

SPREADING IT THIN

Frank and Mrs. Dinelli spent two weeks in The Florida Everglades where Frank dodged water moccasins and alligators, shivered in the Florida sunshine and caught fish, having a wonderful time. Frank then attended the Turf Conference and Show at Atlantic City and upon his return home, he and his wife hopped a train for Palm Springs, California, for a two week stay. That Dinelli really gets around.

Bill Schwantz of Hinsdale has been working on his new home during his vacation and hopes to move in on May 1.

Herman Drafke of Acacia C. C. has done a tremendous amount of tree moving and planting this winter. Herman moved 10 inch trees from one part of the course to another with the aid of a bulldozer.

Elmer Mueller of Timber Trails joined the Association at the February meeting.

Pete Bild of Woodridge attended the meeting in Atlantic City and then left for a two weeks vacation in Florida.

Mel Warnecke attended the Atlantic City meeting and planned on having his final gall bladder operation right after he got back.

Warren Roseman says the Roseman Tractor Equipment Co. plans to hold a spring equipment show and open house in May. Exact time and place will be announced later.

Ray Gerber did a wonderful job as Midwest Representative at the National meeting, and, although he did not have many votes to work with, he picked up a number of proxies there and materially aided in the election of Bob Williams as National Director.

Fred Halloran was called for jury duty the first two weeks in February.

Gabe Rosset and wife made the trip to Atlantic City in the new Packard and, after putting in a new rear end in the car there, they proceeded to Florida for two weeks.

Norm Kramer of Silver Lake spent two weeks in the hospital with a cracked spinal disk in January. Norm was well enough to attend our February meeting and expects to be in good shape again this spring. His brother, LeRoy, 19, who has been working with Norm, was signed by the Chicago White Sox and goes into Spring training the middle of March. He is a second baseman.

John and Mrs. Coghill spent a delightful month in Florida and are now back and have the kids in school again.

Ray Didier reports that Chuck Davey trained at Tam O Shanter for his championship bout with Kid Gavilan. Ray and Mrs. Didier went to the National meeting and then to Florida for two weeks.

Bert and Mrs. Rost had a lovely vacation in Florida the last three weeks in January, Bert says he caught a lot of fish and enjoyed every minute of the trip.

Al Rauch and family from Bonnie Dundee, spent the last of December and the first of January in Florida and had a wonderful time. Al reports they had a wonderful time over Christmas and were on the beach every day. Al particularly liked the time they spent in New Orleans on the way down.

John MacGregor is up and working after an operation during the Christmas holidays. He and Mrs. MacGregor attended the National meeting and John says it was really an exceptional meeting.

Al Johnson of Indian Hill reports that it has been a tough winter for winter sports, but that he has been able to keep his members happy by working day and night on the curling rinks.

The Educational Conference at Atlantic City was very well attended and everyone who attended reported that they had a very good time.

There were 903 registrations and it is reported unofficially that the show cleared \$5,600 for the National treasury.

Norm Johnson, newly elected Vice-President, and Midwest Alumnus, extended a cordial invitation to all of us to meet him again in Miami on January 3 of next year. Norman said, "I have been very happy in my new territory, but there will always be a place in my heart for all of my old friends of the Midwest. I will be proud to welcome you all to Florida. I know we offer the finest in sunshine, entertainment and a splendid meeting. Come and see me."

Herman Woehrle and wife were at Atlantic City. They had just returned from a month's trip to Germany, where Herman visited relatives. He took movies on his trip and he was called on to show them about 40 times at the meeting.

Oscar Borgmeier, as is his custom at all National meetings, invited all who were in attendance from the Chicago District to a banquet at Atlantic City. There were 40 in attendance and reported that they had a wonderful time.

John MacGregor is very proud of the Life Membership pin presented to him and to a number of other oldtimers of the Golf Course Superintendents Association at Atlantic City.

Dom Grotti is taking advantage of the open weather of this winter to play golf at every available opportunity. Dom says he would like to get on the winning end of the golf matches for a change this summer and since he has to carry his golf partner, who we will not mention, against Dinelli and Saielli, he is keeping in practice.

The fellows who have winter sports at their clubs have been having a tough time of it this winter. The ice is here today and gone tomorrow, but considering the weather, they are doing a remarkable job trying to give their members the best possible.

Norm Kramer of Silver Lake has so much winter work scheduled that he plans a mural painting of a green and a palm tree on the wall of his barn to give him that Florida feeling. That is as close as Norm plans to get South this winter. Norm built a number of new tees this fall and now has a tee with an area of 18,000 square feet.

Ray Gerber's reputation as a pheasant hunter is well established, especially in his home town of Glen Ellyn. Ray was at work one morning early in the hunting season when his wife, Jo, called him up all excited that there was a big cock pheasant in the back yard, "It's in the bushes peaking its head around the flowers and if you hurry home I think you can get it." Ray hurried, rushed into the house and to the window where his wife pointed out the bird. "Yes, it's still there. See it?" Ray saw and made a quick survey of the situation, got his gun, sent the dog in to flush the pheasant and waited for it to rise, but it was still there. Ray got the "bird" in more ways than one. One of his neighbors had stuck a stuffed bird in the bushes for Ray's benefit.

Pete Bild planted some 300 Black Hills spruce trees on the course at Woodridge this fall.

Plans are being made to hold the 1953 Pro-Supt. Tournaments at Mission Hills Country Club where Al Dorband is Superintendent.