

THE BULL SHEET STAFF

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is the first issue of our second year in business. We solicit your advertisements and your complete cooperation and from members; your contributions. This publication will grow as it reflects items of interest to you. We try to keep our editorial ears to the ground and the Mole keeps digging and our staff keeps working, but we need more contributions from you, our regular readers. Our committee has been working especially hard to try to realize our collective ambition to have our own Illinois Experiment station where we can grow grasses, conduct research and learn together. Bert Rost, chairman, has completed arrangements to take over the next meeting to be held July 9 at Woodridge Country Club

For those interested in golf, we will have our usual tournament. For those interested in looking over the site of the proposed gardens, Dr. Voigt, Director of the Station, proposes that we meet at the Administration Building of the Morton Arboretum at 4 P.M. and Dr. Gotshalk, director of the Arboretum, will take us on a tour of the Arboretum, looking over the classrooms and other facilities and show us the location of the proposed plots in our new gardens.

After dinner, Bert has arranged the following program. William Stuppel, Midwest president, will give the Superintendent's views on desirable turf research. Dr. Birkland, Director of the Horticulture Dept. of the University of Illinois, will speak briefly, Dr. Mills, head of the Natural History Survey, has also been asked to speak. Mr. Gotshalk will follow him on the program and the final speaker of the evening will be Dean Searles, head of the College of Pharmacy of the University of Illinois.

Mr. Dillon, Chairman of the Greens Committee of the Chicago District Golf Association and Mr. Gerard, Chairman of the Green Committee of Indian Hill Club will also be present to talk with us.

This will be a good program and one you cannot afford to miss. Please plan to come and bring your Chairman.

William H. Stuppel, Pres.

TURF RESEARCH REVIEW

The United States Golf Association Green Section announces the second edition of TURF RESEARCH REVIEW. This is a compilation of all turf work in the United States covering projects, workers, publications, conferences, field days, and other features of the National Coordinated Turf Program.

TURF RESEARCH REVIEW in effect is intended to be a supplement to the USGA's new book, TURF MANAGEMENT; H. B. Musser, author; McGrawHill Book Co., publisher; price, \$6.00. The book, TURF MANAGEMENT, is available at United States Golf Association, "Golf House," 40 East 38th Street, New York 16, N. Y.

TURF RESEARCH REVIEW belongs in the library of every progressive golf course superintendent. Since only a limited number of copies will be printed you are urged to place your order now with the USGA Green Section, Plant Industry Station, Beltsville, Md., and enclose \$1.25 for your copy. It will be mailed to you, postage free, within a short time.

ASSOCIATION ANNUAL PICNIC JULY 23, 1951

The Annual picnic of our Association will be held at Arrowhead Country Club with Bill Oates as our host. Arrowhead is located on Butterfield Road just west of Wheaton, Ill. Golf will start at 1 P.M. Games for the kiddies will start at about three o'clock. Refreshments will be served thruout the afternoon.

Members of the Association will preside over the weenie stove for hot dog supper in the evening.

Our picnic at Arrowhead last year was very successful and we are looking for a greater attendance and more fun this time. We have planned games for all kids from 4 to 94. Bring the wife and kids out for a great day.

Ray Davis Ch. Entertainment Committee

SPREADING IT THIN

Work seems to be the by word of this season with the Superintendent carrying the bulk of the load. Green cutting, sometimes 20 a day, fairway cutting, mower repairs, trying to break in new men is the lot of the Golf Course Superintendent, 1951. Ed Wohlenberg of Navajo Fields hit the keynote when he said after knocking off 20 greens, "This is a great job. In the winter."

In spite of the pressure of supervising 54 holes, Ray Davis of Medinah finds time to do a little animal husbandry, teaching, and nature study. Ray is again foster father to 150 baby chicks, is husbandman to a large vegetable garden and has one little garden for each of his three boys, hence the teaching schedule, and late one beautiful evening The Mole found him studying Nature, observing the night life of the earth worm and its mating habits.

Don Strand of Westmoreland is proud that his two boys are planning to attend the University of Illinois at Navy Pier, Chicago, this fall. Dr. William H. Daniel of the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation made up a list of subjects that should be useful in the field of turf management. Don's boys believe they can get most of these subjects at the Pier Branch of the University of Illinois.

Robert Williams Jr., son of Bob Williams of Beverly, is recovering from a burst appendix. Robert had a hard time and we are very happy for him and his mother and dad that he is well on the way to full recovery.

Ray Davis and his family left the morning of June 15 to attend the funeral of his mother. She was 85 at the time of her passing. Our sympathies to the Davis family.

John Bristle, who works at Glen Oak Country Club for Ray Gerber, fell under a tractor on Friday, June 15. The wheel of the tractor passed over John's leg. Ray called a doctor at once and got John well taken care of. To top it off the same day, Ray had a water pipe burst and at last report Ray was still digging.

Rube Thode of the Chicago Park District Golf Courses reports that things are normal with his courses. Play seems to be far heavier than last season. There have been no disease problems, but it was necessary to resod a number of winter killed spots on the greens. This was the first time in the history of the courses that there has been any winterkill. Rube is sodding the faces of all traps to reduce maintenance.

The Mole.

TURF RESEARCH REPORT

On Friday evening, June 15, the Turf Research Committee met with Dr. Ralph Voigt at the site of the proposed turf gardens at Lisle, Illinois. They then retired to the home of Paul Burdett to partake of a delicious dinner prepared by Mrs. Burdett. After dinner, plans were made to present the proposal at our next meeting to be held at Woodridge on July 9.