

THE BULL SHEET STAFF

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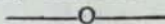
The President's Message

It was not so many years ago that many greenkeeping practices were closely guarded "secrets". Methods were supposed to have been passed down from father to son and the greenkeeper was very loath to give away any of these so called secrets and on some courses if a "rival" happened to pay a visit, all secret practices were hidden until he left. In fact, other greenkeepers were not welcome to come around and see what was being done. This shortsighted practice prevailed up until about 25 years ago when the first greenkeepers associations were organized. I can remember attending meetings where a man would have liked to ask a question but would not do so because he was afraid that he would be showing himself to be ignorant. Many times when a question was asked, nobody would be willing to answer. How things have changed. Today you can go to a meeting, or call on a brother Superintendent and get willing answers to your questions. The closer cooperation and better feeling between Superintendents has, without doubt, done much to make the Superintendent what he is today. There is no doubt in my mind that the most respected man around the golf club today is the Superintendent, an honor which was formerly mostly enjoyed by the pro or club manager. Superintendents today are doing a great deal of experimental work on their courses and are passing on the results and their findings to their fellows. This is a wonderful thing for all of us, and I would like to see more of it done. With all the hundreds of acres of various types of fine turf to work with and with the intelligent cooperation of the Superintendents, we can do more and more to advance our profession. The enthusiasm shown at Woodridge for our proposed turf gardens at the Morton Arboretum at Lisle, is proof of the Superintendents thirst for knowledge, and I am sure that they are all behind us in putting over this project and will do all in their power to make it an outstanding achievement.



PLEASE NOTE

The National Tournament and Field Day scheduled for September 17-18, will be held on September 10-11 instead. The reason for the change, according to Dr. Daniels, is on account of better facilities for accommodations at the Union. This makes it necessary for us to change the date of our joint meeting with Wisconsin Greenkeepers to September 17 instead of September 10 as originally scheduled.



AUGUST GUEST DAY

Our August guest day will be held at Bonnie Dundee Country Club, Dundee, Ill. on Monday August 20, 1951. Association members Jock Anderson, owner and Al. Rausch Superintendent, will be our hosts. Come out and have a good time.

SPREADING IT THIN

Mrs. Ray Davis, wife of the popular Ray Davis, supt. of Meadham C. C., had a meeting of the Ladies Picnic Committee on July 16. The Committee consisting of Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Amos Lapp and Mrs. Paul Burdett, met in Elgin and bought prizes for the children.

Ray Davis sprayed for mosquito and fly control, using the Natural History Survey formula. Ray and Mrs. Davis sat out the first evening after the spraying was done, and Ray reported. "We sat there and we could see the little devils sitting on the long grass over by the pump house looking over at us sitting there as comfortable as you please, and they were wondering how come they couldn't get thru to their usual evening meal. I went out to the garden to pick some beans and they sure were hungry there." Ray reported that the spraying gave protection for 28 days. He used 12 pounds of wettable DDT and 3 pounds of Lindane in 100 gallons of water.

Ralph Wymmer Jr., who has been greenkeeping superintendent at Glen Eagles Country Club, has left Glen Eagles and gone to work for his father in the real estate business in Gary, Indiana. We will miss Ralph and wish him a great deal of success in his new venture.

Walter Fuchs, for 16 years Superintendent of the Cedar Rapids Country Club, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is the new Superintendent at Glen Eagles. Walter came to work on the fourth of July. He is a member of the National, past President of the Iowa Association, and will be a valuable addition to the Midwest. At this time his family is staying in Cedar Rapids and Walter is making his home in rooms at the club.

George Davis of George A. Davis, Inc., announced over the radio July 16th that he hoped to retire in "the very near future and go to Hawaii to live with his family". When this does come to pass, our best wishes will go with George. His life has been spent in the service of golf clubs.

Ray Gerber of Glen Oak Country Club smashed several fingers in the door of his service building and has been unable to play any golf. Ray advises everyone to buy one-section overhead doors as one is less likely to catch his fingers in these.

Frank Mastroleo, genial Superintendent of Geneva Country Club, reports that things are normal over in Geneva. Frank is getting the work out and now has a fairly large crew, three men and himself. The greens are good, the fairways fine and everything is under control except that Frank has a pain in his leg.

Walter Wallace of Cherry Hills was in bed the week of July 16th with an attack of appendicitis. Hope you are feeling better, Walter.

Peter Bild of Woodridge treated the fairways with a mixture of 2,4-D and Esteron 2,4,5-T starting the week of July 16.

Emil Cassier applied Esteron 2,4,5-T to his greens at Sycamore for clover control. He used 1 teaspoonful in one gallon of water in a pack sprayer and treated only the spots. While there was some discoloration, the clover was thinned out and Emil reports the treatment very satisfactory. Emil suggests that a smaller dosage might be used and the treatments be more frequent.

THE MOLL.