

## REPORT ON THE SPRING DANCE AND PARTY

Ray Davis was on the ball this time in promising us a safe trip to Roselle without the risk of spending the night in a snowdrift. The evening of our Spring Dance and Party was one of the few really nice ones so far this Spring (?). The 80 people who attended all had a good time, dancing, renewing old friendships, making new ones and generally enjoying themselves. A delicious buffet supper was served and the abundance of food invited generous helpings. Ernie Kruse donated a dozen roses from the Wheeling Nurseries as a door prize and the Committee provided enough breakfast delicacies for 16 door prizes in all which were won by: Don Strand Jr. (who drew HIS OWN number), John MacGregor, Mrs. Ray Didier (SHE drew her OWN number), Ernie Kruse, Mrs. Bert Rost, Bill Malpede, Mrs. Ray Davis, George A. Davis Jr., Mrs. Chuck Daugherty (Draw something for us), Mrs. Al Johnson, Mrs. Kruse, Bert Rost, Don Strand, Bill Saielli, Frank Dinelli and Ed Stewart.

## SPREADING IT THIN

Bert Rost is busy mounting his sand trap rake on his new Worthington tractor. Bert has moved the pro shop and is now busy rebuilding the first tee at Park Ridge Country Club.

Henry Lang has his crew raking leaves and generally cleaning up the course at Glen View. Henry estimates that about forty cords of wood are used each season in the cottages and club house. All of this is produced on the wooded areas of the course.

Bill Swantz has completed 32 years at Hinsdale Country Club. He has been Superintendent since 1935.

Donald Gerber took a week away from Glen Oak and went to New Orleans the last of March. Don reports good food, fair weather, and fishing poor with one day with 8 inches of rain.

Al Johnson is patiently awaiting spring to come to Indian Hill Country Club, a little grateful that he is in the Chicago District right now. He was back to Iowa on April 6th and 7th and found the roads blocked by flooded rivers. At Cherokee Park, just north of Sioux City, the Little Sioux was so high that only the tops of swings and backstop were visible.

Walter Kilmer has been employed at Ravisloe Country Club for the past 35 years. Walter started to work there driving his own team of horses cutting grass in the fairways, which were cut once a week and the rough was cut twice a year.

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## WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Wisconsin Greenkeepers Association held their April Meeting on April 16th at Old Heidelberg Gardens in Milwaukee. The business meeting was held at 2:00 P.M. After the meeting members and guests enjoyed cards and bowling, till 6:30 when they were guests of Dick Ryerson at a delicious dinner. Needless to say, a good time was enjoyed by all.

## SPRING TURF REPORTS

Fairways and greens at Glen Oak Country Club that were treated with chlordane for worm control last fall are free from worm activities this spring. Ray Gerber reports that untreated areas are full of worm casts.

Bill Swantz is pleased with the results of 2, 4, 5-T for clover control. Clover in the 15th fairway at the Hinsdale Club, which was treated last fall, has been completely controlled.

Tees at the Idlewild Country Club took a severe beating from snow mold this winter. Mel Warnecke suggests that tees be given the same treatment for snow mold prevention as greens. (Editors note: After such a winter as just passed one wonders if that might not possibly include fairways.)

A large area of the turf on the 12th green at Tam O'Shanter was winter-killed. Ray Didier reports that it will be necessary to resod about one-third of that green. Grass that died was in low areas and Ray believes that snow, ice and water in combination with poor surface drainage did the dirty work.

The grass on several greens at Rob Roy was winter-killed in spots. The injured areas are all low swales where water and ice could gather and stay. Pat McDonald plans to reseed these areas.

B-27 bluegrass at Butterfield Country Club, planted by Pete Stewart in May of 1950 from stolons has wintered well. In early April it seemed to have the texture of a fine fescue. It had been mowed at one-half inch and has some snow mold. U-3 Bermuda that Pete planted in tees in May 1950 seems to have come thru the winter well.

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