

SPREADING IT THIN

The Illinois Natural History Survey reports that an infestation of Japanese beetles was discovered near Shelton, Ill. While this is presumed to be an isolated infestation and control measures are being applied, it might be well to watch for the shiny green and bronze beetles in case there are other undected infestations.

When his daughter, Lois, won the Illinois State Women's Championship, Herman Drafke, Supt. at Acacia Country Club, beamed, "I might not be the best father in the world, but I sure am the proudest". We extend our congratulations to Lois. We are proud, too.

Refreshments on the course at White Pines were by courtesy of Warren Roseman of Roseman Tractor Equipment Co. of Evanston, Illinois.

We played White Pines in the midst of the July drought and Al Hintz' unwatered fairways were baked hard, but his greens were in superb shape. The players reported that they were as true as billiard tables. We want to thank Al for his wonderful hospitality and commend the club manager for the delicious dinner served us that evening.

There is some question among the boys as to whether the spikes on golf shoes are getting longer year by year or whether the members are getting older and drag their feet more on the greens. Personally, we can't see the necessity of such long spikes. Maybe we ought to start a crusade against them.

Frank Dinelli makes the news again when he became grandpa for the seventh time. Roberta Louise Haines, weight 7 pounds 12 ounces was born to daughter Mary on July 3. According to the grapevine, Frank will continue to make news, as there are two more grandchildren on the way. Frank celebrated his 50th birthday on July 28, and finally becomes eligible to join that exclusive Seniors outfit.

We were very happy to have as our guest at White Pines, Alvin Dienhart, Supt. of Elks Country Club of Lafayette, Indiana. Al rode up with Joe Kelly also of Lafayette.

Ray Gerber, Secy-Treas. of the Seniors Club, reports that he now has money in the treasury and is worrying about what to do with it. No doubt the members will find some way to spend it, Ray.

The heavy rains of the latter part of July are causing some concern among Superintendents of the Chicago area. They are praying that we don't get any real hot, humid weather for a while such as we had last year and which caused all the grief.

When Lawrence Huber was up this way in May, he brought along some Bermuda which he called the Kentucky strain. Some of it was planted here and it certainly is going to town. Our question is will it last over winter.

At last report, Ray Didier was recovering nicely from his illness, is still taking it quite easy and has time at last to read the boating magazines. If any of you have questions on boat design, be sure to see the old expert, Ray Didier, about them.

Tom Coyne is now Superintendent at Lincolnshire.

John Darrah is away again on an extended trip for Cleary Corp. He sure likes his new job and many of our Superintendents think he has something to sell.

THE MOLE

"FOOD FOR THOUGHT . . .

*Are you an active member, the kind who would be missed,
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
Do you ever go to visit a member who is sick?
Or leave the work for just a few and talk about the
clique?
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the crowd,
Or do you stay at home and crab long and loud?
Or do you take an active part to help your association
along,
Or are you just satisfied to be the kind to just belong?
So attend the meetings regularly, and help with hand
and heart.
Don't be just a member, but take an active part.
So think it over, Brother. Are we right or are we wrong?
Are you an active member . . . or do you just belong?"*

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WAR-BORN JET FOGGER OFFERED AS PEST KILLING AID

A German-made portable fog machine, capable of covering two acres with pest-killing fog in 20 minutes, its makers say, is now being offered in the United States.

A similar device was developed by the Germans to serve as an engine pre-heater during the battle of Stalingrad. It utilizes the pulse-jet principle which was first used in the German buzz bomb.

Here's how it works: A gasoline fueled pulse-jet heater generates an exhaust stream through a tube. A pesticide is injected into the tube. When pesticide-charged exhaust hits the atmosphere, the resulting condensation forms a fog composed of millions of poisonous-droplets.

The machine weighs about 30 pounds and its tanks hold enough fuel and insecticide to operate the machine for half an hour.

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SNOW MOLD AND DOLLAR SPOT CONTROL

There seems to be some evidence in this district, at least, that heavy applications of fungicide in the late fall and early winter for the control of Snow Mold is also helping to control Dollar Spot. On one course where Tersan has been used for a number of years for Snow Mold control on greens and tees, there has not been any Dollar Spot on either for the last five years. No preventative treatments are made outside of the fall and winter spraying. Large Brownpatch is in evidence from time to time and the greens and tees are sprayed at those times. Rates used for control are 3½ pounds of Tersan 75 to a 5,000 square foot green. There has recently been a heavy attack of Dollar Spot on fairways, but none on greens, tees and green collars on this course.

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