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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Annual Meeting and election of officers for 1955 will be held on Monday, December 13 at Big Oaks Country Club and this is my last opportunity this year to say that it has been a wonderful year for me as president of our association. It has been a great experience and I am deeply honored to have been selected by the membership to act as your president. I wish to especially thank all the heads of committees for their loyal and conscientious work during the year and to thank all our members for their support and interest in our organization. A president's job is not in the least bit easy if he does not have the officers and committees to back him up and to carry out some of his ideas and to transact the business of the Association. I have been fortunate to have such men behind me this year and I think we have successfully maintained the high standard of our organization set by my predecessors. Again, many thanks to all and a wish that my successor shall have as an able a body of men to support him in the coming year.

I feel that it would be wise to remind you that the National meeting is being held at St. Louis the week of the 16th of January. Those of you who are members of the National and who have valid proxies, I respectfully ask that you fill these out and give them to me at our annual meeting, or better yet, mail them to me, George Roloff, Roselle Country Club, Roselle, Illinois. It is vitally important that we be well represented at St. Louis.

Do not forget the Soils Clinic which will be presented by the Educational Committee and Dr. Watson of the Toro Manufacturing Company at the Chicago Campus of the University of Illinois December 2 and 3. You will get a special letter on this event.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

George Roloff, President

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THE SOILS CLINIC

In the absence of Don Strand at the November meeting, Dr. Voight spoke of the Soils Clinic to be held in the Pharmacy building on the Chicago campus of the University of Illinois Medical School, Dec. 2 and 3. Dr. Voight declared that the program planned by Dr. Watson is very well planned and will have many uses and suggests that we plan to attend the opening session on time and continue right thru the meeting so the story will unfold in its logical order.

He further suggests that you plan to come by train, although he has spoken for parking space for 15 cars. He points out that parking space on the campus is very limited and it will be difficult to take care of a greater number of autos. He will be able to provide over night accommodations in the dormitory for 15 at \$3.00 per night.

The Pharmacy building is at 833 South Wood Street in Chicago. A special letter is to be sent to members of the Midwest with complete details therein.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE

To those members of the Midwest who are also members of the National Association this is a special message and appeal.

During the week of November 8th, you received thru the mail an announcement of the program of the Educational Conference being held in St. Louis in January. In this letter was a proxy ballot. Please bring this proxy with you, signed, and present it to George Roloff, our president who is to be our representative at St. Louis that he may have as many votes to work with as possible to help us to continue our representation on the National board. This request is important so that your vote may be cast to the greatest advantage. The Midwest has 102 regular paid members and would require 61 who are members of the National to vote by delegate. This, unfortunately, we do not have and voting must be done by proxy unless our membership in the National increases sufficiently to enable us to have a delegate.

It is good business for a club to pay the dues of the Superintendent to the National Association and to insist that he attend it's annual meeting. This annual meeting sets the stage for the educational conference which is of so much value to all of us. A member attending the National Educational Conference should bring away information that will repay his club many times over during the many years he will use it. The National Association is very worth while. Try to get your club to send you to St. Louis as a member this year.

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OUR ANNUAL MEETING

Our 1954 Annual Meeting will be held at Big Oaks Country Club on Monday, December 13. Barney Wendt will be our host. Besides the election of officers for 1955, there are a number of important things to be brought up at this meeting and it is very necessary that you be there. O. J. Noer will be on hand to make his "Annual Report to the Superintendents." Barney says that he and manager Peter Safrithis have joined forces to make our visit at Big Oaks one of the most enjoyable of the year. Barney and Pete insist that we will be well fed at Big Oaks. There will be ham, beef, and chicken all served family style, all you can eat. The cost, \$3.00. Cost of refreshments also will be reasonable.

We doubt if there will be any golf on that day, but if it is a nice day fit for golf, bring your clubs along.

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COMING EVENTS

Soils Clinic, Pharmacy Building, Chicago Campus of the University of Illinois Medical School, Dec. 2, 3.

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents. Big Oaks Country Club, December 13.

26th National Turfgrass Conference and Show, St. Louis, Mo., January 16-21, 1955.

1955 Midwest Regional Turf Conference, Purdue University, March 7-9, 1955.