

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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Houston, Texas.

Why Interfere With Our Golf? - V. J. Pazzetti, Jr., Saucon Valley CC, Bethlehem, Pa. - George Hurd, Green Chairman, Saucon Valley CC, Bethlehem, Pa. - Adm. Jack Phillips, Green Chairman, Army-Navy CC, Arlington, Va. —Three Superintendents to be selected.

Question and answer periods will occur after each speaker  
Summary of Day's Program - Dr. Fred V. Grau, Director, USGA Green Section, Beltsville, Md.

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President Davis appointed the following committee chairmen for 1953: Research, Bert Rost; Editorial William H. Stupple; Membership, Amos Lapp; Entertainment, Geo. Roloff; Golf, Dom Grotti; Educational, Bob Williams.

A delicious steak dinner was enjoyed by the members and a social hour followed.

#### FIELD DAY PLANNED AT PURDUE

Dr. Daniel announced that plans were being made to have a Midwest Regional Turf Foundation Field Day at Purdue on August 3. More details will be forthcoming in a later issue.

#### SPREADING IT THIN

Many members who do not usually attend meetings came out for the Annual Meeting Monday the 12th. It was good to see these old faces and a pleasure to welcome them. President Davis would really like to know what the association can do to make you become "old Regulars" in attendance.

Ray Davis, who was reelected president, had just gotten in from three weeks in Florida where he saw his Chairman, Norman Johnson and Bob Duguid, did some fishing and altogether had a good time with his family. The color of his skin showed he brought some of the Florida sunshine up with him.

Amos Lapp has been serving on the Jury. Amos got all the crooks in Jail so he could attend the meeting.

Bert Rost and his wife left January 13th, the day after the meeting to visit Key West and try to hook the pelican that got away last year.

Ray Gerber and Mrs. Gerber left January 13th for two weeks in Florida. They plan to try to find Don Strand and his wife who are in the Winter Haven district and Frank Dinelli and Mrs. Dinelli who are some wherer in the Naple area.

It looks like our Illinois Turf Conference for a 1 day meeting is proceeding very well. Before he left for his well earned vacation in Key West, Chairman Bert Rost was able to announce the meeting was about set for March 14th at the Drug and Horticultural Experiment Station at Downers Grove and at the Morton Arboretum at Lisle Ill. The final details are being worked out by Dr. Voight of the Station who gave the report and hopes to have university confirmation any day. Plan to attend and to bring your chairman.

A lot of confusion arose over who is a member of the National and who is not. As matters stand, people who had not paid up by January 1st were no longer members but Buzz Brown secretary of the National said that the men who got their money in at once would be accepted as members although their insurance cov-

erage would not begin until the 1st of the month following the time their dues were paid.

Al Shaper of the Sod Nursery, Bloomingdale, Ill. made application for membership in the Midwest. Al has worked with Bill Matthies at the Sod Nursery for many years and was selected by Bill to carry on. We wish him "good luck".

It was reported that John MacGregor had undergone an operation and was now at home and doing well. Get well quick, John.

Frank Mastroleo, who was reported ill at our last meeting was not at this meeting, but it was reported that he was feeling better and that he was planning to take a vacation in Florida and also to attend the Conference and Show at Atlantic City.

Bill Smith and Ed. Fifield, Supt. of Gary Park Dept. spent two weeks in Florida early in December. Bill says they saw Bob Duguid and Norm Johnson at Jacksonville and that he and Ed pulled out of Florida just in time to avoid the big freeze.

Gordon Brinkworth is the new Superintendent at Brookwood Country Club. Gordon was formerly Golf Course Superintendent in the St. Paul-Minneapolis area.

August Hassberger who was foreman at Calumet Country Club for thirty years passed away January 3.

We were very happy to have at our meeting ; number of visitors. Among them were Carl Bretzlaff of Indianapolis, Les Verhaalen, Howard Gabbey, Charley Shiley and John Stampfl of Milwaukee and of course Drs. Daniel, Noer and Voight. mas Holidays and are planning to return to the south again for another stay before attending the meeting at Atlantic City.

President Davis was reelected by a unanimous vote. Bert Rost withdrew as a candidate and moved that the Secretary cast one unanimous ballot for Ray. Needless to say we are very happy to have Ray as our prexy for another year. He is doing a fine job.

Some of the boys tried to entice Dr. Daniel and Joe Kelly into a Hearts game. However, these two gents allowed that they weren't having any. A sad experience in the past is said to be the reason.

Sambo's seems to have become the Association's winter headquarters. The February and March meetings are scheduled to be held there.

Neither Bob Williams nor Frank Dinelli was present at our meeting. They had both left on that very same day for Florida.

We feel sorry for this poor guy. He doesn't take one Florida vacation, but two. Paul Burdette and Mrs. Burdette spent several weeks in Florida over the Christ-

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Dr. Noer says that the unusual condition is the troublesome condition.

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