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### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is the object of the officers of your Association to continue the policy of maximum benefit to the members. Those who attended the March 10 meeting at the Hotel Sherman will realize the benefit of the fullest cooperation of the Midwest membership. The educational program at that meeting, I believe, was one of the best ever presented to our members. We wish to continue to serve the members in this manner and it is my hope that they will come to realize that it is to their utmost benefit that they attend every meeting.

On April 17, we will have our annual Spring Dance at Roselle. These informal dances have become traditional and an integral part of our Association activities. I am sure that as a social gathering there is nothing better for our organization than these gatherings. I hope that you will plan to attend and help to make the event a big success.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will find a schedule of some of the summer meetings. These offerings of golf courses for our meetings were purely voluntary and entirely unsolicited. It is planned to have informal golf meetings in between the regular meetings this summer and we have a number of offerings for these meetings also. These in-between meetings are for the benefit of those who like to get together more than once a month for a game of golf, a bull session, a game of cards, or, just to get together.

Let's make it a big summer.

Ray Davis, President.

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### GEORGE A. DAVIS OPEN HOUSE

On February 21, Geo. A. Davis Co. had their annual open house at the warehouse at 5440 Northwest Highway, Chicago.

Oscar Borgmeier reports that there was a record turnout for the affair and that the boys did away with 7 barrels of oysters besides other varied and sundry refreshments.

Winners of the door prizes were as follows:

1. Ed. Duehr, Supt. Midlothian C. C.
2. George Abbot, Supt. Joliet Park District.
3. Thos. Evert, Supt. Lake Bluff Park Dept.
4. Thos. Mooney, Chicago Park District.
5. Dick Buchen, Chesterfield Golf Club.
6. Clarence Mueller, Supt. Glendale Golf Club.
7. Robert Breen, St. Andrews Golf Club.
8. Herman Kamholz, Supt. Cary C. C.
9. W. Wegener, Butterfield C. C.
10. Bob Chamberlin, Kankakee C. C.
11. Garceau, Eng. Catholic Cemeteries.
12. Bob Williams, Supt. Beverly C. C.
13. Bob Duguid, Supt. Evanston C. C.
14. J. A. Williams, Mgr. Glencoe Community G. C.
15. John Coutre, Supt. Chevy Chase C. C.

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Amos Lapp of St. Andrews Golf Club is almost ready for spring. With the mowers overhauled, new sand in the traps, 100 of the new Augustine Ascending Elm planted on the grounds, Amos looks forward to a good season.

Joe Jemsek, owner of St. Andrews and Coghill, is back from a two months stay in Florida.

Geo. Dahlman of Coghill attended the meeting at Columbus and surely looked well and happy.

### ON THE AILING LIST

Chester Randby, Supt. of Knollwood C. C., suffered a compound fracture of the leg during tree removal operations at his club when he was pinned between trunks of two fallen trees.

Leonard De Bruyn (Brownie), Supt. of Ridge C. C., has been ailing all winter and is confined to his home.

Bob Marbury, representative of Alliance Hose and Rubber Co., underwent an operation during the early winter and reports that he still doesn't feel so good.

Red Sellers reports that his kneecap, which was broken by a fall in January, is almost completely healed and Red reckons his leg will soon be as good as ever.

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### THE OUTLOOK THIS SPRING

Certainly the Spring of 1952 looks quite different than 1951 as concerning the availability of many products used in the Turf industry. In line with the general situation affecting business, prices and availability of merchandise, a general loosening up occurred during the Winter months. It is almost possible to say that shortages are out of the window. Metals have been made available for the manufacture of civilian goods so we find dealers' warehouses and shelves well-stocked this Spring.

Specifically, mowing machinery, while not in over-supply, will fill the bill. Tillers, Compost Mixers, Aerifiers, Leaf Sweepers, Rollers, all are available plentifully. The sprinkler situation is much improved and there is plenty of rubber. You do not have to worry about replacing your tires this Spring.

Grass seed is a little lower in price on some items than 1951. There is no over-supply of any item, however, and from the looks of the lawns around, it would not surprise the seed trade if stocks will be cleaned up by the end of Spring and some item will run out before.

Fertilizers and chemicals are not in over-supply. Nitrogen is scarce. The farmers want it for raising big crops. After July first, this situation should be much better.

It is a great feeling of relief to have the "rat race" temporarily slowed down at least and let's hope that we can both re-arm the country and keep civilian production in balance.

C. O. Borgmeier

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### COMING EVENTS

- April 7, Regular meeting, Sambo's, 6600 Gunnison St.
- April 17, Spring Dance, Benhart's Hall, Roselle, Ill.
- May 5, Regular meeting, Timber Trails C. C.
- June 2, Regular meeting, Ridgemoor C. C.
- July 7, Regular meeting, Chesterfield C. C.
- August 4, Regular meeting & Picnic, Kankakee C. C.

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### ANNUAL SPRING DANCE

The annual spring dance of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents will be held at Benhart's Hall at Roselle, Illinois, on Thursday evening, April 17. George Roloff, Entertainment Chairman, promises us a good time and says that, after numerous consultations with weather experts, etc., that he doesn't think it will snow that night, so don't worry about it. George says there will be dancing, card playing, buffet supper and don't forget the door prizes. Come early and stay late.

Reservations must be in by Monday, April 14.