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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is the time of year when we are all extremely busy on the golf course and spend many hours in our endeavor to keep our courses in the best shape possible. Many feel that it is not possible to leave the job even for a few hours and I agree conscientiously that we should spend all the time possible on the course. However, it is also necessary that we strive to better ourselves in our profession. I believe that our monthly meetings are most valuable to all of us, not only from a social standpoint but mostly as an educational medium. Most of our most successful superintendents are those who "get around". In other words they get out and learn a few things from their fellow superintendents. I feel that our summer meetings are most valuable to us all because then we get the practical knowledge that is most necessary to us all. By attending our meetings, if only for the evening session we get to talk to the other fellow and get his ideas on practical golf course maintenance and if we pick up but one small idea at each meeting it is well worth the time spent. Our Educational Committee is striving at all times to give us the best program possible. So, no matter if your course is in the most perfect shape possible and you are not having any troubles, come out to our meeting at Woodridge on July 12 and mingle with your colleagues.

Our Annual Picnic will be held at Round Lake Golf Club on Monday, July 19. There will be a good time for all. Give the wife and kids a treat and bring them out to Round Lake for a most enjoyable day.

George Roloff, President.

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THE MEETING AT BONNIE DUNDEE

It was a wonderful day for golf at Bonnie Dundee on June 7 and there was a turnout of 47 golfers in the afternoon. Al Rauch had the course in wonderful shape and it was truly a pleasure to play. Al's greens were just perfect and there were many comments on the trueness of the putting surface. 75 sat down to dinner that evening in the clubhouse. We were very happy to have as our guest Dr. William H. Daniel, who was in the Chicago district on the 7th and 8th making a tour of some of the courses. Dr. Daniel gave us a very interesting and instructive talk on protective turf management. He divided his talk into four sections which were, (1) Protection against weeds, (2) Protection against insects, (3) Protection against wear, (4) Protection against disease. His talk was very interesting to us all and gave us a lot to think about.

GOLF WINNERS

Seniors, 1. Bill Stuppel, 2. Amos Lapp, 3. Ray Gerber. Handicap event, 1. Emil Mashie, 2. Joe Canale, 3. Bill Krafft, 4. Frank Wedel, 5. Julius Goffo, 6. Stan Arendt, 7. Barney Wendt, 8. Al Pruess, 9. Bill Saielli, 10. J. Lund, 11. Carter McIntosh, 12. Warren Roseman, 13. Dom Grotti. Guests, 1. Bob Hook, 2. Ralph Bennett.

NEW MEMBER

Ralph Bennett, 427 Riverside Drive, McHenry, Illinois was voted in as a member of our Association at the June meeting.

ALFRED F. GERING

Alfred F. (Al) Gering, Superintendent Skokie Country Club, Glencoe, Illinois passed away on Monday, July 5 and was laid to rest on Thursday, July 8. Al had spent his entire greenkeeping career, covering a span of 25 years, at Skokie. He was one of our most progressive superintendents and his passing is a great loss to our profession. Surviving Al are his wife and three children.

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OUR JULY MEETING

Our July meeting will be held at Woodridge Country Club, Lisle, Illinois on Monday, July 12. Peter Bild, Superintendent and Ted Hammerschmidt, owner, will be our hosts. Our meetings in the past at Woodridge have been most enjoyable and we will be looking forward to the wonderful hospitality of Pete and Ted.

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OUR ANNUAL PICNIC

Our annual picnic will be held at Round Lake Golf Club on Monday, July 19. Association member Don Swenson will be our host. There will be games for kids from 3 to 83, golf, swimming, boating, and in the evening the Entertainment Committee will serve their famous hot dog supper. Let's make it a big day and bring mama and the kids out for a good time.

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EARLY SUMMER TROUBLES

The summer of 1954, at least from the way it has started, seems to be headed for one of our worst in present years. Starting with leaf spot in Kentucky blue grass in the early spring, we have already had most of the troubles associated with a rough summer. Dollar spot has been very severe this month. Brown Patch has been very severe in certain localities and the dreaded diseases, Curvularia and Melting Out have been giving us a headache during the hot, humid weather of June. Then there is that mysterious disease, if it is a disease, that appears on fine turf under oak and elm trees. Tests are being made to see just what it is, but to date we have not received a definite answer to just what it is. Web worms, which were so abundant last year, are numerous at this time. Scald has injured much turf where water remained after heavy rains and the hot sun with high humidity just cooked the turf. Poa Annuua seems to be very lush and with a little more of the hot weather it, too, will start to pass out. All in all, it is a summer when we must be on our toes at all times.

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THERMOMETER MEASURES PLANT TEMPERATURES

A new plant thermometer was described by Paul D. Voth, professor of botany at the University of Chicago.

The device, which can measure temperatures on a single leaf with a tolerance of a tenth of a degree, is expected to give a new insight into temperature requirements for plant growth.

Voth first used the instrument to study temperatures around liverworts (mosslike plants) near Point Barrow in northern Alaska, where the soil is frozen solid.

The gauge is called AbbottONR in honor of the university's Abbott Memorial Fund and the Office of Naval Research, which provided the funds for its construction.