

OPERATION ZOYZIA COMPLETED

On Monday, May 18, fifty members and guests of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents gathered at Silver Lake Country Club to plant $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of fairway to Zoysia seedlings. The ground was first aerified with one inch spoons in strips two feet apart. Seedlings were placed in the two outside rows and the center row in every fourth hole. The seedlings were carefully placed and a core of soil forced back into the hole with the seedling and firmed down. We were very fortunate in having considerable precipitation the preceding day and the ground was in fine shape for the planting. A number of two inch plugs were also put into the fairway under the supervision of Dr. Bill Daniel, who was our guest that day. The whole planting operation took about an hour and a half. Fortunately, we had a little shower soon after the planting, so the seedlings should do all right.

Dr. Daniel had several extra flats of seedlings which he distributed among some of the men for planting on their own courses.

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THE MEETING AT SILVER LAKE

After the Zoysia planting, 24 of the hardier members braved the wet weather to play golf. Very few finished 18 holes but all were unanimous in saying that the course was in beautiful shape. John and Norm have done a wonderful job in conditioning Silver Lake. We had a wonderful roast beef dinner and the meeting followed. At the meeting the idea of the National Association employing an Agronomist to travel about the country and gather information and coordinate information and make it available to the members was approved by the membership and was referred to the Policy Committee. Bob Williams reported on the Cleveland meeting of the Directors of the National Association. Dr. Bill Daniel was our guest and gave us a talk on timely subjects. Golf winners were as follows. Chas. Vann, Bill Saielli, J. Lund, Bill Malpede, R. LeGrande, Bud Heckler, Pete Simmons. Our many thanks to John and Norm for their hospitality.

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CONGRATULATIONS JOE AND MRS. KELLY

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly announce the birth of a son, Timothy Joseph, born in St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette, Ind., April 22. The boy weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz.

Our heartfelt congratulations, Joe, and when are you passing out the cigars?

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We were very happy to have with us at Silver Lake our old friend Lawrence Huber of the Ohio State University golf course at Columbus. Lawrence was in Chicago visiting his daughter. Lawrence says he is coming back someday to see how strip number 7 of the Zoysia planting is coming along. Lawrence planted the whole strip himself.

Charley Jones and Dirk Naughton from Champaign and Mahomet, Ill. Midwest members from downstate were also there and assisted in the planting.

Frank Dinelli worked so hard at his job of keeping the planters supplied with "water" that he was too tired to play golf afterward. The boys noticed Ray Gerber standing around with a pencil behind his ear and a notebook in his hand and many thought that he must be the timekeeper. It turned out, however, that Ray was working as reporter for The National "Reporter" and as correspondant for the Chicago papers.

THE BERTUCCI CLAN

One of the outstanding greenkeeping families of the Midwest are the Bertuccis. There is Elmer who is Superintendent of Old Elm Club at Fort Sheridan, Illinois and his son, Al, who assists him there and Joe, Superintendent of Lake Shore Country Club at Glen-coe, Illinois, and his son, Adolph, who is with him there.

Elmer went into golf course work at Exmoor Country Club under Stewart Gardner in 1910. He worked on the greens there until 1912 when he went to the Old Elm Club to assist in laying the foundation for the clubhouse. He has been there ever since as greensman, foreman and superintendent.

Joe also got his start at Exmoor, beginning in 1913. Later he went to Old Elm and then moved to Knollwood Country Club and was Superintendent there from 1928 until 1947 when he became Superintendent at Lake Shore Country Club, where he is today.

Elmer and Joe have seen the development of greenkeeping from the early days thru to the highly specialized job it is today. They have been a credit to the greenkeeping profession and are highly respected among their colleagues.

Al and Adolph have sons of their own and we hope someday to see them follow in their father's and grandfather's steps.

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THE SPRING PARTY

Our annual spring party was held at Silver Lake Country Club on April 25. Our hosts were John Coghill and Norm Kramer. Eighty-five people were there and they sure had a good time. Between dances Paul Burdett showed some of his very interesting slides.

A buffet supper was served at 11:15 and door prizes were drawn.

Door prize winners were as follows: Mr. Capitani, Mr. Tondini, Mrs. Burdett, Mrs. Dalzell, Joe Klem, Mr. Jensen, Bill Smith, Russ Bell, Mrs. Borgmeier, Mrs. Paul Popp, Walter Killmer, Dom Grotti, Ray Gerber, Mrs. Doud, Ray Davis, Mrs. Matt Bezek, Mrs. Herman Woehrle, Amos Lapp, Mrs. Jensen, Louis Pejtes, Oscar Borgmeier, Dave McIntosh, Bob Chamberlin, Phil Keacher, George Dahlman, Gordone Brinkworth, Jerry Transier, Mrs. Amos Lapp, Mr. Dalzell, Mrs. Dom Grotti, Mrs. Ray Davis, H. Wolff, Herman Woehrle, Mrs. Keacher, Jock McIntosh, Mrs. Wolff, Mrs. Dalman, Mrs. Hintz, Bob Williams, Al Hintz, Mrs. Capitani, Matt Bezek, Mrs. Ray Gerber.

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THE MIDWEST SENIORS CLUB

Frank Mastroleo was celebrating his 60th birthday at Silver Lake and a number of his senior colleagues honored him by electing him President of the newly formed Midwest Seniors Club. This is a club of senior members of the Association restricted to members 50 and over. Other officers elected were, Emil Cassier, Vice-President, Ray Gerber, Secy-Treas., and Bill Stupple, director. The Club hopes to play for the Club championship at the Special Golf Day at Bonnie Dundee on June 22. Any member joining on or before that date will be considered Charter members of the Club. Send applications to Ray Gerber, Glen Oak Country Club, Glen Ellyn, Ill., or the Editor of this paper. No dues asked for. By-Laws, etc. to be drawn up later. Better get on the band wagon its gonna be a pretty exclusive outfit.