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THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The weather with the Superintendent of Grounds of country Clubs is more than a subject of discussion. This season the weather has been more than unusual, it has been horrible, it has caused loss of sleep and constant worry.

Starting in April with an unusually warm spell that caught the grass with inadequate root development and the early advent of disease and sunscald and complete failure to recover from winter injury, the weather has gotten worse and worse as the season advanced. There were only a few breaks to let us recover some of the lost ground, the rest of the gains have been made and greens held by the narrowest of margins. Members and Golfers will never know the concentrated worry and attention to details that has caused more white hairs, the number of hours spent thru the last several weeks, the careful examination of each new spot to determine the cause. When the night temperature gets over 70 degrees and the days are hot and humid or hot and windy, grass can fail within minutes.

In times like this the temper of men is sorely tried. It is easy to be short with our employees. Our appeal at this time is to make the greatest effort to control ourselves. To the members this is beautiful growing weather and they cannot understand that our grasses can fail when everything is growing so beautifully.

So keep up the good work fellows, this is a great job in the winter.

RAY DAVIS, President

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THE AUGUST MEETING AND PICNIC

Our August meeting will be held at Kankakee Country Club Kankakee, Illinois, on Monday, August 4, 1952. In addition to the meeting and regular golf tournament we will also have our annual picnic. It is planned that there will be games and races for young and old, refreshments for everybody with a pot luck supper in the evening. Mrs. Bea Chamberlin, wife of Bob, asks that each lady bring a covered dish of food. The Association will furnish sandwiches, dessert and beverages, so bring your dish and we will pass them around and have a real old fashioned pot luck supper. The Committee is planning a wonderful time for us all and George Roloff says there will be fun for everyone from 1 to 91. So load the wife and kids in the car and head for Kankakee on August 4.

PLEASE NOTE: On the notice card sent to members, it was mentioned that we bring a picnic basket. This will not be necessary, only the covered dish.

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COMING EVENTS

Regular meeting and Picnic, Kankakee Country Club, Aug. 4.

Joint meeting with Wisconsin Greenkeepers Association, Brown's Lake Country Club, Burlington, Wisconsin, Sept. 15.

EDWARD B. DEARIE, Jr.

Edward B. Dearie, Jr., a charter member of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents and a charter member of the Golf Course Superintendents of America, died on Monday, July 14, in St. Frances Hospital, Evanston, at the age of sixty-four. He had been ailing for several years, but worked as a Greenkeeper or supervisor until a month of his death.

His passing marks the exit of one of the real pioneers of golf maintenance and construction, spending his entire life in golf work. Born June 6, 1888, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he began at the age of sixteen on construction work, serving under Donald Ross, and Toomey & Flynn, well-known architects, for many years. After working on the construction of the Hershey Company Golf Course at Hershey, Pennsylvania, he served as Greenkeeper there for several years. Then he moved on to the Kalkwa Country Club at Erie, Pennsylvania. From there he came to Chicago and assumed the position of Superintendent at the Ridgemoor country Club in 1921. He was connected with Ridgemoor for twenty-five years. In 1932 he also became Superintendent of Oak Park Country Club, where he served until his retirement last fall. During his thirty-one years in the Chicago area, he designed and built many turf projects. He built the original Twin Orchard course in Bensenville, Sportsman's at North Brook, the Lincoln Park golf course, Rob Roy, at Mount Prospect, and many other original and reconstruction projects. He traveled extensively and was well-known all over the United States. He lived for twenty-five years in Arlington Heights. Surviving are two sons and three daughters.

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THE JULY MEETING AT CHESTERFIELD COUNTRY CLUB

Our July meeting was held at Chesterfield Country Club Glenview, Illinois with Midwest members Julius and Dick Buchen as our hosts for the day.

About thirtyfive golfers braved the inclement weather of the afternoon (95 degree heat and showers), many others were there early but did not play golf but settled for card games on the screened in porch of the club house, and which, by the way, was the coolest spot in the club. Late in the afternoon the card players were driven from the porch by a terrific thunderstorm and wind which blew rain clear across the porch, and had to retire to a drier spot inside the clubhouse. We were very pleased to have with us Howard Gabby, President of the Wisconsin Greenkeepers Association, Les Verhaalen and Charley Shirley, also from Wisconsin.

Refreshments on the course for the thirsty were by courtesy of Julius and Dick, and were very much appreciated in the hot weather. After a delicious ham dinner in the evening, Pres. Ray Davis called the meeting to order. In the course of the meeting, Pres. Davis appointed Don Strand and Bill Stuppel to serve on the National Association's Policy Committee. The meeting was turned over to Al Johnson, Educational Committee Chairman, who appointed a panel consisting of Frank Dinelli, Ray Didier and Ray Davis for the Question Box with Bob Williams conducting the program.