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THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

With the May meeting, we begin our outdoor, or golf meetings.

In recent years it has been the policy of the Association to encourage golf at our spring, summer and fall meetings. It is very gratifying to note that during this time there has not only been a greater interest in playing the game, but our attendance at these meetings has steadily increased. Your officers are constantly striving to make the meetings as interesting as possible by a selection of the best meeting places and courses each month as well as a good educational program.

Many superintendents feel that they are too busy to get away from their jobs once or twice a month to attend Association meetings. Of course it is important to be "on the job", but it is also very important to get out and see what the other fellow is doing. There is no doubt about it but that the best informed Superintendents today are those who "get around".

The programs presented at our recent meetings by the Educational Committee, headed by Al Johnson, have been enthusiastically received by those who attended and it is agreed that they have been tops. The committee plans to continue the same sort of programs thru the summer months and hopes for the full cooperation of the members.

The Tournament Committee, headed by Herman Woehrle, is planning an event at each of our outdoor meetings and is looking forward to some great tournaments. See you at Timber Trails.

Ray Davis, President.

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DR. DANIEL TO VISIT CHICAGO AREA

Dr. William H. Daniel of Purdue University and the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation will visit the Chicago area beginning on Sunday, May 4 and will be with us thru Monday and possibly Tuesday. Dr. Daniel will be escorted by a committee of Midwest members and on Sunday will visit courses on the South and Southwest sides. On Monday Dr. Daniel will visit the West and North sides and will attend our meeting at Timber Trails on that day. If possible, he will extend his visit over Tuesday. Dr. Daniel will give a talk at our meeting, and we are sure that it will be very interesting and instructive.

Dr. Daniel is especially interested at this time in observing results of work on clover and chickweed control done last fall.

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR MAY MEETING

We hope to have with us at the meeting Dr. William H. Daniel of Purdue University and the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation. Dr. Daniel would like to visit some of the courses in this district which he was unable to see on his previous visits. We will be looking forward to his visit, for they are always interesting and beneficial to us.

We also expect to have a discussion of golf course maintenance practice survey being made up by a committee consisting of Bob Williams, Ray Gerber and Don Strand. If time is available there will also be a question box.

You cannot afford to miss this meeting. Also, don't forget to get out your golf clubs.

ALFRED BULLER

Alfred Buller, who was one of the early members of our Association, passed away March 16, 1952 in Lakeside, Michigan at the age of 86. Mr. Buller was born June 11, 1865 in Stratford-on-Avon, England. He was greenkeeper at the Chikaming Country Club for 30 years and rarely missed a meeting of our Association, travelling many miles to attend, during the years he was active in the Association. Mr. Buller retired from Greenkeeping in 1940 but will, no doubt be remembered by many of our older members.

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THE APRIL 7 MEETING

Frank Dinelli of Northmoor Country Club gave a very interesting discussion of equipment and use of a drain tile cleaner which he has. Tile that has had to be dug up every spring at great expense to clean out tree roots is now being cleaned with this new tool. Frank thinks the cleaning job will last two or three years now where roots have been clogging tile. He also discussed the need of putting cinders under tile as well as on the side and top, because roots usually penetrate from the sides or bottom.

Second half of the educational program was very well taken care of by Bob Williams of Beverly. Bob's discussion was on some of the fine points of the University of Rhode Island Bulletin 308, on "Turf Diseases." Bob's blackboard demonstration of how fungus disease works was very interesting.

Some of the points brought out in his discussion was the future use of Polycross bent varieties to counteract disease; the weather being the most important factor in turf disease; the use of instruments to determine soil moisture; the common error of cutting grass immediately after fungicide has been applied; the use of dirty water in making fungicide ineffective; the temperature range and moisture condition of the growth of each disease; the fact that fungicide had to penetrate to soil level for preventative treatment.

The meeting was well attended and the enthusiasm shown for the program calls for more of the same after the summer meetings of golf.

Al. Johnson, Ch. Educational Comm.

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WALTER HOYT, OUR HOST FOR MAY MEETING

Walter Hoyt is Superintendent of Timber Trails Golf Club located on Plainfield Road, 1/4 mile west of Wolf Road, 2 miles south of Western Springs, Ill. Walter has been Superintendent there since the course was built 22 years ago. He is married and the father of three sons. He is captain of the Pleasant View Fire Department and reports are that Walter is one hell of a good man to have around if a fire breaks out.

Timber Trails was built by Fred K. Vial and is now owned and operated by his son Harold and son-in-law Rollin Brooks who will be with us for our May meeting.

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COMING EVENTS

May 5, Regular Meeting, Timber Trails C. C.
June 2, Regular Meeting, Ridgemoor C. C.
July 7, Regular Meeting, Chesterfield C. C.
July 28, (Tentative) Pro-Supt. Tournament.
August 4, Regular Meeting & Picnic, Kankakee, Ill.
September 15, Joint Meeting with Wisconsin Greenkeepers Association, Brown's Lake Golf Club, Burlington, Wisconsin.