

THE MIDWEST REGIONAL TURF CONFERENCE

The turf conference at Purdue was certainly the biggest and one of the best in a long line of excellent meetings. Registration figures showed that there were 384 in attendance and that is a big attendance. Dr. Daniel is certainly to be congratulated on his efficient handling of the conference and his arrangement of the various subjects is certainly to be commended. In other words, Bill is doing a wonderful job at Purdue and we are certainly lucky to have him at the helm as we were when Dr. Mott was in charge. The speakers and subjects were, without exception, excellent, and were much appreciated by all who attended. We noted that the panel discussions were most well received and, predict that the members will want more of it in the future.

As, always, the banquet is one of the highlights of the meeting and to be entertained by that wonderful Purdue glee club, under the direction of Al Stewart, is certainly a great privilege.

Directors elected at the meeting were Ward Cornwell, Les Verhaalen and Mr. Hocker. At the directors meeting, Frank Dunlop was elected president, succeeding Taylor Boyd and Ward Cornwell was elected vice-president.



THE QUESTIONBOX

Q — Should a Verticut be used in the spring on Washington bent?

A — The Verticut machine was not in the district in the spring of 1953, so there were no experiences to the use of it in the spring, but spring is probably the best time to make use of it, according to all reports.

Q — Do you think gas caddie cars will hurt the course?

A — There must be rigid control if we are to have them. Great damage can be done at certain seasons of the year.

Q — Should golfers play in early spring?

A — Golfers should be kept off the course when frost is coming out of the ground, if possible. However, on certain courses such as daily fee courses, there is a much different problem than on some of the private courses.

Q — When is the best time to apply Arsenate of Lead to fairways for cutworm and webworm control?

A — Wet application at time when needed at the rate of 8 to 15 pounds per acre.

Q — Which is better, bent grass with a water system or without?

A — Must have water to maintain bent in a satisfactory manner.

Q — What is happening to the water table in this area?

A — More and more water is being used by homes and industries. Water table goes up and down in cycles.

Q — What can be done to eliminate Poa Annua?

A — Spray with Sodium Arsenite at 1 pound, 1½ pounds, 2 pounds per acre (4 to 7 times). No definite cure, but spraying with Sodium Arsenite is supposed to discourage Poa Annua.



Editors note: Some of our out of state subscribers have been kind enough to volunteer to send in stamps to help pay for their subscription. We appreciate this, but our paper is doing very well financially and we just don't need your dough, fellows.

SPREADING IT THIN

Harold Reid of Ridgemoor is home again after 2 months in St. Petersburg. Harold looks fit.

Gordon Brinkworth, Chairman of the Public Relations Committee asks members who might have an idea that might give us as a whole a place in the newspaper sun to submit it to his committee. Our organization has had many men who have wanted to try to win a place in print for our industry but we have failed. Our work is not spectacular on the whole but there are occasionally interesting sidelights that might attract some attention. When the spotlight is on you, please advise Gordon.

Ray Erickson of Itasca C C reports that they have completed the installation of a fairway watering system on four of their fairways. The rest will be completed as they are able.

Ray Davis of Medinah sported a large red nose during the last meeting. Ray went into detail to explain that he was supporting a small boil on the end of his nose, that it was not an alcoholic proboscis.

Dave Mastroleo of Arrowhead is supervising the building of a Pro shop, and office at the club. The new building is 41 x 31. While on vacation this winter Dave commuted between Miami, California and Wheaton.

Bob Breen who served 9 years with Amos Lapp at St. Andrews is now Supt. of Grounds of Joe Jemsek's new enterprise, Fresh Meadows, formerly Fairlawn C.C. Bob is busy remodeling the club house and looks forward to getting out and working on the greens.

Bob Williams of Beverly spoke before the Minnesota Short Course at Minneapolis the middle of March.

Mrs. Mary Banthin, mother in law of Billy Smith, passed away Thursday, March 4th. She was 80 years old.

Mack Parsons of Algonquin CC is Chairman of the Entertainment of the National Meeting at St. Louis next January. Mack plans to raise some \$4,000.00 for ladies entertainment during their stay at St. Louis. Get the money Mack, our Ladies will be there to be spent on.

Joe Jemsek of St. Andrews, Cog Hill and Fresh Meadows attended our meeting at Mohawk in March.

