

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

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### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wish to thank each of you for selecting me to be your president for 1954. I am mindful that this job carries a lot of work and the greatest of responsibilities. I promise that I will conduct my office so that it will reflect honor on the Association and upon myself. To do this, I will need the active help of every member of the Association.

It shall be the aim of this administration to continue the fine activities that have reached a peak under our retiring president, Ray Davis. I shall do everything in my power to promote a Short Course to be held late in March in cooperation with the University of Illinois. We will continue and increase our activities in golf; we will develop the activities of our senior division and provide special prizes for that group. (After all, I am a senior, too!) We will continue the activities of the Educational Committee so that we all will be able to do our jobs with greater understanding. We will undertake to provide better parties and to encourage our Entertainment Committee in every way. We will continue to try to attract new members and to increase the workings of all other committees. In addition to this schedule, it is my opinion that we should do everything within our power to promote closer ties with the Chicago District Golf Association and I pledge my administration to work toward this end.

There will be no meeting of the Association during January. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 9 at Acacia Country Club. Since the deadline of THE BULL SHEET is so close, I will not be able to release the committees in this issue but will have all chairmen selected and functioning in the very near future. Thank you all again.

See you in Miami. Be sure your membership is paid up.

George Roloff, President

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Our immediate past President, Ray Davis, had a busy fall. He reworked all the fairways on number 3 course and replanted them, rebuilt several greens, seven in all, and resodded them, moved several thousand yards of soil to enlarge the lake on Number 1 course and is thinning the forest on number 3. In addition, he will be a speaker at Miami.

The shades of the Ides of March were lifted at the Annual Meeting at Brookwood when Ray Gerber moved the Midwest pick up the check for dinner. Incredulity mirrored the faces of all the members who knew that such motions from the floor were of no value until it was explained that this was the annual meeting and that motions from the floor during the annual meeting were legitimate. Oh happy day! The vote was unanimous and it was a good dinner. We might add that Ray was cautious enough to clear himself with several ardent guardians of the Midwest treasury before he made the motion.

Marvin Gruening, Midwest Golf Club, is getting a new home on the course.

Dr. Ralph Voigt, Herb and Joe Graffis attended the meeting. It is always good to have them with us.

### OUR ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting was held at Brookwood Country Club on Dec. 3. Our host was Gordon Brinkworth. A number of the members gathered at the club in the afternoon for an informal get-together, there being no golfers brave enough to venture out in the miserable weather of the afternoon. However, we had a good gathering and many things were discussed up and down and around, as is the usual proceedings when a bunch of Superintendents get together. In the evening we were treated to one of the nicest dinners of the year and our thanks go to Gordon for his pains in arranging all details of our meeting at his beautiful club.

President Davis called the meeting to order at 7:30 P. M. and after the roll call of officers, the President, Secretary and Treasurer made their reports, from which we gathered that our Association was in a most excellent condition in every way. Under new business, the meeting was turned over to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, William Stupple, for the election of officers for the year 1954. George Roloff was unanimously elected president; Bob Williams, who was the nominee for 1st Vice President declined the office due to his heavy responsibilities to the National Association as Director and Chairman of the Educational Committee and nominated Frank Dinelli in his stead. Frank was unanimously elected. Walter Killmer and Al Johnson were also unanimously elected as 2nd Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively. Elected to serve as directors for a two year term were Ray Davis, William Stupple and William Krafft.

Also under new business it was regularly moved, seconded and passed that we amend our by-laws in the following manner. That Article 3, Sec. 2 of our by-laws which read "Regular members shall be only those persons employed as Superintendents or Assistant Superintendents of Golf Courses and who shall have at the time of application for membership at least three (3) years of experience in actual work of this nature. However, passing of these qualifications does not compel admittance to the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents without approval of the Board of Directors" be changed to leave out "or Assistant Superintendents". This was done to make our by-laws conform more closely with that of our National Association.

It was regularly moved, seconded and passed that the following be elected Honorary Members of our Association; Dr. O. J. Noer, Dr. Ralph Voigt, Dr. William H. Daniel, Herb Graffis, Joe Graffis, Dr. William Klomprens, Dr. James Watson and the President elect of our National Association for 1954.

Our guest speaker, C. E. (Scotty) Stewart gave us a most interesting and comprehensive discussion of water sources and how to get the water to the grass roots. It was a very good talk and we thank you very much for your kindness and cooperation, Scotty.

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### CONGRATULATIONS

George A. Davis became a father again with the birth of Jennifer Leilani Davis in the Presbyterian Hospital on October 19.

Ed Stewart is now proud father of a second child, Susan Jean, born October 28. She weighed 6 pounds 1 oz., "but she weighs nine pounds now," says Ed.