

AN EDITORIAL

This issue completes the first year of the Bull Sheet in its new form. During the year we had two different editors, spent all our money, but never missed an issue. We believe our venture has been a grand success and are looking forward to an even more successful and prosperous year.

Norman Johnson, the founder and first editor of the Bull Sheet, always looking ahead for improvements, conceived the idea of increasing the circulation and to cover the entire state of Illinois. With this in mind it was necessary to raise more money for the purpose and this was done by selling advertising. The results were gratifying and by the July issue of 1950 the new Bull Sheet was ready. Norm continued as editor until late in the summer when he left for a new job in Jacksonville, Florida. Don Strand then took over as editor and continued the work thru the May issue and finally was forced to relinquish the work because of the press of activities at his club. We give our grateful thanks to both Norm and Don. We feel that the organization has had a grand publication and we who have worked with these men consider that we have gained in skill and knowledge with the association. Few will realize the time, effort and thought these men have given to promote this activity of our association.

We thank our advertisers and hope for their continued support thru the new year. We need them just as much as they need us.

It is the policy of the editorial staff to make the Bull Sheet even better and larger and of more value to you. With this in mind we hope to soon be able to announce a new expansion and a new service. To all we pledge our best efforts.

THE MEETING AT BUTTERFIELD

Those of us who attended the Spring Tournament at Butterfield Country Club certainly had a wonderful time. The weather was beautiful, the course in superb shape, the hospitality of the best, the dinner excellent and no less than three University professors were there as our speakers. Dr. Kenyon Payne, of Purdue, talked on the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation, Dr. Ralph Voigt, Director of the drug plant experiment station of the University of Illinois, talked about his work and of the possibility of establishing turf plots at the station and of the

which is located at Lisle, Illinois. Dr. William H. Daniels, Agronomist with turf research and extension at Purdue University, working with the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation, gave an interesting talk on his tour of Chicago District golf courses on which he had been conducted by members of the Association on Sunday and Monday previously. We expect to print a more detailed account of his and Dr. Voigt's talk in a later issue.

Golf prize winners were as follows.

1st Low Net—Ralph Wymer, 2nd Low Net—C. Vann, 3rd Low Net—Pete Stewart, 4th Low Net—Al Staudt, 5th Low Net—Bob Williams, 6th Low Net—Frank Dinelli.

1st Low Net for Guests, Kenyon Payne, 2nd Joe Walsh, 3rd Earl Staten.

Blind Bogey—1st Andy Dunn, 2nd H. Enright, 3rd D. Transier, 4th Jim Service, 5th Al Purvey.

The refreshments on the course were by courtesy of Mr. H. G. Barnhart, a member of Butterfield. Cigars courtesy of Mr. J. B. Kritzer, of Butterfield.

Door prizes were donated by the following. Mr. J. S. Gillespie, an electric Remington razor, won by Kenyon Payne. Mr. E. R. Wooley, 1 dozen balls, 1 putter, 1 sand wedge, 1 wind breaker. Andy's Steak House, 1 bottle of liquor. Mr. Strobel, Acacia C. C. 6 balls. Mr. Ted Hammerschmidt, Woodridge C. C. 6 balls. Geo. A. Davis Co. 6 balls. Our many thanks to the Butterfield C. C., Pete Stewart, and all who cooperated to make this a very enjoyable meeting.

THE MEETING AT INDIAN HILL

Our next meeting will be at Indian Hill C. C., Winnetka, Illinois. Al Johnson will be our host. This beautiful golf course is one of the finest in the country and it will be well worth your while to come out and play the course or just walk around and inspect it. Golf tournament in the afternoon, dinner and meeting in the evening. Bob Duguid, Supt. at Evanston C. C. will be our speaker and will give us a talk on flowers.

JUNE GUEST DAY

Guest Days are, as the name implies, informal golf days for the benefit of those who want to get together with their fellow superintendents more than once a month. It is a day on which we stress the importance of bringing your friends, whether members or not, to enjoy the game of golf and the good fellowship that goes with these informal meetings. On June 18, we will have our first guest days of the year at the Chesterfield C. C. at Glenview. Julius Buchen will be our host and promises us a wonderful time. Golf in the afternoon, dinner and social gathering in the evening.

THE LADIES HAD A GOOD TIME

One of the final acts of the Chicago Show of the National Meeting, was played on Thursday the tenth, when Mrs. Ray Gerber took her committee for supper and to see the play entitled "The Moon Is Blue", as a reward by Frank Dinelli's committee for a good job well done in entertaining the ladies at the National Show.

TURF RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

The turf research committee recently met with Dr. Ralph Voigt, Director of the drug plant experiment station at Lisle, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to coordinate our efforts with his to promote the establishment of an experimental turf garden at the station. Dr. Voigt was very cooperative and seems to be the man who will really do us some good along those lines. It was agreed that we would need a minimum of 5 acres of land for experimental work. We would need a man on the job who was interested in our problems and who would be capable of carrying out our ideas. The meeting as a whole was very encouraging and was a step closer to the reestablishment of turf gardens in this area.

EARL DOWELL IN THE HOSPITAL

A good many of our members will remember Earl Dowell who was formerly a member of our Association and now at the Lafayette C. C. at Lafayette, Indiana. Earl suffered serious injuries when a tractor overturned on him while at work at his club the first part of April. He seemed to be getting along alright at first but suffered a relapse and is in a serious condition at St. Elizabeth's hospital in Lafayette. Drop him a line, he would be glad to hear from his old friends.

Dr. Kenyon Payne must have been collecting four leaf clovers on his tour of 22 Chicago District golf courses before our meeting at Butterfield. He walked off with not only the first low net golf prize for guests, but also the first door prize. Well, more power to him, he's a great guy.

COMING EVENTS

Association Picnic—Monday, July 23.

Joint Meeting Midwest and Wisconsin Greenkeepers Association—Fox Lake Country Club, Sept. 10.

Pro-Greenkeeper Tournament, St. Andrews C. C. Oct. 1.

N.G.S.A. Championship Tournament Purdue University Golf Course, Sept. 17-18.