

SPREADING IT THIN

An excellent indication of good neighbor action and cooperation among Superintendents was shown recently when Mel Warnecke had an emergency operation in the middle of his fall construction program. Don Strand, who had his work pretty well under control at Westmoreland, pitched in and supervised the balance of the job for Mel. This is but another example of the completely unselfish attitude of our members and their willingness to help a colleague in distress.

Art Benson of Aurora Country Club was worried that the dry weather and forest fire danger would cause him to postpone his proposed quail hunting trip to the Ozarks. To date we have not heard anything further about the trip, but we hope Art had a good trip. Art's daughter, Betty, was married to Robert Jacobson of Glen Ellyn, October 25.

Fred Millies, Hillside Country Club Superintendent, has been kept busy this fall supervising the building of a new steel service shed, 34 by 70 feet.

Ed Stewart of River Forest Country Club is completing the construction of five new greens and two tees, Ed reports that his new daughter is getting to be quite a big girl.

Dr. Bill Daniel of the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation seems to lean toward a new Penn State selection in his trial plots for greens, grasses and in October this grass had good coverage, good color and good texture and was said to be relatively free from disease. Bill passed thru Chicago recently after attending a meeting with the USGA in Washington D. C. He is interested in hearing from anyone who has any suggestions as to subjects for the next conference at Purdue.

The travelling Gerbers have been on the loose again with trips to Minneapolis and Indianapolis. Ray says there are several job changes in the Indianapolis district. Pete Coval, who was at the Indianapolis Country Club, has accepted the job of superintendent at Ft. Wayne Country Club.

Bill Mathies and Mrs. Alma Knudsen of Roselle were married Thursday, October 23 and enjoyed a short trip to Minnesota. They will leave shortly to spend the winter in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Bill founded and built the Sod Nursery at Bloomingdale and is well known to the Midwest Superintendents. We would like to wish the best of luck to the happy couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Strand and son Don Jr. plan to leave for a trip South and East right after election day. Don is gaining weight at last after a difficult summer and is feeling fine again. He just has to see if the new Ford really can go.

Lawrence Huber, Supt. of the Ohio State University Golf Courses, was in Chicago on Monday, Nov. 10. He was seeing his son off on his way to Alaska with the army.

There's a story going around about Gerber's hunting trip and the stuffed pheasant that we never did get just straight.

Bill Rueck reports that he is very happy in his new job and says that the change was very much for the better.

Peter J. Bild of Woodridge C. C. built seven new tees, rerouted the creek around number 6 green, cleaned up the woods and is rebuilding two more greens. Pete has used Merion Blue Grass on a few of the tees.

Eddie Wohlenberg rebuilt two greens and one tee at Navajo Fields C. C. Eddie has given up the idea of getting his house painted by the baseball team he managed this year and will try to manage to paint the house himself in 1953.

Harry Drafke, Superintendent of Acacia Country Club is very proud of his daughter Lois, age 14. Lois has been playing golf since she was six and this year had quite a summer in tournament golf competition.

In July Lois entered her first tournament at the Aurora Country Club and later entered her second at Lake Shore Country Club, where she won the first flight consolation award and the driving contest.

In August Lois entered the Junior State Tournament, sponsored by the Illinois Women's Golf Association at Galesburg and won the cup with a score of 257. No wonder Harry is proud.

Lois plays the accordion very well and with Janet Davis, daughter of the Ray Davis' of Medinah Country Club, performed at the 1951 picnic at Arrowhead Country Club.

A number of the members of the Midwest made what amounts to an annual pilgrimage to Notre Dame University on Monday, November 17 to attend the annual meeting in the Michiana Association there. The feature of the afternoon was the inspection of the golf course, the new hotel, cracking of pecans thoughtfully provided by Chet Keeley, the host, and drinking beer. For the first time in many years, the trip was made in beautiful weather. In the past there has always been a snow or sleet storm the day of the meeting. The usual excellent dinner was served in the college dining room of turkey raised by Chet and was followed by the picture of the Notre Dame football game. President Davis thanked the Michiana group for making us welcome and permitting us all to have a part in this annual fall event.

Donald E. Chaplin, 21, son of Roy Chaplin of Edgewood Valley, is now in the Communications Division of the Navy at Pusan, Korea. The boy has been in the navy for 18 months. He worked with his father from the time he was thirteen until he enlisted and Roy feels his son has a good fundamental knowledge of golf course maintenance.

Walter Hoyt, the fire eater of Timber Trails, has a very busy fall. Walter said, "We had one one day and four the next and from then on we were really busy. We had lots of fires and never used more than 200 gallons of water on any one fire from our high pressure fire fighter. I wish it would rain so I could get a little rest." Walter got his wish.

Ray Runnfeldt of Skokie Playfields is a new fire fighter on the scene. In talking it over with Walter Hoyt, Ray reported, "We had over 80 fires the last week in October, 16 in one day."

Bert Rost of Park Ridge Country Club and Chairman of the Research Committee had an excellent article in the October issue of Golfdom. It is worth reading.

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