

GRASS

"Next in importance to the divine profusion of water, light, and air, those three physical facts which render existence possible, may be reckoned with the universal beneficence of grass. Lying in the sunshine among the buttercups and dandelions of May, scarcely higher in intelligence than those minute tenants of that mimic wilderness, our earliest recollections are of grass, and when the fitful fever is ended, and the foolinsh wrangle of the market and the forum is closed, grass heals over the scar with our descent into the bottom of the earth has made, and the carpet of the infant becomes the blanket of the dead.

"Grass is the forgiveness of nature—her constant benediction. Fields trampled with battle, saturated with blood, torn with the ruts of cannon, grow green again with grass, and carnage is forgotten. Streets abandoned by traffic become grass grown, like rural lanes, and are obliterated. Forests decay, harvests perish, flowers vanish, but grass is immortal. Beleaguered by the sullen hosts of winter it withdraws into the impregnable fortress of its subterranean vitality and emerges upon the solicitation of spring. Sown by winds, by wandering birds, propagated by the subtle horticulture of the elements which are its ministers and servants, it softens the rude outlines of the world. It invades the solitude of deserts, climbs the inaccessible slopes and pinnacles of mountains, and modifies the history, character, and destiny of nations. Unobtrusive and patient, it has immortal vigor and aggression. Banished from the thoroughfares and fields, it bides its time to return, and when the vigilance is relaxed or the dynasty has perished it silently resumes the throne from which it has been expelled but which it never abdicates. It bears no blazonry of bloom to charm the senses with fragrance or splendor, but its homely hue is more enchanting than the lily or the rose. It yields no fruit in earth or air, yet should its harvest fail for a single year, famine would depopulate the world."

Extract from speech made by
the late Sen. Engels, State of Kansas

TO THE MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS

We want to thank you for your kind expression of sympathy at this time. The flowers you sent were beautiful and much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ingwerson and Family.

NEW BOOK NOW AVAILABLE

"Care and Repair Of The House"

If you have trouble with sticking windows, damp cellars and defective weatherstripping, leaking roofs, minor electrical difficulties, dripping faucets, or any of the thousand and one things which can go wrong about the house, you will be able to correct most of them by following the detailed and often illustrated, instructions given in this circular.

Fifty (50) cents per copy. 209 illustrated pages.

Write to Sup't. of Documents, U. S. Gov. Printing Office, Wash. 25, D. C.

Enclose cash, check or moneyorder.

PLUG THE NATIONAL TURF SHOW

Chicago will be the site of the 22nd National Turf Show this coming winter, so talk it up with everyone this year. Ray Didier and Frank Dinelli have already started to make plans for a big entertainment program for the ladies who will attend this conference with their husbands.

We wish to correct an error which appeared in the April issue of the bulletin under the heading of the Membership Report. It was reported that OLD ORCHARD GOLF CLUB was not represented by a superintendent in our greenkeeping-superintendent organization. This is not true, as Jimmy Service of that club has been a regular member for some time in both the National and District Associations.

Henry Lange
Membership Committee

THE MORTON ARBORETUM

announces

SPRING PROGRAM FOR 1950

COURSES IN NATURAL SCIENCE OF THE CHICAGO REGION

These courses are being offered for the 21st consecutive season. They present a friendly knowledge of the outdoors. Life histories, habits, associations, folklore, and identification will be considered. Birds, rocks, ferns, mammals, will be included, but emphasis will be upon trees, shrubs, and wild flowers. Each meeting will consist of a lecture and field trip, or laboratory period and field trip.

NILS A. RUNNFELDT PASSES AWAY

Notice of the death of member Nils A. Runnfeldt did not reach us in time to be printed in the April issue of the Association bulletin. Although it is late, we wish to express our deep sympathy at this time to the immediate family.

Mr. Runnfeldt had been a member of the Midwest Association for a number of years, and we regret to report his death on Wednesday, March 22, 1950. He had been an employee with the Winnetka Park District for over 30 years, currently acting as green-keeping superintendent at Skokie Playfield. Fraternal affiliation included the Modern Woodmen of America.

We regret to report that Mr. Benedict O. Warren, father of Ben Warren of the Warren Turf Nurseries at Worth, Illinois passed away on April 16th, 1950. Those of us who knew Mr. Warren held him the highest respect.