

SPREADING IT THIN

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Roloff of Roselle C. C. are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their first grandchild. Their daughter, now living in California with her husband in the Marine Corps, is expecting in April. George is having quite a time.

Don Strand had his work well caught up during the spring and seems to have his old strength and vigor back again after a good Florida vacation and a mild winter.

Ray Gerber will soon be driving a 1953 Pontiac.

Herman Woehrle and Emil Cassier both report an amazing success with color pictures with their new cameras. Emil took pictures on his recent trip to Florida and Herman brought a camera back from Germany on his recent visit.

An apology. The April meeting date was set so late it was impossible to get a picture of Al Dorband, the supt. of Mission Hills for the April issue of the Bull Sheet. The asst. Editor regrets his failure.

Warren Roseman is now taking 16 mm movies. Warren says movie taking is an expensive hobby.

Ted Woehrle, the son of Herman Woehrle of Kankakee Valley G. C. is a Junior at Purdue in Turf management. Ted attended our April meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Bezek will take up residence at Butterfield C. C. about May 1st.

Henry Lang of the Glenview Club reports that he still has work to do on his new water system but thinks it will be complete about April 15th. Henry says "there were no leaks".

Red Sellers says the North Shore C. C. came thru the winter with no evidence of winter damage. Red believes the turf really improved over the winter months and looks better now than it did last fall.

Frank Dinelli and the members of the Hearts Club very much appreciate the beautiful gift donated to that group by Tom Mascaro. The gift, which the Mole was privileged to examine carefully, was a beautifully decorated deck of cards. It was fully worthy of a careful examination.

Bob Marbury was the happiest man at Mission Hills. He "shot the moon" in the Hearts game. Claimed it was the first time in 14 years of playing that he was able to do it. Well, if it made you happy, Bob, it was worth the buck apiece the other players lost.

We had a memorandum from Fred Grau announcing that he was now associated with Frank Murray, Golf Course Builder to form the firm of Grau-Murray Grass Service. We wish Dr. Grau the best of luck in his new project.

Frank Dinelli has several flats of Zoysia started which he hopes to plant on his course this spring. Frank is thinking mainly of planting Zoysia on his tees. He says that even if the grass is dormant late in the spring it is possible to dye it to give it a more pleasing color until growth begins. We think he has got something there.

This is the last time we stick our neck out on predictions of early springs. Ever since the last issue of The Bull Sheet we have had our regular April weather. There were traces of snow on the 18 and 19th and a hail storm on the night of the 14th. On several mornings the ground was frozen and temperatures stayed in the 30's the whole day. I guess there just ain't no such thing as an early Spring in this part of the country. Spring is just a few warm days scattered thru March and April, otherwise it goes from Winter into Summer.

Apparently, Edgewater Country Club will not be sold for sub dividing as had been rumored. We are happy to know this and it would be a shame to see

Gerald Dearie's beautiful course be abandoned.

Ray Didier, the Mighty Kingfisher, says the greens are doing well at Tam O Shanter with no evidence of the disease that caused so much difficulty this time last year.

Emil Cassier of Sycamore has a deep brown color from his recent Florida trip. Mrs. Cassier is recovering nicely from her recent operation. The new fountain being erected to the memory of Vern Wetzel will be completed by June 15th. Many of our members will remember Vern as Emil's golfing companion at many of our meetings during the last several years. Vern was President of the Board of the Sycamore Park District.

Frank and Mrs. Mastroleo of Geneva C. C. will be grandparents for the first time late in May when young Dave becomes a Father. Frank is very nervous at this time, however, the prospective grandmother is quite calm. Frank has accumulated new golf clubs, a golf bag, shirts, spiked shoes and even a golf cart for the new arrival.

The Arrowhead C. C. of Wheaton, Ill. is now owned by Bill Hoy. Mr. Hoy has frequently attended our meetings in the past and is always good company.

Carroll Garceau of the Catholic Cemeteries was a visitor at our April meeting.

John Coghill Jr. underwent a triple operation early in April. John was operated on for hernia, tonsils and adenoids. He is recovering nicely.

Ray Gerber has about finished work on the new improvements in the club house grounds. The new parking place is ready for black topping, the new entrance to the Club House is being completed and Ray has planted evergreens at the entrance to the club and around the clubhouse. It will be a swanky place.

Bert Rost is carefully planning the planting of the Zoysia at Silver Lake May 18th. His story appears in this issue. Please be there to help get the job done. It may revolutionize fairway and tee planting in our district.

Association member Mike Coyne has sold his interest in the Glenwoodie Golf Club and has bought Fox Lake Country Club. We wish Mike the best of luck in his new project.

Among some of the things worth noting this Spring, we were very much interested in the remarkable germination this Spring of grass seed planted last fall, but which due to the prolonged drouth, did not germinate. This seed germinated very early in April, much sooner than any seed planted this Spring, even under the earliest and most favorable conditions. It occurs to us that this might be used to advantage, say, in the renovation of tees, which would be able to be used until late in the fall, seeded when all chances of germination before winter were eliminated and the seed would germinate in the spring long before it would be possible to do so in the Spring. This is nothing new as far as we know, but it is very seldom that it has been done deliberately to our knowledge.

Another thing we learned, while talking with Elmer Bertucci of Old Elm Club, that his greens which he fertilized very late last fall with Milorganite, came thru the winter in a much healthier condition and showed a great deal of growth before unfertilized greens or those which were fertilized early in the spring got started.

The idea of mentioning these things is that it might be practical to seed and fertilize in this manner and save some work in the Spring when we have a thousand and one things to do.