

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AT TIMBER TRAILS

Dr. William Daniel gave a report of some of the things of interest on visiting many clubs through out the district two days prior to the meeting at Timber Trails. On many Golf Courses where work had been done on clover control with 2-4-5-T the results were very good. Work that was done in October 1951 with 2-4-5-T were exceptionally good. Two of the many courses visited, Beverly Country Club and Rolling Green Golf Club, where fairways were treated, there was no clover in treated area.

In testing greens for roots it was found that greens that possibly had five inch roots last year at about the same time of year had one inch this year. Those that had up to fifteen inches last year had about ten inches this year.

On greens where there was some winter kill the boys were working hard to repair or encourage growth with the hot dry weather we have had this spring.

Merion Blue grass that was planted late fall was almost completely killed out by spring. An early fall planting probably will come through in good shape.

On many of the courses visited there was a vigorous growth of what seemed to be similar to Canadian Blue grass. Many times found where aerifying had been done.

Many of the courses visited had aerified greens this spring with very good results. One of the courses visited, the greens had completely healed over in two weeks time from aerifying.

A very interesting two hours was spent at one of the courses where they had some disease this spring. Possibly a fungus disease not usually found in this district and at present was under control after many sleepless nights by the Superintendent. The disease could possibly have been brought in by visiting golfer. At our next meeting we are in hopes of having a man to talk on fungus that will be of interest to all those in attendance at Ridgemoor Country Club. It may be very worth while to turn out for this meeting.

Second part of our educational program was a reading and discussion of "The Midwest Maintenance Budget Survey" made up by Bob Williams, Ray Gerber and Don Strand which will be sent to all members to fill out a report made of the findings. It is hoped that the greatest cooperation will be made to fill out the "Survey" so that a true picture may be had for the district.

Al. Johnson, Ch., Educational Comm.

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SPECIAL GOLF MEETING AT BONNIE DUNDEE

In keeping with the precedent set in recent years, there will be Special Golf Days in between regular meeting dates. The first of the season will be at Bonnie Dundee C. C., where Jock Anderson and Al. Rausch will be our hosts. Jock and Al find it hard to get away on Mondays to attend regular meetings, so every once in awhile we bring the meetings to them. We are always assured of a good time at Bonnie Dundee.

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NEW MEMBERS

We wish to welcome the following new members into the Association; Ray Rolfs, Riverside Country Club, Riverside, Ill.; Joseph Klem, Riverside Country Club, Riverside, Ill.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE JUNE MEETING



WILLIAM KLOMPRENS

The Educational and Research Committees have teamed up to bring what promises to be a timely and educational program to our meeting at Ridgemoor.

Mr. Wm. Klomprens of the Dept. of Botany, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan, will be our speaker. Bill has been working on the problem of turf disease called Melting Out for the past three years and is the best posted man on this subject we know of. A visit Bill made to Tam O Shanter Country Club early in May brought good results in the early control of this disease and his recommendations were so highly thought of that Ray Didier now has a beautiful high grade microscope with which to study the fungi infecting grass.

Mr. Klomprens is a graduate of Michigan State, and is now working on his PHD in Plant Pathology. He is married and the father of one child. He has slides of the various diseases and promises to give us a real education on the habits of fungi and of Helminthosporium and Curvularia in particular.

Because of the timeliness of this talk, and the wide spread activity of disease so early in the season, Bert Rost, Ch. Research Committee, Al Johnson Ch. Educational Committee and our President, Ray Davis, suggest that you invite your chairman to be present at this meeting.

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BURDETT MAKES BIG HIT ON TV

Paul Burdett, Midwest member and golf course supply dealer, was the guest of his father, J. H. Burdett on Vaughn's Seed Store Garden Program on TV on Sunday, May 18. Paul spoke on winter damage to lawns and answered questions relative to turf upkeep. He did a nice job and put in a good plug for the proposed turf garden at Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Ill. Paul also showed several of his great collection of slides to illustrate his remarks.

Paul looked very handsome on the screen and will doubtless receive a great deal of fan mail. More power to you, Paul, and thanks for mentioning our Association, also.

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COMING EVENTS

- June 2, Regular Meeting, Spring Golf Tournament, Ridgemoor C. C.
- June 16, Special Golf Day, Bonnie Dundee C. C.
- July 7, Regular Meeting, Chesterfield C. C.
- July 28, Pro-Supt. Tournament, Woodridge C. C.
- August 4, Regular Meeting and Picnic, Kankakee C. C.
- Sept. 15, Joint Meeting with Wisconsin Greenkeepers Association, Brown's Lake Golf Club, Burlington, Wisconsin.