

SPREADING IT THIN

Gabe Rosset has weathered his first winter as boss of the Curling at Skokie. Gabe says it was quite an experience.

The new curling building at North Shore Country Club is nearing completion and is the envy of all curlers in the Chicago district.

George and Mrs. Dahlman drove their new Ford to Purdue.

Altogether, the Purdue meeting was a good one. It is great to get together with the friends you have made thru the years and renew old friendships.

Fred Grau made the final talk of the meeting at Purdue asking for compassion and understanding of each other's problems. After all, we are all in the same boat.

Nels and Mrs. Lundblad of Chicago Golf really had an outstanding vacation. Leaving Wheaton February 1, they drove to Salt Lake City, and then 140 miles into the mountains to see Mrs. Lundblad's folks, got snowbound for three days and had temperatures of 22 below zero. Then they went south to route 66 thru Texas into California and as far north as San Francisco and finally returned home where Nels had a brief bout with the flu. Nels is in good shape again now and plans to make his future winter trips where the palm trees grow and where there are no blizzards or mountains and where the temperature does not get below 50 degrees.

Amos Lapp was disturbed early in March when he visited Sycamore and looked for the home of Emil Cassier and found no trace of it where it had stood for these many years on the banks of the Kishwaukee river. The house just aint there no more. During the flood late last summer, Emil's was flooded with water six inches deep over the floors. When the water subsided, Emil picked out a lot on high ground at the west end of the park, moved the house up there and has spent the winter resetting it. It has been completely remodeled, is in a beautiful location, all new hardwood floors, automatic oil heat, every advantage of a new home and Emil and his family expect to move into it some time in April. So that is where Emil's home is now, Amos.

Joe Graffis Jr. attended our March meeting and said that the March issue of Golfdom was the biggest Golfdom ever issued.

It happens every year. Around the first week in March the weather turns balmy and all the boys get the itch to get out and do some work on the course. This year was no exception. Reports have come in that some of the Superintendents in the Chicago district cut greens as early as March 2. Others cut greens around March 15. But look what happened. A regular blizzard on March 22 and freezing weather and snow for the rest of the week. We know that a lot of Superintendents think the smell of new cut grass in the early spring is the sweetest of all, but we might as well enjoy the few warm days and then get ready to stoke up the old stove again.

Bill Saielli and Mrs. returned from a Florida vacation on March 16. Bill says the weather was ideal and fishing was good.

Al Pruess spent part of his vacation playing golf at Biloxi and Gulfport, Mississippi. Al says they have some nice golf courses in that part of the country.

Bert Jannes of the Lincoln Park Golf Courses reports that he sodded two tees with Merion blue grass sod. The tees were about 4000 square feet each. With a daily summer average of 450, Bert reports that the Merion did not survive. Merion blue grass like any other turf must have a chance to become thoroughly established on playing areas before being used if it is to survive.

Carl Peterson of South Shore Country Clubs says his fairway watering system is about complete. The system has been completely renovated during the winter and about 18,000 feet of pipe has been added and the pump capacity increased until Carl can now take 1400 gpm from the lake. Carl and Mrs. Peterson spent three weeks in March in Miami. Carl went there to help settle the estate of his parents, who, we are sorry to report, passed away there late last year.

The midwest men who were on the program at Purdue did a wonderful job and we are very proud of them.

O. J. Noer says the Purdue conference is the largest in the country.

Bowling must be a fascinating sport. Howard Baerwald attended the Purdue conference Monday, returned to La Grange to bowl with his team Monday evening, and then went back to Purdue. Paul W. Burdett attended the conference Monday, left for Springfield where he bowled in the Farm Bureau State Tournament and returned Tuesday night. Paul came in third in the State. This strenuous schedule is all right for the young fellows, but some of the oldsters settled for a game of Hearts in their spare time.

Negotiations are under way to subdivide Big Oaks Country Club. According to Barney Wendt, they are uncertain as to the operation of the club this summer.

Walter Kilmer's son, Richard, 16, is a first string line man on the Thornton High School football team. The boy is 6 feet 1½ inches tall and weighs 180.

Al and Susie Johnson are now driving a 1955 Chevrolet with power brakes and steering and are very proud of it.

Dom Grotti has a new Ford, red and white. It is a real fancy job.

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