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COMING EVENTS

Nov. 6	MGCSA Annual Meeting — 12 noon Elmwood Country Club
Nov. 11-13	NYS Turfgrass Conference War Memorial, Rochester
Nov. 17-18	GCSAA's Insect Identification and Control Seminar Marriott Hotel, Springfield, Mass.
Dec. 12	MGCSA Christmas Party Westchester C.C.
Jan. 25-30	52nd International Turfgrass Conference and Show — Anaheim, Calif.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE:

NOVEMBER 6, 1980, ELMWOOD C.C., 12 NOON

Slate of candidates proposed by nominating committee:

President	Michael Maffei
Vice President	Charles Martineau
Treasurer	Sherwood Moore
Secretary	Peter Rappoccio

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William Gaydosh
Michael Caravella
Craig Wistrand

Directors with 1 year remaining — Class of 1981

Dennis Flynn
Patrick Lucas
Mark Millett

Past President—Robert Alonzi

Ted Horton, Chairman
Nominating Committee

MGCSA NEWS

At the monthly Board of Directors meeting held on September 4th at the Fairview Country Club, the following donations were authorized:

Rutgers University	\$300.
O.J. Noer Foundation	150.
N.Y.S. Turfgrass Assoc.	300.
University of Mass.	300.

Sherwood Moore and Dr. Ralph Engel have been nominated to the GCSAA for the the Distinguished Service Award.

The following MGCSA applications have been approved:

Wally Waltsak, Brae Burn C.C.	Class B
Carmen Ambrogio, Apawamis C.C.	Class B
Todd Polidor, Heritage Hills	Class A
John Bria, Round Hill C.C.	Class B
Robert Pitre, Bruedan Corp.	Class C
David Griffin, Down to Earth Landscaping	Class C

Dennis Flynn advises anyone interested in playing in the GCSAA Tournament to contact him.

Pat Lucas

Dear MGCSA Member:

At the Annual Meeting last November, it was suggested that in view of our good fortune as Superintendents, the MGCSA should consider doing something special during the holidays for the not so fortunate within our community.

Since the membership present expressed interest and support, a "Reaching Out" Committee was formed. The Committee members, John Wistrand, Dick Gonyea, Pat Lucas, Bob Alonzi, Peter Rappoccio, Mike Maffei, Al Moore and I, have met several times to discuss our individual research on the needy within our area and to make recommendations.

Through this research, we located many large and small local organizations to whom gifts of toys are just as welcome as contributions of money or clothing. That is why we feel that without digging into our pockets we can launch a "Toys for Tots" campaign.

Therefore, we are asking you to look through those cluttered corners in your basements and closets that have been waiting to be cleaned out anyway and to select all the toys that are in working order. Then, just phone the Committee Member who lives nearest you and he will gladly stop by to make a pick-up.

Please give a moment of your time to help others. It's a great feeling, so let us hear from you.

Sincerely,
Bob Bruce, Chairman

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Dr. Ralph Engel, speaker at Bedford Golf and Tennis Club meeting.

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18-26	Dennis Flynn	97-93-190
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Low Net

1st	Terry Mulligan	142	match of cards
2nd	Jim Fulwider	142	
3rd	Peter Rappoccio	149	

Class B

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Class C

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Editor's Note: Our thanks to Bob Lippman for forwarding this article to us.
Pat Lucas

OUR LONG, HOT (AND VERY DRY) SUMMER

We've had the heat before, and we've had the drought before, but never the two together like this. The summer of 1980, which ends officially today, was the driest in New York City's 111-year weather record—and the third hottest summer here in history.

The first two weeks of September averaged five degrees above normal with barely a quarter of an inch of rainfall until about an inch of rain came down Wednesday night.

During June, July and August, the high daily temperatures were within reason for summertime. However, the number of cool nights with temperatures dipping into the 60s was far fewer.

