

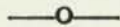
## TURF RESEARCH REPORT

The Turf Research Committee met at the University of Ill. union building at noon Thursday, Jan. 31st. with Dean Serle, Dean of the University of Ill. school of Pharmacy and Dr. Ralph Voigt, Director of the University Drug plant and Horticultural Experiment Station at Lisle Ill.

At that time our plans for the proposed project for Turf Improvement were presented to Dean Serle who in turn will guide it through the proper University channels in hope of getting an early approval of the project.

Our hats are off to Dean Searle and Dr. Voigt for the many hours they have spent in considering this proposal. We are sure that we our primary interest. Grass has found two very fine friends.

Copies of the proposal will be available to the members of the Midwest Association soon.



## NATIONAL CONFERENCE AT COLUMBUS

Some of the Midwest Superintendents that were present in Columbus February 4, 1952, made a tour of the Golf Course in that area. At Scioto C. C. the boys saw the Club House that burned during the Christmas Holidays. Ray and Paul Schurtz showed the boys around at Scioto. The Ohio State University course was visited, Superintendent Clarence Huber had everything in good order and the 36 hole course was very well equipped. At the Columbus C. C. which is the oldest country Club in Columbus, Everett Hoover the Superintendent served refreshments. Mr. Hoover has eighteen (18), extra tees on his course which are excellent.

Monday evening there was the usual get-together. Tuesday the exhibits were open to those attending. There was very little new equipment shown at the show. Tuesday evening there was a pretty lively session in the membership meeting. The topic of insurance was brought up and after much discussion the meeting was recessed till the second session Thursday evening at which time the question of insurance would be brought up after further study by the policy committee. The Educational program was far below what it looked like on the program. There was a very nice speech given by the Mayor of Columbus. After the afternoon session on Poa Annua, which most of us are plagued with, there was very little brought out other than what we have known from our own experiences. I will say in my own opinion that I thought Dr. Daniels, who has visited our district many times did a wonderful job. Our U. S. G. A. Section seemed to go over board on Championship course maintenance, which does not take in the greater percentage of courses or "Turf" today and the beauty of grass itself. I might say that there were some very interesting topics on the program but for a National Program there were very few notes to be taken for future reference.

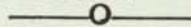
Wednesday evening the banquet was one of the best ever. The boys at Columbus can be very proud of it and their conduction of their part of the program. The floor show would keep you in stitches, it was one of the best.

Thursday evening membership session was taken up on the subject of insurance and will be decided by a full membership vote some time in July. A motion was passed for dues except life membership for charter members.

In the election of officers, Malcolm McLaren was voted President, Leonard Strong, Vice President and William Beresford, Willis Glover, Norman Johnson were voted as the new directors.

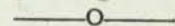
A transcript of the program was voted to be published in the Golf Course Reporter.

The ladies at the Convention were well entertained. They made a tour of hio University, shopping, theater, parties and luncheons.



## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM for March 10, 1952

Warren Roseman of Roseman Mower Company will show an educational film similar to the one shown at Chesterfield Club last year. It was a very interesting film. Following Mr. Roseman's film and discussion, the educational committee announces that we will have a period devoted to "Off The Cuff" reports on practical research that is constantly in progress by our own members. Several men will be called upon to give a five minute report on any phase of their work that they deem of note to the rest of us. Knowing that some of our men have been working with many new fertilizers, chemicals, equipment etc. this should be most interesting and who knows, a well conducted meeting of this type could eventually lead to an annual clinic or conference similar to those held by several local organizations. Keep this in mind in case you have any new ideas or facts concerning our work. We would like to hear your reports so that we may all progress together.



Over the years we make many friendships with the many people we come in contact with. Often, even after twenty years, a side of their character shows up that may or may not be suspected. Take our good friend and trusty Treasurer, Walter Kilmer of Ravisloe. Walter is not as quiet and prosaic as he seems to be. There is a hidden side to his nature. Walter has for the last twenty years been a fireman, a member of the village of Homewood Volunteer Fire Department. He is now assistant chief. One afternoon late in August, Walter was standing talking in the doorway of the barn where the cool breezes stirred most coolly when the Flossmoor fire whistle began to blow. The sound seemed to your reporter to be that of the Homewood siren, but not to Walter. He listened carefully until it stopped and then said quietly, "If they find they cannot handle it, they will call us". Sure enough, in a few minutes the Homewood fire call sounded and soon the equipment went down Western Avenue in the direction of Flossmoor. Walter said, "See you later", jumped in his car and took off. Your reporter, left alone, decided to go to the fire, but before he could get started, Walter was out of sight. Your reporter came to the village of Flossmoor stoplight, went east to Idlewilde Country Club, no fire there, back thru town to the west side, south to as far as Olympia Fields, but no fire, then east a mile or so and saw some heavy smoke. "There it is". Turned the car and took off for Flossmoor, hoping to get a picture of Walter, the Chief, in action saving village property and possibly a pretty maiden. He raced up thru town to discover that the Illinois Central Railroad still used steam locomotives. By this time he was tired and decided that the fire would have to go on without him, and that he would probably have to wait another twenty years to see Walter in action. Editors Note: We learned later that only the roof burned off and that damage was limited to \$5,000.