Dwight M. Brown

(1906-2018)

Dwight was a native of Cincinnati, growing up in Pleasant Ridge and attending Withrow High School. As a senior he held the state high school record in pole vaulting, 13 feet, using a bamboo pole. His love for pole vaulting continued at Ohio State University where he lettered in track and field. He was picked as a first alternate on the Olympic team as a pole vaulter and he traveled to the 1928 Olympics in Amsterdam. As a senior at OSU, it was customary to mentor a freshman ("Little Brother"), Dwight's Little Brother just happened to be Paul Brown, the football legend.

After graduation, Dwight went to work for the McCoulough Seed Company, beginning his career in turfgrass. His job was to travel the country finding and buying quality seed fields. In the early 1960's, Dwight went to work for the George W. Hill Company, bringing his great knowledge of seed. With his help, the company became a major player in the green industry. Dwight became the expert sales representative for most of the golf courses in our area. He was the go-to man not only for products, but also for questions and advice. He would always say, "Treat customers with patience and respect whether they spend $10 or $10,000." Something he always did.

Dwight was a founding member of our early organization and served on many boards over the years. He supported our profession and organization in every way possible.

Dwight received the Professional Excellence Award from the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation in 1976. It was a fitting tribute to the way he worked and the way he lived his life. Dwight retired at the age of 87.