

THE BULL SHEET, official monthly publication of the MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS.

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#### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was with a great deal of pleasure that we saw Norm Johnson elected to the presidency of our National Association. Norm has always been a hard worker for the association as he was for the Midwest when he was in the Chicago district. It is only fitting and proper that he has now reached that high office and we want to wish Norm the best of luck and success in the coming year.

Our National Association is certainly to be congratulated on the fine Conference and Show at Miami. There was a good attendance from all over the country and certainly our Association was well represented. The division of the Educational Conference into morning sessions only, was most popular, it giving the men a chance to enjoy the wonderful weather and activities in Miami. The ladies were well entertained and had a wonderful time. We are looking forward to more meetings like that in Miami.

It will have to be our project in the coming months to try to build up our representation in the National Association. In the past few years we have fallen below the percentage of membership necessary to give us the privilege of having a delegate represent us at the meeting and this is not good. With the added inducement of the insurance benefit in the Association, it is my thought that no superintendent should pass up his chances of being a member. The Cleveland District now has 100 percent membership in the National and this is a fine thing.

It had been my purpose to have ready the full roster of committees for 1954, but due to the confusion of trying to do too many things and many of the boys being away on vacations, I have not been able to complete my list and will have to have it ready for the next issue.

Our February meeting is scheduled for February 9 at Acacia Country Club with Herman Drafke as our host. We are planning to get together in the afternoon to swap lies on the big fish we caught in Florida, and reminisce on the trip. These get-togethers in the afternoon are a pleasant thing and much enjoyed by our members. Herman has planned a delicious buffet dinner at 6 P. M. and the meeting will begin immediately after, which will be about 7 P. M. This will be a most important meeting with the reports of our representatives at the Miami meeting, Don Strand and Ray Davis. Bob Williams may also have an announcement to make which will be of the utmost importance to our organization. If time permits, we are planning to have a Question Box.

Please plan to attend and you will find it well worth your while.

George Roloff, President

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Dom Grotti, the winter golfer, is up to his old tricks again. He and some of his cronies play almost every Wednesday afternoon and Sundays during the winter months, providing, that is, that there isn't snow on the ground. Although some of us, including his wife, think he is a little touched in the head, it seems to agree with Dom, as witness his healthy looks.

#### FRED J. HALLORAN

Fred Halloran died quite suddenly on January 6, 1954, at the age of 56 after an illness of two months.

Fred was a familiar figure in the Chicago Golf fraternity for many years. He was employed for 22 years prior to his death by George A. Davis, Inc. as sales representative to Golf Courses and Parks on the North Shore. As such, he was an institution in himself. While not professing expert knowledge of turf culture and science, he was certainly a practical expert in the true sense, as many of his friends will testify.

He was born in Central Illinois on a farm and followed various occupations in his early years. During World War I he served with the Marines in France. After his discharge he came to Chicago to begin his work in the turf field as a power mower salesman and sold many power mowers during his active career.

Surviving are his widow Frances, four children, (two boys and two girls) and also one grandchild.

#### THE PLANT DISEASE CLINIC

The clinic held at Medinah Country Club, December 17 and 18, was a great success. We had an attendance of 50 who turned out in the coldest weather of the year, the thermometer reading zero and below both days. The program was well planned and was most interesting to all of us. It certainly was a great credit to our Association and our thanks go to Dr. Klomprens, Dr. Voigt, Dr. Watson, Dr. Daniel, Bob Williams and all others who assisted in this splendid meeting.

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#### NINTH ANNUAL MIDWESTERN SHADE TREE CONFERENCE

In this issue you will find the program for the annual Midwestern Shade Tree Conference. In this program you will note that there are a number of subjects covered which are of great importance to the golf course superintendent. It seems to be a splendid opportunity for additional education for us this winter and we should avail ourselves of this chance by attending the conference.

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#### CONGRATULATIONS

Member Joe Dinelli became a proud father for the first time on Thursday, January 21, with the birth of Jodie Lyn, weight 7 pounds 8 ounces. Mother, baby and Joe were at last reports doing very well. We might add, too, that Grandpa, Frank Dinelli, is holding up very well. This makes number 9 of Frank's grandchildren, his daughter Eva having given birth to a daughter on December 21. Frank says that the last four have been girls and reckons that the cycle should be about over and there should be some boys coming along.

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Association member, Nels Johnson, left for Stockholm, Sweden, the early part of December as an American representative to assist in forestation problems in that country. Details are lacking but we are sure that when Nels gets back he will have a good story for us.