

THE MOLE

Geo. Davis is spending six weeks in Hawaii and is due back about Feb. 1st.

Walter Kilmer from Ravisloe C. C. lost the home on his Beecher Ill. farm December 31st. by fire. The daughter of the tenant lost his daughter 9 months old in the fire.

Mel Warnecke of Idlewilde C. C. has seen some snow mould on fairways but none on greens, tees or bunkers. The greens and tees were treated. Last year Mel lost a tee so he treated all of them.

Ray Gerber of Glen Oak advises that snow mould is rampant on untreated areas. There is no frost in the ground and conditions are right for extreme snow mould injury and it has already started. A sharp cold period would reduce damage.

Ray Didier of Tam O Shanter C. C. is watching snow mould carefully and is treating it at every opportunity. Winter work is proceeding according to schedule. Plans for the All American are laid and Ray is relieved that no construction work, either in the club house or on the grounds is planned.

Al Gearing of Skokie C. C. plans to take off for Florida the middle of February. Al plans to see Jock Hutchenson at the Plantation C. C. at Fort Lauderdale.

Ray Gerber of Glen Oak C. C. plans to spend two weeks in Florida following the National Conference at Columbus.

Gabe Rossi plans to spend two weeks somewhere in February, it may be Florida or Arizona.

Bill Daniels of Purdue (Midwest Regional Turf Foundation) said at the meeting at Exmoor C. C. January 21st. that the Golf Course Superintendents of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents are far ahead of the country in their consideration of newer practices of fine Turf Maintenance. Bill also said that the level of Greenkeeping Turf management is now above the heads of most club officials and that now they must rely on their superintendents to produce the desired results. Bill gave a good talk at the meeting and showed many fine pictures.

Frank Mastroleo plans to spend two weeks in Florida after the Columbus meeting. Fran and Mrs. Mastroleo will make the trip by bus.

Edward Stewart, son of Pete, of Butterfield, will become the Greenkeeping Superintendent at River Forest C. C. March 1st.

Henry Lang and his wife plan to drive to Columbus and take a little trip, possibly to Florida after the meeting.

Mr. Tom Wyles, formerly Chairman of the Greens Committee of Exmoor was with us at the meeting on Feb. 21st at Exmoor. Mr. Wyles was Chairman or held another office in the club for some 35 years and Bill says it has been a pleasure to work with him. In 1896, when Exmoor was started members played golf in red jackets, one of which hangs in the case at the far end of the room in which we were guests of Stuppel and the Exmoor Country C.

Walter Kilmer plans to take Mrs. Kilmer to the Conference and then on a trip to Florida.

Bert Rost of Park Ridge C. C. started right back at cleaning the ice pond the day after he got back from spending two weeks in Florida. Bert traveled the state down the west coast, out to Key West and back the east coast and then home. He had a grand time.

Norm Cramer of Silver Lake is playing nursemaid to three cows and a calf during the winter. Norm hopes to move into his new home by March 1st. The cows and calf will keep him from the meetings until April when the owner will return and let Norm resume his usual 12 hour day at the golf course during the summer. Norm suggests "at least I don't get fat during the winter."

Mrs. Bert Rost of the Park Ridge Country Club successfully boated a three foot shark and a pelican with a six foot wing spread while fishing off the Key West on her recent Florida trip. Bert caught several grunts and a 12 pound red grouper.

Sellers of Chemicals and Fungicides were disappointed with the Custom Sprayers School held at Urbana recently. There were no severe epidemics of insects or diseases forecast for this coming year.



EXMOOR MEETING

Our February meeting was held January 21st at the Exmoor Country Club. Wm. Stuppel was our host for what has now become our welcome outdoor Winter Sports Meeting. Skeet, Curling, Skating, Freezing and Snow are the features of this annual event and all came off on schedule.

Skeet shooting seemed especially popular this winter, about 16 of the shooters shooting and Don Strand was ever present to give instruction and to demonstrate how it should be done. Don has never turned in a perfect 25, however since he learned last winter that the winner of this event was expected to buy drinks for the crowd at a later evening. 24 birds seems to be the best score obtainable. The usual Bull Shooting was continued in the Shooting house with many more participating.

Bob Chambers seemed to carry off the skating honors of the afternoon, although at least a part of this skating was done on that part of the body usually used for correcting small boys and not fitted with skates. No bones were broken however and it was a pretty show.

Bob Williams came back from his Winter Vacation to compete in the Curling events and he and Walter Kilmer had their annual set too with Emil Mashie, a new comer to the Curling event crowding them all the way. Host Bill Stuppel was everywhere serving, advising, encouraging, and consoling all afternoon. Bob Chambers was later presented with a miniature Curling Stone brought back from Scotland by Pete Stewart. Bob won the curling playoff.

Bill served a delightful supper featuring the now famous Exmoor Onion soup, onions by Stuppel, turkey, ham and the fixings.

Bill Daniels put on a delightful talk illustrated with colored slides which he had taken during the season and Don Strand showed the pictures he and his family had taken on their trip to the Rose Bowl this last Christmas. The Strand family's portrayal of the Rose Parade and floats was complete and altogether delightful.

Then came the final feature of the annual event, the snow storm which began on schedule late in the evening and slowed evening traffic. The new Edens Highway confused some going south but everyone got home safely except Red Sellers who with Al Johnson and Henry Lang stopped to get a late bite to eat and Red slipped and broke his knee cap and will have his leg in a cast till March 1st. He says he is in no pain.

We hope to hold our February meeting next January at Exmoor.