

SPREADING IT THIN

Probably the two most thrilled of our members during the Miami sojourn were Bill Schwantz and Pete Bild. Our old friend, Bill Mathies had taken a party of Superintendents out deep sea fishing on his new boat. Included in the party were Bill and Pete, who both admitted that this was their first experience of this sort of thing. Bill hooked the first fish, a large kingfish and Pete got a bonita, an instant later. They sure were excited, but both landed their fish and are enthusiastic saltwater fishermen from now on.

It was reported that Bob Williams landed a 30-pound kingfish and Frank Dinelli, fishing with Warren Roseman, Jimmy Hoffman, Rube Thode, and Bill Stupple, hooked and landed a 30-pound dolphin.

Our past President, Ray Davis, did a very nice job on the educational program of the conference at Miami. His subject was on fairway maintenance, and Ray demonstrated that he was very well versed on his subject.

We never did get an accurate count of the number of our members at Miami, but our attendance was certainly larger than at any other conference, outside of Chicago, that is. When the program was finished on Saturday, they all scattered like leaves in a wind-storm. Some headed for home directly, but most remained in the South at least for a few days.

Paul Burdett was so busy helping Bill Mathies run his boat that he didn't get his own launched for over a week. Paul has a brand new 16-foot boat with a 15 horsepower outboard motor. We know that Paul had a lot of fun with it.

We were all saddened with the news of the death of Fred Halloran. His many friends in the Association will certainly miss him for a long, long time. We wish to express our condolences to the Halloran family.

It seems that every year has its new problems, or rather we go into different eras, you might say, that bring changes that we must cope with. One of the things which is bothering some of the Superintendents, at the present time is the increase in the use of golf cars. Many of the men are trying to visualize what will happen to turf with the increased traffic caused by the cars. We shudder to think what a great number of them will do to turf when used on July and August days when the grass is wilting badly. Even footprints and wheel marks of caddy carts show on such days. However, it is one of those things which we are going to have to contend with. If the golfers want them, we are not going to be able to stop them, so we might just as well not oppose the idea too strenuously.

Henry Lange reports that he with Mrs. Lange and Gabe Rosset and Mrs. made quite an extensive tour of the South during his vacation. After leaving Florida, they visited New Orleans and toured thru Mississippi and Arkansas, visiting Hot Springs and the Ozarks. Henry says that he hopes to take a week off some spring and go back to the Ozarks to see how beautiful they are at that time.

Some of our members who played the courses in Miami reported them to be in fine shape and a number of them expressed the thought that a job in Florida might be wonderful. The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence. However, talking to some of the Florida men, we find that there are more headaches in turf maintenance than there are in some other parts of the country.

From reports in Florida newspapers, the Superintendents gave Zoysia a big boost as the ideal grass for turf in the Miami area.

Our new President is a grand daddy for the first time.

Herman Woehrle reports that his son, Theodore, a new member of our Association, was forced to retire from the track team at Purdue, where he was a star jumper, due to injuries. It seems that we spelled Theodore's name wrong in the list of new members in the last issue. Excuse it please. Ted.

It was reported that Mattoon Golf and Country Club of Mattoon, Illinois was in need of a Supt.

The door prize at our last meeting, a bench donated by Capital City Lumber Co. of Topeka, Kansas, was won by George Davis.

We were in receipt of a letter from Midwest member, Bob Marbury, who is now residing at 2730 Sunrise Blvd., Fort Pierce, Florida. Bob will be glad to see anyone going down that way.

Looking at the board, it looked as though we drafted all the tired old men to serve with our George.

Bert Rost reports that he has 18 inches of water in his new fish pond. He got full instructions at the meeting as to how to go about stocking it.

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