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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is the time of the year when, with our fall work completed and the golf course put to bed for the winter, we can sit back and relax a bit. Now is also the time for study and to plan ahead for another year. Now is the time to plan our budgets and to get together with our club officials and show them just what we are planning and what we are going to need and the problems ahead for the coming year. Nothing makes a better impression than for the man in charge to get up on his hind legs and present facts and figures and convince his Board of Directors that he knows his job and is able to get up and holler for what he wants. With a well-planned budget before them and with adequate information available from the Superintendent they are able to understand what the Superintendent is doing and there are many things that will come to their attention that they did not know existed. If the Superintendent can present a sheet of estimated expenses for the next year and clearly explain the different items, chances are that he will be able to sell it to the Board and get what he wants. Try it and see if it doesn't work.

From my family to yours, we extend the best of Christmas greetings and wishes for the finest and most prosperous of New Years. May every one of our members have an extended Florida or Arizona vacation, a vacation which is richly deserved.

Ray Davis, President.



OUR DECEMBER MEETING

The meeting will be at Sambo's Restaurant at 3:00 P.M., Monday, Dec. 8. Dr. William H. Daniel will be with us and is planning a kodachrome view of 1952 and at the same time will show some scenic pictures taken in the western areas during his visit to conferences there.

Dr. Daniel will talk on what we can expect in 1953 as a result of the exceedingly dry fall of 1952. This will certainly be a timely topic and should provoke good group discussion. He would also like to get some suggestions from the members as to topics and speakers for the 1953 Midwest Regional Turf Conference at Purdue on March 2, 3 and 4. The success of the turf conference is exactly proportional to the service and information it can bring together which is of interest to those attending. Dr. Daniel is constantly listening for ideas and suggestions for subject matter and speakers, so bring your ideas to the meeting and let him know what we want. Your cooperation will be appreciated.



ON THE AILING LIST

At last reports, Pete Stewart was at home. Pete is able to see visitors and will be pleased to see and hear from all of us.

Mel Warnecke, who was reported in the hospital, is now back on the job and as healthy as ever.

Harold Reed is in good shape again after a long rest and is feeling fine.

THE MEETING AT BONNIE DUNDEE

The day of our November meeting at Bonnie Dundee on November 3, with Jock Anderson and Al Rauch our hosts, was sunny but a little windy and the wind was a little chilly. However, fifteen golfers braved the weather to tour the course and reported that course was in fine condition for so late in the season. In the evening we enjoyed our usual excellent Bonnie Dundee dinner prepared by Miss Harms, clubhouse manager, and her assistants.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Davis at 7:40 P.M. and in the absence of Al Johnson, Don Strand served as secretary.

There was considerable discussion at the meeting concerning the National Association's insurance plan. Many of the members asked questions on the subject. Frank Dineli, National Director, was present and was called on to explain the workings of the plan. There was also a round table discussion on the planting and maintenance of Zoysia. Don Strand reported that Zoysia planted at his club was doing well and that he expected to plant some of it in his tees this next spring.

Bert Rost reported for the Turf Research Committee as follows:

The Turf Research Committee of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents would like to hold their First Annual Educational Meeting with the University of Illinois at the Drug Plant and Horticultural Station early in March, 1953. The date would have to be set so as not to conflict with the date of the Purdue Short Course.

The committee offers the following program as a starter.

10—11 A. M. Inspection of greenhouse facilities and proposed plot areas for Turf Improvement work.

11—11:45. Dr. Rhode's report on experimental work; demonstrations.

12:00. Lunch.

1:00 P. M. Auto trip thru the Arboretum and meeting at the Arboretum class rooms.

2:00 P. M. Welcome by Mr. Gottschalk, Arboretum Director.

2:15. Discussion of Progress at the Station by Dean Searles and Dr. Birkland of the University of Illinois.

3:00 P. M. Outside speaker provided by Midwest group. Possibly Dr. DeFrance of Rhode Island, Dr. Lantz of Iowa State or Dr. Vaughan of Michigan State.

4:00 P. M. Talk on the psychology of the Green-keeping profession by a speaker provided by the University.

Adjournment by Dr. Voight.

Subjects proposed for study during the winter.

1— Soil flocculants- how long will they last under trying conditions.

2— Zoysia seedings.

3— Germination of Merion Blue Grass, including speedup of turf establishment.

4— Crab grass studies.

5— Soil mixtures and studies of root development.

This work should be done with flats 12 inches deep or deep enough to simulate natural soil conditions. One or two sides of these flats should be glass, as it is believed that a cross section observation of root development will be of value. It is suggested that Kentucky Blue Grass, Merion Blue Grass, Highland, Astoria and Seaside Bents and good stolen bents, be used.

Bill Krafft brought up the subject of a Beneficiary fund for Midwest members. This subject was tabled for further discussion at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned by Pres. Davis at 10:00 P. M. and a social hour followed.