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COMING EVENTS

- Jan. 14 CAGCS Winter Seminar, Hartford
 Jan. 25-30 52nd International Turfgrass Conference and Show — Anaheim, Calif.
 June 23 MGCSA Meeting, Century Country Club
 Nov. 16-19 N.Y.S. Turfgrass Conference, Albany



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MGCSA NEWS

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Convention:

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—Pat Lucas

CAGCS WINTER SEMINAR

- Date: January 14, 1981
 Place: Hartford Holiday Inn
 Junction of routes 84 and 91
 Hartford, Connecticut
 Time: Registration 8:30 to 9:30
 Program from 9:30 to 3:30.
 Lunch from noon to 1:00 p.m.
 Cost: \$14.00 per person, lunch included.
 Coffee in the a.m. Free parking.
 Program: Dr. William Dest, speaker —
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The Troubles of Turf

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—Pat Lucas

PROTECTING YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY INVESTMENT

Those Social Security payments you've been making all these years represent one of the most substantial investments you will ever make. Seen in that light, it only makes sense that you should check on your investment from time to time.

The amount of paperwork needed to make this country run is a standing joke, but like many old jokes, there are times when it isn't very funny. When you consider the amount of information you and your family provide the government yearly, and multiply that by the number of people in the country, can you really be sure that your records are correct? After all, there is a lot of money at stake here.

Consider the process involved. Social Security tax is withheld from your pay. Your employer matches that amount and sends both taxes, along with a report on your earnings, to the Internal Revenue Service. The IRS, in turn, transmits the earnings report to the Social Security Administration, where it is fed into a computer and credited to your account. Most of the time, the system works, but there is room for error.

Most cities have a Social Security Administration office. They can help you request a statement of your earnings, which will show those payments which have been officially credited to your account.

Because there is a time lag in processing information, the statement may not cover the most recent wages you have received, but it will show your total earnings in each of the last three years and your total earnings since 1936. You can compare these figures with the information on your W-2 forms for those years to make sure everything is in order.

If there is a mistake, a representative in your local office will help you locate any missing reports of your past earnings. You should check on your earnings every three years. The law sets a time limit for corrections of three years, three months and fifteen days after the year in which the wages have been paid. After that, it becomes much more difficult to have a mistake corrected.

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PUTTING PESTICIDES ON ICE

As winter approaches, the question of how to store leftover pesticides becomes an important one in many parts of the country. Ordinarily, public attention tends to focus more closely on improper application of pesticides, but recent news reports have graphically demonstrated the consequences of improper pesticide storage.

By their very nature, pesticides require careful handling and use. If they are misused, they can cause serious damage to people, animals and plants. Most of the time, pesticide hazards can be reduced by advance planning, common sense and, most importantly, reading the labels on pesticide containers.

By following these general guidelines, the dangers involved in storing pesticides can be greatly reduced.

1. Always store pesticides in the original container with intact, legible labels.

2. Never use any kind of food or beverage container for mixing or storing pesticides.

3. Store in an area located away from human food or seed storage.

4. The storage area should provide cool, dry conditions with good ventilation. Direct sunlight should not strike pesticide containers. A heat source may be needed in regions with below-freezing temperatures.

5. The storage facility should be equipped with a secure lock. Only authorized people should have access to potentially dangerous chemicals.

6. The storage area should be equipped with a fire extinguisher as well as first aid materials. First aid equipment, especially an eye wash station, is particularly important if the area is used for mixing chemicals.

7. Maintain an inventory of pesticides, including the compound name, type, amount and date received and the amount and date used. It is also helpful to mark containers with the date they were received.

8. Keep containers tightly closed and check frequently for leakage. Faulty containers should be replaced before they create a hazard.

9. A concrete, washable floor is desirable, but wash water should not be allowed to flow into any open body of water.

10. Check pesticide container labels for any special storage requirements.

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DEADLINES FOR CONFERENCE AND SHOW ACTIVITIES IMPORTANT

Please pay attention to deadline dates for activities and functions taking place prior to, during and following GCSAA's 52nd International Conference and Show. In brief, the deadlines are as follows:

Tournament Registration — December 31, 1980

Pre-Conference Seminar Registration — December 31

Advance Conference Registration — December 31, 1980

Deadlines for function tickets available on site will be:

Voting Delegates luncheon — Noon Monday.

January 26, 1981

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January 28, 1981

Golf Course Tour — Noon Thursday.

January 29, 1981

Disneyland Fun Day — 2:00 p.m. Thursday.

January 29, 1981

Please remember: no refunds will be made for Globe Trotter tickets or the Disneyland Fun Day tickets. No refunds will be made for other Conference and Show functions after 9:30 a.m. Monday, January 26, 1981.



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PUTTING SUMMER TOOLS IN COLD STORAGE

If, as Hudson Valley GCSA editor Bill Smart says, the frost is on the Penncross, then it's time for superintendents in the northern part of the country to store their equipment for the winter. A little preventive maintenance and time spent now can go a long way in minimizing problems when things start back up in the spring.

If you're storing your hoses, make sure they are completely drained before being stored. If water left in them freezes, it could cause the hose to crack and split. Store them coiled and lying flat. Hanging them on a nail or peg is probably the worst possible way to store a hose, because they tend to crack where they bend around the nail.

To extend the useful life of a wooden ladder or the wooden handles of tools, treat them with a wood preservative. A simple homemade formula consists of one part linseed oil to two parts paint thinner. Brush it on and store the ladder or tools inside, off a damp concrete floor from which they could draw moisture.

Wipe hedge shears and pruning tools with a rag dipped in paint thinner to remove sticky pitch and sap. Then sharpen and oil them thoroughly.