The Mole learned that Bert Rost is the oldest son of a family of eight children. The other kids are girls. This accounts for Bert's quietness and the fact that when he does talk, he talks so low that no one can hear him. The chances are that with eight female sisters he never expected to be heard anyway.

Gager Vaughan of Vaughan's Seed Store, Chicago, gave a comprehensive discussion for the astounding prices of grass seed. Gager did a good job; his talk attracted much attention.

Dick Kaufman is now Supt. of Grounds at the Fox Lake C C.

Scotty Stewart (C. E. Stewart) is building a new home at 18352 Homewood Avenue, Homewood, Ill. Scotty is our adviser on irrigation and drainage matters.

Ray Gerber and Pete Coval put on a really great act at the meeting. Ray as Superintendent and Pete as underpaid, under nourished, unhappy employee who had steak only once a week.

George Swank Jr., a PHD in Plant Pathology at Ohio State and recently from the Florida Experiment Station at Sanford, Florida, is now with the Upjohn Chemical Company.

Herb Graffis who always puts on a sterling performance, came up with the startling information that there were 5056 golf courses as of November 1st, 340 new ones under construction. Of these 3097 are 9 hole courses and the balance are 18 holes or more. 109 courses are on College campus's and the investment in courses is a little over 1,000,000,000.00 dollars.

Herman Woehrlé was a very proud man as he watched his son Ted team up with Bill Daniels to give a report on the effect of Arsenic on the control of Poa Annua.

Ray Nelson of Golden Valley C C Minneapolis, Minn. visited the Chicago District the last week in February and also attended the Purdue Meeting.

Twenty five Illini including 3 Hoosiers, a Hawkeye and a Gopher and a Florida Cracker sat down at the Town House for Supper the Tuesday of the meeting. There was great confusion when the waitress presented Editor Bill Stuppé with the bill for \$150.00 with the unanimous proposal that the Bull Sheet funds foot the bill as an advertising expense. Editor Stuppé fought this proposed raid on his funds successfully and with great vigor and the deal was renegotiated by Vice President Frank Dinelli who, with his usual great statesmanship rose to the occasion and spread a special assessment on each of the participating diners.

Bert Rost reports that the water level in his pond has risen to within two inches of the overflow level. He is still quiet on his plans for stocking the pond.

It was good to see Norm Johnson at the Purdue meeting. Norm is now president of the National Association, and is with the San Jose Country Club, Jacksonville, Fla. His home address is Norman C. Johnson, 6173 Mercer Circle East, So. Jacksonville, Fla. Norm sure looked well, unusually so with his rich Florida tan against us bleached out Northerners.

The Mole always managed to get back in the meeting room in ample time to enjoy the "Coffee Break". This was a new and well received custom, the coffee was hot and strong, and the cream was real cream. There were few naps taken after this first "Coffee Break".

In talking with Norm Johnson about the glories of being a transplanted Yankee, the Mole learned that there are perils in home ownership in Florida too. Termites in Florida live high, they came up into Norms new home thru an unfilled expansion joint into the house and it cost Norm \$125.00 to get rid of them.

Norm is chairman of the Educational Committee of the newly formed Florida State & Turf Association.

Norm said the National Board would meet in St Charles late in April and that at that time decision would be made on the location of the 1956 National Conference. Is sure would be nice to go to California again. Maybe we should all pull for the bid from that area to be accepted.

The new Gold and Black Plymouth Sport Coupe Bert Rost bought in Homestead Fla. has logged 4000 fast comfortable miles. Bert says he has no trouble locating his new car in a parking area.

Al Wyman, who was Superintendent at the Danville Country Club for twenty five years is the new Superintendent at Briargate Country Club, taking the place of Hank Miller who retired on account of illness.

Chester Randby, formerly of Knollwood Country Club goes to Edgewood Valley Country Club.

Many of the boys were worried about getting home after the terrible weather of Tuesday night, the roads being in a very dangerous condition for driving. As far as we know, however, all got home safely. One trio of Midwest members didn't make it the same day, holing up for the night in a motel along the road. Some unkind souls claimed it was only a good excuse to stay away from home another night and to sharpen up on their hearts game. We haven't heard how some of the men from Cleveland made it, but they must have had a pretty tough time battling the twenty odd inches of snow which fell in that city and vicinity.

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