is essentially the same as #1004. If we are to receive any relief from the ban on open burning this bill must pass. The necessity and wisdom of this legislation is obvious to all connected with any business that requires the removal and disposal of vegetative waste. However, the environmentalists are well organized, in great numbers, and have a loud voice. If our logical facts are not clearly made known to the Legislature and Governor, be assured that #228 has no hope of being passed.

On March 7, 1974 at Cook College, Rutgers University, a conference was conducted on vegetative waste disposal. The objective was to "obtain some guidance as to what should be done next to lessen this waste disposal problem." Discussions were held on the present anti-burning laws; the problems presented by these laws; and the "alternatives" available to solve the problems.

The sense of the meeting could be expressed as: "the problems are great and there is no reasonable alternative that is practical at this time." It was most interesting to note the general attitude of those opposed to open burning. To them the cost of not being able to burn is of minor concern. "Somehow agriculture will survive." How?! This, "you can handle it", philosophy was best expressed by discussion moderator, Herbert Wortreich, of the New Jersey Bureau of Air Pollution Control. He stated that he believed "necessity to be the 'mother' of invention" and that it was felt that the various segments of the agricultural industry would solve the problems - if forced to do so.

This "let them eat cake" il-logic is what we are up against. All the industry asks of these people is what we need most - time. The time to quantitatively and qualitatively evaluate the effects of open burning of vegetative wastes. The time required to develop the technology and practical methods of any alternative. This time is what our industry is requesting with the passage of A-228. We don't desire to pollute, and in fact we contribute far more to the positive environment of the State than all of the environmental people combined. It is always easy to legislate a problem out of existence, and it never works. While they reason by emotion all we want is the time to work out a problem we didn't create.

Our views must be made known. It is essential that you write the Governor and your elected State officials. They can and will make an intelligent decision if we enable them to understand the complete facts and ramifications of the problem.

Write them now.

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TURF CLIPPINGS:

John Emmolo is the new Superintendent at Haworth Golf and Racquet Club.

The Association was honored to have two fellow members, Joe Flaherty of Baltusrol and Jack Martin of Shackamaxon, on the program as speakers at the recent University of Massachusetts Turf Conference.

The New Jersey Turfgrass Association has new officers: Roy Bossolt, Pres.; Peter Loft, V.P.; Ralph Engel, Sec.; Janet Scherneck, Treas. The new Executive Board consists of: Tony Grasso, William Ritchie, Bert Jones, Frank Cacavio, Paul Boizelle, Edgar Krause, and Gene Field.

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EDITOR'S LAMENT

It's interesting to me that for some reason I am rarely asked where I get the GREAT material printed here monthly. I guess you guys just recognize superior talent in written work, and would assume you have chosen to observe the fact by your "annual ritual" (this is Volume VII) of making me "Editor".

For the first couple of year's, I was damn proud! I was even invited for a free drink at the "Press and Speakers Luncheon" at the National Conference. The first year I carried a note pad; the second year I went with only the elbow; and after that I didn't go because I realized the only talent they recognized in me was the gall to show up at a luncheon really meant for "honest to gosh" press and speakers.

Hey Guys! I'm a tired, un-recognized, unpraised, Un-Certified, quality, "editor", and I have a serious admission to make; something I hope you already realize. (If they don't, they're damn dumb! - Ed's wife.) I steal most of the quality material you see here from other jerks like me that write newsletters. If it weren't for their kind exchange of "re-runs" and "trash" they throw in to fill their papers, I'd be out of business. And I guess unless someone raises his hand when the President asks, "Who wants a free beerand be Chapter Editor?", you will be ~~te~~, ~~twe~~, (nuts) also.

What's the matter with you "streakers"? You call yourselves "Professionals", yet you can't even put a thought on paper? You're always talking during the speaker at meetings. Can't you just scratch down some of those - discoveries, complaints, philosophical thoughts, or just plain relevant news of products to buy or not to buy, families, books or pamphlets to read, or anything!

I ain't proud of being mostly a thief, and lately no one has even said I steal two good. (to well - Ed's wife).

Your "Editor"

BUILD YOUR OWN GREENHOUSE FOR 25¢

Actually the above statement should read "U.S. Government bulletin on building your greenhouse for only 25¢," but if you've read this far you're bound to read on.

The U.S. Government Printing Office has put out a very informative 20-page bulletin concerning building greenhouses on a scale to benefit golf course superintendents. Topics include types of greenhouses, construction and frames, designing and locating your greenhouse, heating, ventilating, evaporative cooling, shading and lighting requirements, and making beds for growing small plants and environmental control units.

This sounds like a "must" reference for superintendents desiring to become accomplished greenhouse growers of planting material for their golf course. Needless to say small greenhouses are already in existence on many golf courses in the area, but no doubt the quarter would be well invested money, irregardless of your scale of propagation.

Attach a small lean-to type green house to your maintenance building and you will forever enjoy the rewards of plant and flower propagation. Send 25¢ to Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, and ask for Ag. Information Bulletin #357.

MODERN BUG-A-BOO

While the gypsy moth and the fir tree moth eat up millions of acres of our forests and destroy millions of board feet of needed lumber, DDT is banned because it might upset the tummy of some freak fish way out at sea. Protected from harm, Mr. Moth strips the forests and kills billions of trees, displacing birds and wildlife, who are being protected from DDT aftereffects, so they are told, while they shiver and die. So now, the dumbest animal of all, MAN, not only protects murderers and rapists, but gypsy moths, insects & shop lifters. Teach pornography in school, coddle killers, encourage dop addiction, throw bottles and cans along the roadside, drive drunken, but don't touch the gypsy moth or fir tree moth. Please!!

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The Metric System

The most difficult part of learning the metric system is unlearning our present units of measurement.

Here are some new measurements that you may encounter in the near future.

You may be buying a 15 meter garden hose or a four liter bucket of paint or a 20 millimeter socket wrench.

Gasoline will be measured in liters. Your new bathroom scale will be in kilograms. Temperatures will be in Centigrade where 0 degrees Centigrade will be equal to 32 degrees Fahrenheit so if the temperature is 15 degrees Centigrade, it will be cool but not cold.

The "metrication" of our system will gain speed as time moves on. Our yards will become meters and acres will become hectares.

Prepare now for the future - study the metric system and enjoy its "simplicity."

A Patch of Green

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