Remove the soil from shovels and other tools used to work the soil. If necessary, use a wire brush to remove loose rust spots. Then wipe them with an oily rag.

While you're at it, take a minute to wax the blades of your snow shovels so that wet snow will slide off instead of sticking. Treat the wooden handles with wood preservative.

To keep your feet dry while you're using that snow shovel, be sure to waterproof your leather boots with the proper

sealant. Boots with leather that has been oil tanned require an oil-base sealant, while those with a chrome-tanned finish require a wax or silicone preparation. Work it into the clean, dry boot surface with a soft cloth and leave the boots in a warm place so the sealant can penetrate into the leather. Two coats should be enough for a new pair of boots, and an additional coat each winter should keep your feet dry for years to come.

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PUTTING THE BRAKES ON TENSION

Tension is a fact of life for anyone in a position of responsibility. The possibility of failure is one of our best motivations for putting out the extra effort that can make a success of whatever we attempt.

Unfortunately, it can get out of hand. When the obstacles begin to look larger than they really are, and our efforts to deal with them seem ineffectual, tension has taken over. In extreme cases, it can completely paralyze, or even bring on a variety of physical and mental illnesses that keep hospital beds full. Here are some suggestions for coping when things seem to be getting out of hand.

Talk it out. Sharing the burden will help relieve the strain. It may also clarify the problem and let you see a solution.

Get out of town. A change of scenery can often work wonders, even if it's only for a day or a weekend.

Do something for others. It will take your mind off your own problems, or at least let you see them in perspective.

Work it off. Chop some wood. Go for a brisk walk or a run. Hard physical work gives your mind a rest.

Don't try to be a superman. If you set your sights too high, you're bound to be frustrated. Take your goals one at a time.

Give in, occasionally. Even when you know you're right, sometimes it's easier to yield. It's better to bend than to break.

Tackle one task at a time. If you try to do several things at once, you may not do any of them right.

Don't withdraw. That usually just compounds the problem.

Schedule your recreation. Set a routine for relaxation and follow it, especially if you tend to drive yourself.

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Something to Think About

A Modern Version of the Twenty-third Psalm

The Lord is my Pace setter — I shall not rush.

He makes me stop for quiet intervals,

He provides me with images of stillness which
restore my serenity,

He leads me in ways of efficiency through
calmness of mind,

And his guidance is peace.

Even though I have a great many things to
accomplish each day, I will not fret,

For His Presence is here,

His timelessness, His all importance, will keep me in balance,

He prepares refreshment and renewal in the
midst of my activity,

By anointing my mind with His oils of tranquility,

My cup of joyous energy overflows.

Truly harmony and effectiveness shall be
the fruits of my hours,

For I shall walk in the Pace of my Lord

And dwell in His House for ever.

—by a Japanese writer -Tokeo Magaslia



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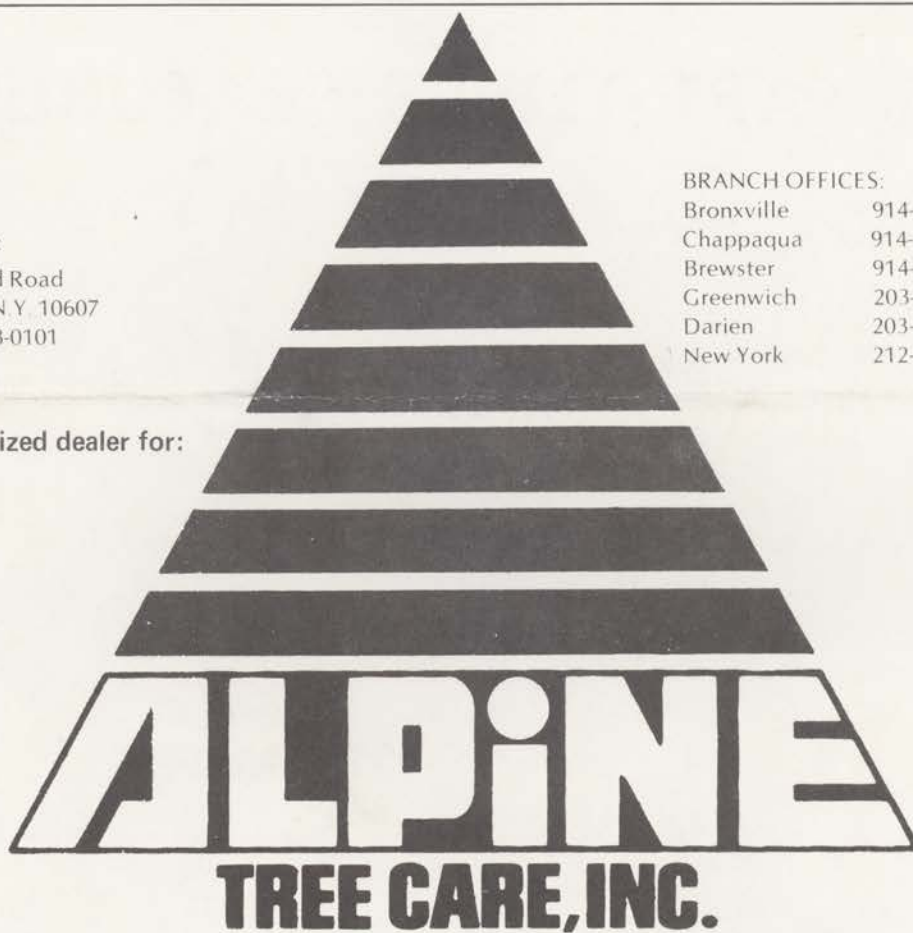
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