Central Park's summer temperatures averaged 76.6 degrees, or only 1.3 degrees below the record 77.3 degrees set in 1966. Since 1869 there have been eight other summers with temperatures averaging 76 degrees and higher. The summer's heat in New York City averaged 76.6 making it the third hottest summer since 1869.

The 3.42 inches of rainfall that fell in Central Park during June, July and August broke the previous dry summer record of 4.31 inches set back in 1960. In more recent years, other dry summers were 1957 (6.19 inches), 1965 (5.33 inches) and 1970 (6.93 inches).

A check of the 10 hottest and 10 driest summers of the past shows that only 1980 has this combination of near record heat and worst drought in New York City—which has experienced its driest summer of the last century.

The Westchester reservoirs serving New York City are down about one third, which is not an unusual drop just after a warm summer.

(Meantime, the water emergency continues in New Jersey, which has smaller and fewer reservoirs. More than 1.5 million residents in 99 New Jersey towns cannot wash their cars or sprinkle their lawns, under a water conservation mandate imposed by Gov. Brendan Byrne.)

Does weather go in cycles? A study using 11-year running averages shows a rough cyclical pattern of annual rainfall at the New York City Water Department rain gauge at Croton Lake in Westchester.

The records there going back to 1860 show relative dry periods in the 1870s, in the early 1900s, and mid-1960s. A drier period was predicted after the wet period in the late 1970s. The past dry four months could be the start of this dry trend. However this past summer's drought cannot begin to compare with the drought of 1962, 1964, 1965 and 1966.

In the West, drought patterns have a 22-year cycle. This pattern is far less definite in the eastern United States.

What our area's record hot dry summer will mean this winter in terms of icy temperatures and snowfalls, no one knows. It's too soon to tell. But if you thought this summer was one for the books, you were right. Weather forecasters will be studying it for a long time to try to figure out if it's the beginning of a weather trend.

—Jerome S. Thaler

Dr. Jerome S. Thaler, optometrist, is a cooperative observer for the U.S. Weather Service, official weather historian for Putnam County, and author of "The Westchester Weather Book." He teaches geology and earth science at Mercy College in Yorktown.

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The committee this year was Dick Allen, Dan Cancelleri, Jim and Bill Carriere, Paul Caswell, Sherwood and Glenn Moore, Roger Morhardt, Terry Mulligan and John Wistrand.

We had a good turnout in spite of the weather, 122 people including two from Massachusetts, Red Schults (GCS) and Joe Moran (Lofts Seed).

We hope in the future to see more participation from the



children in the games and activities.

Special thanks to Jim and Bill Carriere for their contribution of all the sausage, wedges and trimmings. The committee did an excellent job of organizing, cooking, etc.

Also a special thank you to Marie Moore for providing Glenn (a great guy to work with).

The Club was very pleased to host the picnic again this summer.
Dick Allen



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189th FARMER'S ALMANAC PREDICTS MILD WINTER AHEAD

The coming winter will be mild, but with more snow than usual in the West and less than usual elsewhere, the 189th Old Farmer's Almanac predicts.

But all that could change if Mount St. Helens erupts again in Washington.

Using a secret formula dating from 1792, the Almanac's Abe Weatherwise—a pseudonym for publisher Rob Trowbridge and editor Jud Hale—says less snow than usual will fall east of the Rockies, though with local variations.

The Almanac, the nation's oldest continuously published periodical, predicts mild weather for the start of November. That is supposed to give way to a cold snap lasting almost until Thanksgiving and bringing heavy snows to the Great Lakes.

"December is expected to be quite cold in the central and southern United States, but near average in the East," Abe predicts in the 1981 Almanac, which went on sale today.

"January through March will be above normal in temperature and below normal in precipitation and snowfall; extended and frequent warm spells will more than compensate for the cold and snowy periods that are anticipated about mid January and early in February," Abe predicts.

While saying he is "not one to hedge on weather forecasts," Abe hedges by warning that more eruptions of Mount St. Helens could make "the entire winter . . . considerably cooler than the predictions would indicate."

