

THE BULL SHEET, official monthly publication of the MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS.

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#### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wish to thank all of you for electing me to serve you for a second term as President of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents. As I assume the office I pledge that I will do everything within my power to increase the value of this association to you, our members, and to make you want to attend every meeting. We are progressing well with our 1st Annual Turf Conference to be held at the Drug Plant and Horticultural Station and the Morton Arboretum at Lisle, Ill. on March 14th, 1953. This will be a 1 day meeting, packed with information. Plan to attend. Our Research Chairman Bert Roost deserves our greatest appreciation in the manner which he has been able to advance this whole program. He will be the Chairman of the afternoon session at the Arboretum. Dr. Voight, director of the station has given us every cooperation and we can look toward him for help and advice for many years to come.

At this time it is necessary that we raise our sights a little and plan to attend the National Conference at Atlantic City, Feb. 8th. With the increased local activity, probably some of our members have lost sight of the value of our National Association. Attendance here has many functions, it permits us to come in contact with men like ourselves from other areas and from them we gain knowledge of their problems and ways of meeting them; the Educational meetings of the National Conference have always set the pace of all conferences for the year and there we meet with the finest scientific and practical knowledge of the country; and there our members, practice and learn the fine art of playing politics, a most fascinating game. You too can get in on the fun and knowledge. The programs for the women are usually carefully planned and many times the men would rather make trips with the women than attend the lectures. The Equipment show is the only place where it is possible to see side by side the new equipment of the various manufacturers and to compare and to discuss it with well qualified manufacturers representatives and engineers.

Truely the National Conference offers much to all of us. Attend and takepart. Join the National and help make the Midwest felt again in National policies.

Ray Davis, President

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#### DAVIS OPEN HOUSE

On Thursday, March 5th, 1953, George A. Davis, Inc. will hold their annual Open House.

Various manufactuers will be present to display their new equipment and supplies, and to answer questions regarding their products.

As usual food and refreshments will be served. Holders of the lucky numbers will receive door prizes.

Don't forget, Thursday, March 5th, for the annual George A. Davis Open House.

#### LEONARD (BROWNIE) DE BRUYNE

Leonard De Bruyne, known to most who were associated with him as Brownie, passed away on December 29, 1952 after a long illness. Brownie was 59 years old and was at Ridge Country Club for 35 years on the course as Superintendent. He was a charter member of both the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents and of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. He leaves his wife, Melda.

#### NOTES ON THE JANUARY MEETING

As has been our custom in recent years, our speaker at our Annual meeting of January 12 was Dr. O. J. Noer, who gave his "Annual Report to the Superintendents." Dr. Noer, as always, gave us a very interesting and enlightening talk on the problems of the last year and of problems to come. His common sense talks are always appreciated by the Superintendents and this was attested by the large turnout. Dr. Noer had a great number of Kodachrome slides to show us and his explanations of the various ones was most interesting. We certainly are fortunate in having such a man as Noer available for such a program.

Dr. Ralph Voight was present and announced that a tentative date of Saturday, March 14 had been set for the first annual Illinois Turf Conference at Downers Grove. This is planned as a one day conference with no charge except for lunch. Cost of the conference is to be underwritten by our Association as announced in last months paper. All Dr. Voight is now waiting for is the final O. K. from the University.

Dr. William H. Daniel was present and announced plans for the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation Conference at Purdue on March 2-3-4.

Ray Gerber was appointed Delegate and Ray Davis Alternate to the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Annual Meeting at Atlantic City.

A motion was carried that Bob Williams be backed by our Association for the office of Director of the National Association.

Motions were carried that the following ammendments be made to our Association's By-Laws.

That Charter members shall be only those who were members of the Association before the date of our first annual meeting in 1927 and not those who were members before 1947 as now shown in the By-Laws.

That the offices of Secretary and Treasurer be combined into one office, that of Secretary- Treasurer.

A motion was also carried that this go into effect January 1, 1954.

That the Nomination Committee be allowed to select a slate of officers as it saw fit and not be held to selecting two nominees for each office.

An auditing committee consisting of Amos Lapp, Bert Rost and Ray Gerber was appointed by Pres. Davis.

The Treasurers annual report was accepted as read and Pres. Davis thanked all members and committees for their help during the year.

The meeting was then turned over to the Nominating Committee Chairman, Ray Gerber, for the election of officers for 1953. Officers elected were as follows: President, Ray Davis; 1st Vice President, George Roloff; 2nd Vice President, Henry Lange; Secretary, Al Johnson; Treasurer, Walter Killmer; Directors, Roy Chaplin and Bert Rost.

All National members were asked to get their proxies in to Delegate Ray Gerber before February 2.

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