

OPEN LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

During the recent mild weather at Purdue THE MOLE burrowed close to the surface. Taking this to be a sign of approaching spring, "Our Mole" proceeded above ground to the Conference at Ames, only to be harrassed by disagreeable weather and unpleasant experiences in the form of snow drifts, stalled trucks and cars, flat tires, punctured gas tanks, crowded hotels, late trains, and other things too numerous to mention. However, with the same perseverance that it took to carry "The Anvil", he reached the goal and, using the Bull Sheet for text, delivered his speech on time. The return journey was some better. However his companion, who was not a mole, left the digging to The Mole and came home by train.

The Mole was heard to mumble, as he tunneled in for the night, "I resolve not to leave my own back yard again until the 'Official' spring sun shines on me."

The Listening Reporter.

P.S. The new home in Lombard must have looked like Paradise when he returned.

MARCH MEETING AT SAMBO'S

A regular meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents was held on Monday, March 12th, at Sambo's Restaurant in Chicago. President Stupple called for reports from the chairmen of the various National Show Committees. Peter Stewart reported on show sales by our local committee. Henry Lange reported that 63 people had taken advantage of the bus tour of Chicago on Monday of the show. Bill Stupple, in the absence of Frank Dinelli, gave a report on the Entertainment Committee. The report of the Ways and Means Committee had been submitted at a previous meeting by Ray Didier. Bob Williams gave a detailed report on the operation of the District Educational Exhibits Committee, and a report on the Reception and Information Committee, was submitted by Don Strand. In the absence of Ray Didier, Don Strand gave the Delegate's report. President Stupple accepted the reports and, after thanking the chairmen and members of the various committees, formally dismissed them as having accomplished their duties to complete satisfaction.

A discussion on the merits of U-3 Bermuda in this district brought forth interesting comments.

Following the discussion, Educational Chairman, Al Johnson showed a very interesting and educational sound film on Curling.

MIDWEST REGIONAL TURF CONFERENCE NOTES

The Midwest Regional Turf Conference held at Purdue University, March 5th-8th, was well attended. There were well over 300 registered and many of those were from the Midwest Association. William Daniel, Kenyon Payne, and all those responsible for the arrangements are to be congratulated for a really fine and well organized program.

The subjects for discussion were well chosen and the speakers covered them with a thoroughness that indicated a great deal of work and forethought in their preparation. The arrangement for smaller groups gave opportunity for more general group discussion which showed a keen interest in the work being done.

One of the highlights of the conference was Quarterback O. J. Noer's razzle dazzle pass play where he handed the ball to several of the Superintendents throughout the Midwest area in his discussion of "Turf Maintenance in Wartime." In all, 35 speakers were scheduled on the program, and many of them appearing at least four times before the individual groups.

Dr. J. B. Peterson presided as toastmaster at the annual Banquet on Wednesday evening at which Dr. N. J. Volk, in behalf of the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation, presented M. L. Clevett with an inscribed pen set as a token of appreciation of the work he had done in organizing and carrying on the original Purdue Turf Conference. "Red" Mackey extended an invitation to the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America to hold their Annual Golf Tournament at the Purdue University Golf Course in September, 1951.

The Purdue Glee Club, under the able direction of Al Stewart, furnished the entertainment for the evening, an attraction which alone is well worth the trip to Purdue each year.

The only criticism of the Midwest Turf Conference heard by your reporter was that "a four day conference is too long, especially at this time of year."

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