Other highlights of the national forecast are a prolonged

cold spell about the second week of April with heavy snows over the northern half of the country.

"Serious flooding" is forecast for the western Ohio River valley and the Atlantic coast in July.

Western New York, eastern Ohio River valley, South, southwestern Great Plains and Northwest all are expected to suffer "serious summer drought conditions" in August "until relieved by rains about the second week of September."

The old Farmer's Almanac, sometimes confused with the rival, and less tradition-encrusted Farmer's Almanac published in Maine, is best known for its weather predictions, which are broken down into 16 regions. It also has sun, tide and planting tables.

The Old Farmer's Almanac also includes brief instruction on preserving snowflakes (with glass laboratory slides and clear plastic spray) and the history of the doughnut.

Cooks get recipes for zucchini-yogurt cake with a cream cheese-honey glaze, carrot-pecan pie and loganberry dumplings.

Everyone gets ads for hernia trusses, pimple creams, aphrodisiacs and chainsaws, while the astronomically minded can find date of the four eclipses in 1981.

Abe also advises that an 11 year sunspot cycle peaks in 1981, making for "More auroral activity than usual, especially on clear winter nights."

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—Associated Press

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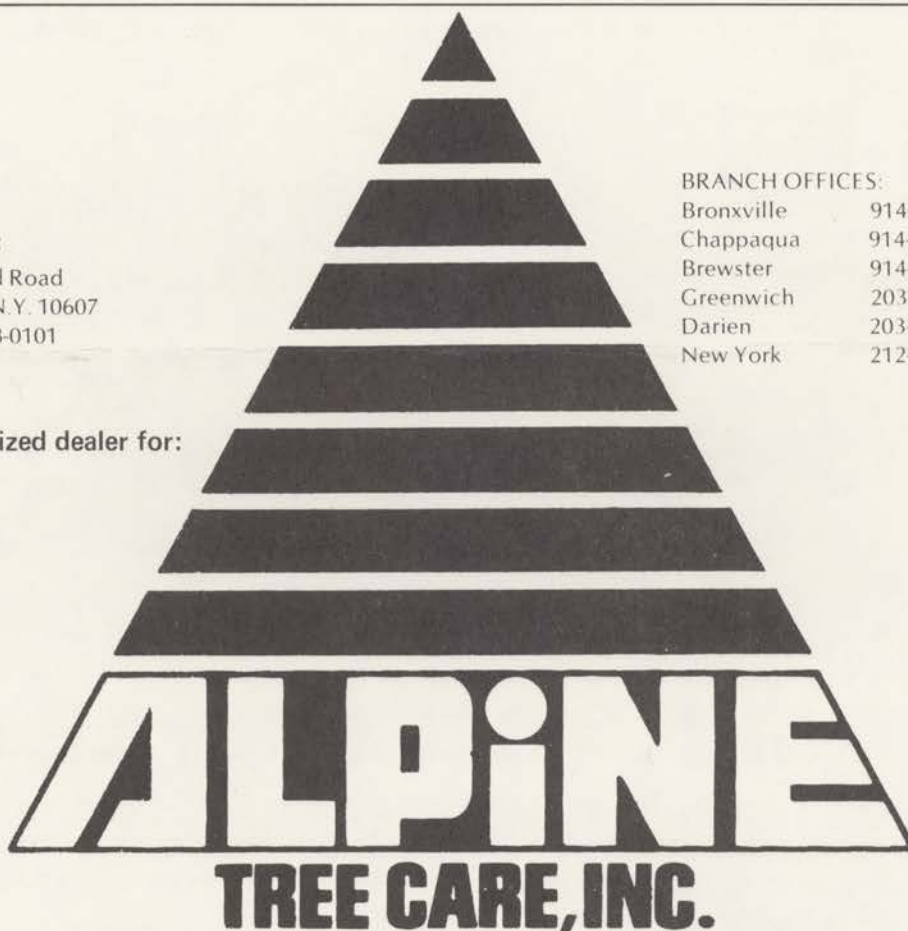
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