

# TURF TWISTERS

## NON-PLENTIFUL FERTILIZERS

**Question:** What do you advise regarding possible fertilizer shortages in 1974? Would it be a good idea to buy now and store for summer use? (Oregon)

**Answer:** It has always been a wise policy to purchase fertilizers during the winter and store them if facilities are available. The prices are usually lower; it helps the manufacturer and the transporter.

With the petroleum industry under stress, ammonia production is already curtailed. Farm acreage will also be increased in 1974. Therefore, nitrogen and phosphorus are expected to be in short supply. The Cost of Living Council has not permitted increases in fertilizer prices and so the overseas market frequently can outbid domestic users. If you have storage space, order early—and use your supplies carefully this year.

## MEANINGFUL RECORDS

**Question:** Does the USGA Green Section have a suggested form for record-keeping on the golf course, and if so, does it tie in with budget preparations? (Virginia)

**Answer:** There are some very good (and some not so good) record-keeping systems in use today. The best, simplest and most meaningful system we have found anywhere in the U.S. is one developed by Al A. Barauskas, Avalon Lakes Golf Course, Warren, Ohio. It appeared in the March, 1971, issue of the *Green Section Record* and reprints are available from any Green Section Regional Office. It produces a maximum amount of essential information with a minimum of time and effort. This is a good time to set it up for the coming year.

## WINDFUL WEEDS

**Question:** Have you observed some weeds lately that are not common to our area? (Louisiana)

**Answer:** Yes, we have. Recently, we observed a weed that was identified as *Browlesia incana* (no common name) supposedly brought in (but not by the wind) from South America. At present we suggest a broad spectrum herbicide, such as Trexsan or others. **Caution:** Tifdwarf and Tifgreen are sensitive to such treatment.