

SPREADING IT THIN

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lange, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burdett, and Mr. Dunlop Lin of Brookwood attended the Green Section meeting at Beltsville.

Dunlop Lin is the new Superintendent at Brookwood Country Club.

Norm Johnson, now of the San Jose Country Club, Jacksonville, Florida, was a visitor at the Green Section meeting. Norm reports that everything is under control in his part of the country. During his first year at San Jose, Norm has used upward of 100 tons of fertilizer on greens, tees and fairways.

Pete Stewart spent three days during the middle of October hunting and fishing in the Watoma district of Wisconsin. Pete had a grand time and brought home grouse, partridge and Northern pike.

Many of the Superintendents are taking advantage of the perfect October weather to do new construction work. Frank Dinelli is doing over several greens, replacing the old turf with Washington Bent grown in his own nursery. Don Strand is continuing his six year plan of replacing his old greens with three new greens of C-15 bent each fall. Al Johnson is reported building a new practice putting green.

There is always some new problem confronting the Superintendent. Many of the men are complaining that, since they have been aerifying their greens in the fall, the squirrels are finding the holes ideal to store away acorns for the winter. They shudder to think what is going to happen when the squirrel gets hungry next spring and starts digging up the hundreds of nuts buried in the greens. And also, those that they miss are going to sprout and there are going to be oak trees growing in the greens. Verily, progress is a wonderful thing but it also brings new problems.

At a meeting held at the San Jose Country Club, Jacksonville Florida, Norm Johnson, formerly Superintendent at LaGrange Country Club, was elected president of the newly-formed Georgia-Florida Turf Association. L. N. (Buddy) Clark was elected secretary-treasurer. Named directors of the group were T. M. Baumgardner, Sea Island, Ga.; Proyles Plemmons, Gainesville, Fla., and Art Vogt, New Smyrna Beach, Fla. The directors are to meet later to form committees. Plans for an educational program to foster better turf and grass conditions in North Florida and South Georgia will be made by a committee.

Bill Oates, who was reported hospitalized, is making good progress toward recovery.

Mrs. Bob Chamberlin was the only lady from the Midwest to go to Purdue. She also came along with Bob to Fox Lake. Mrs. Chamberlin made a big hit with the Editor because she said she reads the Bull Sheet and Bob has to wait for it until she gets thru.

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NEW MEMBERS

We wish to welcome the following new members into the Association.

Mr. C. W. Jones
Champaign Country Club
Champaign, Illinois.

Mr. Don D. Street
Urbana Golf and country Club
Urbana, Illinois.

Richard F. Naughtin
Lake of the Woods Golf Course
Mahomet, Illinois.

WATER SUPPLY NOT VANISHING, EXPERTS TOLD.

America's fresh water supplies are not vanishing and shortages are neither universal nor increasing, a three day conference on water resources was told. The need, the meeting was informed, is for wiser use of the available supplies.

The speaker was L. R. Howson of Alford, Burdick and Howson, Chicago consulting engineers, who quoted as his authority a recent joint council report by representatives of the nation's main engineering societies.

Water shortages have developed only where artificial withdrawal and natural replenishment went out of balance, Howson said. He quoted the joint council's observation that in water conservation, "intelligent husbanding and allocation are the keys to the future."

Illinois, with its annual rainfall average of 35 inches, its extensive stream network and its ground water sources in the northern half, has experienced acute shortages in some previously abundant ground water areas thru industrial and municipal overloads.

The legislative program here should provide a minimum of restrictions, administrative controls, and allocations, and be designed for the common good, with enforcement localized to the greatest possible extent, he said.

Fresh water supplies are the backbone of our National existence and must not be wasted, Paul W. Reed of the United States water pollution control division in Chicago, told the conferees. Water destruction by pollution deprives us of its use as surely as if it weren't there.

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