A LETTER FROM YOUR RETIRING PRESIDENT

My congratulations to Richard McLaughlin, your new president. Two years have passed since you first elected me president. They have been good years for me, and I hope good years for the Association. It would be impossible for me to thank each of you individually for the efforts that you put forth to make the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents Association a leader in the field. It has been the committeemen who have produced the goods that are distributed to the membership. It is the committeemen who do the thankless chore of arranging meeting places, sounding out, registering, and bringing ideas to fruition.

I wish that I could serve you forever, but I would not want to deprive others of this privilege and honor. I now pledge to you my continued efforts in the years to come and my support to you, the Association, for my professional lifetime.

Sincerely /signed/ Edward G. Nohava

(The Sec'y-Treas. wishes to acknowledge that Eddie was chairman of most of the referred to committees)

NOTICE -- There have been several pieces of mail returned lately because of address changes. Some of you were kind enough to notify us and some were not so considerate. Before new plates are cut by Wally Adams of Seldon Watts, we wish that you would notify the editor by return mail of any recent change.

EMIL PICHA, well known as a tight-fisted superintendent, nearly suffered a terrible catastrophe in San Diego. A cab picked up Emil and as they came down the hill on Harbor Road the brakes failed. "I can't stop!" the cabbie yelled. Emil, equally as excited, replied, "Well, for Pete's sake, then, stop the meter!"

POST MORTEM -- An unusually competent and unbiased observer stated that nothing of world-shaking importance was revealed at the recent meetings. But the usual phenomena were there: Eager superintendents, young and not so young, impressing one another with the magic jargon of science, hinting more or less darkly of discoveries not quite ready to be revealed, of huge budgets from well-heeled developers, of side trips enroute to the conference, and of expense accounts and the I.R.S. There were dignified and competent-looking superintendents and administrators buying and selling the products of their educational activities. There were a few unregenerate individuals looking for someone with a bottle. And finally, an occasional youthful bride, wearing a look of enchantment on her face because she realized she was really a part of the wonderful world of golf, or perhaps because she was on her second or third honeymoon.

CONGRATULATIONS -- To Arnold N. Pellman for reinstatement as a regular member; James Mechanicky and Marland Madson who were accepted as apprentice members.

Further applications are Thomas J. Stelter, Lost Spur Golf Course; Dennis Shoenfeldt, Root River Country Club, Spring Valley, Minn.; Harlin Dean Sime, Interlachen Club, Minneapolis, John Pauth, Jr., Pequot Lakes.

MORE NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP is needed to maintain our delegate voting strength. Three of the Minnesota Association members are delinquent and one has resigned.

NOTE ALSO -- Final billing for the Minnesota Association dues will be mailed this month.