

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

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### THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The year 1952 has, for the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents, been very successful. Our meetings have been well attended, we have had some exceedingly interesting educational meetings, all committees have functioned well and we are in a sound financial condition. Above all we have succeeded in our policy of promoting good will and good fellowship among the members. I think this becomes more apparent every year, not only from a standpoint of the Superintendents mixing better but the sincere desire to help one another. Indeed, it gives one a great feeling of satisfaction to note this and to feel that our organization is achieving the goal we are striving for, to improve the Superintendent's position. May our organization grow and prosper as it has in the past and it will with the loyal help and cooperation of the members such as I have had during the past year.

My many thanks to all those who invited us to their clubs for our outdoor meetings and who worked so hard to make the meetings a success, to all committees who achieved so much during the year, to the officers and directors whose loyal help has done so much to make the office of president so much easier, to all of our speakers throughout the year and to all our loyal and cooperative members.

I wish the best of luck to the officers whom you will elect at our Annual meeting and I will do my utmost to assist them in promoting a bigger and better organization of golf course superintendents.

With best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year, sincerely yours,  
Ray Davis, President.

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### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents submits the following nominees for office in the Association for the year 1953.

President — Ray Davis, Bert Rost

1st Vice President — George Roloff, Gerald Dearie

2nd Vice President — Emil Cassier, Henry Lange

Secretary — Ray Runnfeldt, Al Johnson

Treasurer — Walter Killmer, Adolph Bertucci

Directors — (2 to be elected) Al Rauch, Frank Mastrolee, Roy Chaplin, Norman Kramer

Respectfully submitted, Midwest Nominating Committee. Frank Dinelli, Dom Grotti, Stan Arendt, William Stuppel, Ray Gerber, Chairman

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### COST OF EDUCATIONAL MEETING TO BE UNDERWRITTEN BY MIDWEST.

At our December meeting, a motion was carried that the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents Association underwrite the cost, up to \$200.00, of the First Annual Turf Conference at the Drug Plant and Horticultural Station at Downers Grove in March. It is urged that all Superintendents interest their club officials and members in the Conference and invite all to attend. The definite date has not yet been set, but it will be after the Purdue Conference.

### NOTES ON THE DECEMBER MEETING

The meeting at Sambo's on December 8 was well attended, there being over 40 members present.

Dr. William H. Daniel was our guest speaker. He showed us some very interesting Kodacrome slides taken during the past summer and some he took when he made his trip to the west coast. As is always the case when Dr. Daniel is with us, we had a very lively meeting. Dr. Daniel asked for suggestions of topics for the coming turf conference at Purdue, and asked what was our most perplexing problem. The old one of *Poa Annua*, as is usually the case, was mentioned, but the worst problem of the Superintendent today seems to be that of labor. We had quite a round table discussion on the labor problem with consensus of opinion being that the golf courses were underpaying their labor and consequently were unable to get the proper type of men for golf course work.

The *Zoysia* seed obtained from Dr. Grau of the Greens Section of the United States Golf Association, is to be planted in the greenhouse at the Drug Plant Experiment Station at Downers Grove. When ready the seedlings are to be transplanted over the area of an acre of fairway. Norm Kramer volunteered Silver Lake Country Club as the site of the planting and his offer was accepted. It was suggested that some of the seedling plants be tried in other situations other than fairways, such as tees and in a different locality of the Chicago area such as on the shore of Lake Michigan, where the temperatures both during the spring and summer are quite different at times than at Silver Lake, which is quite a distance inland from Lake Michigan. President Davis announced that we would have a meeting at Silver Lake at the proper time and would have a planting bee of the *Zoysia*.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that our association go on record as being opposed to the proposed increase in the number of directors of the National Association and that our policy committee be instructed to act accordingly.

Motions were also approved that at our Annual meeting in January that we take action on changes of our By-Laws concerning the following. That the offices of Secretary and Treasurer be combined into one office, that of Secretary-Treasurer and that the Nominating Committee be allowed to make up a slate of officers as it saw fit and not be held to the present system of two nominees for each office. It was also suggested that action be taken as to Charter Member standing in the Association.

Dr. Daniel announced that the Purdue conference would be held on March 2-3-4, 1953. The general subjects of the conference are to be Soil Moisture Relations, Basic Botany on How Roots Work and Nitrogen Fertilizers by Dr. Musser.

Sambo's famous barbecued ribs were enjoyed by the members at dinner and a social hour followed. Sambo's hospitality was such that it was decided to hold our Annual meeting there instead of at the Hotel Sherman as previously scheduled.

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### HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1952 DUES?

At our last meeting the Treasurer announced that there were a number of members who had not paid their dues for 1952 and some who had not paid for 1951, also. It is important that your dues be in before our Annual Meeting. If in doubt as to where to send dues, the Editor will be glad to receive them and turn same over to the Treasurer. Please make a special effort to get up to date.