TRAVEL TIPS, cont.

In addition to reserved seat luxury lounge coaches, the OLYMPIAN HIAWATHA is superably appointed with comfortable private room accommodations, at the following fares, Seattle to Chicago.

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The above rates are subject to a 15% Federal Tax.

It is suggested that your reservations be requested in the near future so that you can secure accommodations desired. I shall be pleased to complete your travel arrangements for this memorable trip.

> Very truly yours, THE MILWAUKEE ROAD Signed - G. W. Hyett, City Pass. Agent

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Your greatest contribution to the sum total of things is yourself --

- Anon

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#### SHOP TALK

Just have completed another season on the golf course. All of our Golf course equipment is back in the storage building and the grounds are covered with a white blanket provided by mother nature for the purpose of protecting the vegetative cover. However, this period of relaxing will quickly whiz by, and before we have time to think over our problems of last season, spring will be here.

Now is the time to plan for the next golfing season. Is all your equipment and machinery in good order and ready to go? January and February is the most practical time to overhaul and replace all broken and worn parts.

To overhaul this machinery, certain equipment is essential to have in the repair shop. I believe a shop is not fully equipped unless it has a welding unit all its own. We have used one for the past eighteen years, and from its use, we have saved ourselves numerous hours of time and money. This factor is particularly important in these times of shortages of manpower and high prices. Then a breakdown occurs, and specific replacement parts are not immediately available, we are able to make the necessary repair in some manner, and have the machine out on the job again within a very short time.

When I decided to take up welding, I secured the serwices and advise from a representative of a reliable welding concern here in Chicago. Welding instruction on fundamentals was given me by this company. Within a few lessons, I became efficient enough to apply it to my own specific maintenance problems, I have used welding to repair mowers, tractors, water pipes, sprinklers and other ground equipment. I have constructed four shelter houses on the course and a tool building 30' x 60'. All were constructed out of scrap iron and were completely welded. No bolts or nails were used on this project. During the installation of our irrigation system, all pipes in the system were welded together. Leaky pipes or major breaks in the lines have always been repaired through the use of our portable welding unit which is oxy-acetylene type.

> Walter Kilmer, RAVILO COUNTRY CLUB

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"Every effort needs a booster, so why in heck don't you .. "

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#### CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

# January 21th

Pre-Conference Meeting of Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents at "SAMBOS" at 2:00 P.M. 6600 Gunnison Street, Chicago, Ill.

#### February 2nd and 3rd

Oklahoma-Texas Turf Conference to be held in Dallas, Texas at the Baker Hotel. Educational Sessions will begin at 8:45 A.M.

# February 7, 8, 9, 10, 11th

National Turf Conference and Equipment Exhibition sponsored by your
Greenkeeping Superintendents Association. Outdoor demonstrations and
THE BEST EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM IN THE
ENTIRE COUNTRY - Don't sell your own
organization down the river by staying
home - the association is banking
on your personal attendance.

### February 17th - 18th

Fourth Annual Shade Tree Conference at La Salle Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. If you are interested in tree problems don't miss this program.

# February 22nd

Open House by invitation Preorgal Davis, Inc., 5440 Northwest Hi-way, Chicago, Ill. CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS, cont.

### March 7, 8, 9th

Midwest Regional Turf Foundation Conference at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. Make your reservations early - last year there were over 300 persons attending this popular mid-west conference.

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The Association without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder.



Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Chicago Convention Bureau cordially invites the Greenkeeping Superintendents to meet in the City of Chicago in February of 1951 with a feeling of sincere confidence that here you will enjoy greater cooperation and better facilities than anywhere else.

For years more conventions with a heavier collective attendance have been held in Chicago than in any other community. There is only one reason - there are no weak spots in the Chicago convention picture. In Chicago you will be the guest of a City that appreciates what conventions mean to its own prosperity and takes every means to reciprocate.

Chicago, transportation hub of the nation, is the one large city that more of your members can reach at lower average cost than any place else. It can offer more large exposition halls with more first class floor space than any other city. And in hotel accommodations - conveniently located, priced to fit any pocketbook, and numerous to fill any demand - it is second to none. Large or small, the organization meeting in Chicago is certain of satisfaction.

Above all, we feel you will like Chicago. In the wholesome opportunity for all forms of entertainment and recreation, in the friendly courtesy you may expect from its citizens and public servants, in the desire to help make your meeting an event that will merit favorable publicity everywhere - you will quickly recognize just why Chicago is known as "Host City of the Nation".

In requesting an early reply, may we assure you that, in whatever cooperation it can extend, The Chicago Convention Bureau is yours to command.

Sincerely yours,
THE CHICAGO CONVENTION BUREAU,
(Signed) W. Fred Puffer,
Assistant to the President

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Dear Mr. Johnson:

I learned with much interest that the Greenkeeping Superintendents Association is considering the selection of a site for its 1951 meeting place, and I would like to extend to you and your associates a cordial invitation to hold this convention in our city.

Chicago's transportation advantages and its abundant facilities for the entertainment of visitors have rendered it justly famous as the world's convention host. I am sure that your group can look forward to a very warm welcome and to a very enjoyable and successful meeting should you decide to meet here in February of 1951.

Sincerely,

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF CHICAGO

(Signed) Martin H. Kennelly, Mayor.

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