

THE BULL SHEET, official monthly publication of THE MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS. Editor, William H. Stupple, 543 Michigan Ave., Highland Park, Ill.

### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you probably know, Midwest member, Don Strand was elected a Director of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America at the recent meeting in St. Louis. I wish to thank all of our members who assisted me as your representative there. We are all proud of Don and know he will do a good job for the National Association as he has for our own.

My congratulations to the National Association and to our co-hosts, the Mississippi Valley Golf Course Superintendents for a job well done. I am sure that our stay in St. Louis was of the greatest enjoyment to all.

I have appointed the following as chairmen of our committees with the privilege of the chairmen selecting their own committees.

Membership Committee—Frank Dinelli, Educational Committee—Peter Bild, Robt. Williams co-chairmen, Golf Committee—William Krafft, Entertainment Committee—Edward Stewart, Turf Research—Bert Rost, Public Relations Committee—Gordon Brinkworth, Bull Sheet—William Stupple, Placement and Information Committee—Ray Gerber.

Our next meeting will be at Sambo's Restaurant on February 14. We expect to have a very fine meeting and hope I will see you there.

George Roloff, President

### OUR JANUARY MEETING

Our January meeting was held at Big Oaks Country Club on Monday, January 10. There was the usual get together of members in the afternoon and dinner was served at 6 o'clock and what a dinner. It was wonderful. After dinner the meeting was called to order with President Roloff presiding. President Roloff announced that he had received a number of proxies since the last meeting, but that he should have more. A motion was made, moved and seconded that our Association put in a bid to have the National Turfgrass Conference and Show in Chicago in either 1957 or 1958.

A panel consisting of Ray Runnfeld, Emil Mashie, Mel Warneke and Frank Dinelli as Moderator was appointed by the President and a Question Box Session followed.

### NEW MEMBERS

The following were elected members of our Association at our last meeting. D. Frandsen, Edw. H. Polheber, Niels D. Frandsen, Edward F. Burke.

### COMING EVENTS

Regular meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents, at Sambo's Restaurant February 14, 1955.

Tenth Annual Midwestern Shade Tree Conference, St. Louis, Mo., February 23-25, 1955.

1955 Midwest Regional Turf Conference, Purdue University, March 7-9, 1955.

Spring dinner dance at Midwest Country Club on April 23, 1955.

April meeting at River Forest Country Club.

Spring Golf Tournament at Roselle Country Club, May 9, 1955.

July meeting at White Pines Country Club.

### DON STRAND ELECTED DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

At the meeting at St. Louis, Don Strand was elected as a Director of the National Association.

Other officers elected were. President, William Beresford, Vice-President, Ward Cornwell, Directors James Thomas and Frank Dunlap.

Our congratulations to them all.

### THE QUESTION BOX

Q.—What effect will the mild winter have on turf?

A.—A mild winter is not always the best thing for turf. It is much better to have a good deal of freezing weather to help condition the soil. One of the worst things we have to worry about is the lack of snow covering the turf. If turf is bare all winter the winds sometimes desiccate the turf causing a great deal of damage to turf.

Q.—Has anyone had winter kill on Merion Blue grass in the last two years?

A.—There have been no reports on winter kill in Merion turf. Some of the men say that Merion will thin out during the summer on close cut areas such as tees permitting invasion of Poa Annua.

Q.—What success can one expect with Merion bluegrass planted in the Spring?

A.—Some of the superintendents believe that Spring is the best time to plant Merion bluegrass. The seed is bought the previous autumn and held over until Spring. It is believed that this aging of the seed leads to better germination. Merion planted in May of 1954 gave a wonderful stand of grass by early fall.

Q.—What do you use to keep rabbits from eating your shrubs?

A.—There are several answers for this. 1.—Wrap building paper around stems of shrubs. 2.—There are some rabbit repellents on the market. 3.—It is reported that moth balls will keep rabbits away. 4.—Tar painted on the stems.

Q.—What are the small tufts of yellowish grass found in greens in the fall called. It is not Poa Annua.

A.—They are called Yellow Tufts and are caused by nematodes. These tufts do not seem to bother putting and are nothing to worry about.

Q.—Why do we, as National members, have to pay a \$10.00 registration fee at the National meeting?

A.—To help pay cost of the educational conference. Banquet ticket is included in the fee this year.

### MICHIANA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS MEMBERS TO RECEIVE BULL SHEET

At our last Director's meeting, the Editor was ordered to include all members of the Michiana Golf Course Superintendents Association on the Bull Sheet mailing list.

A sample of the diseased turf found last spring under elm and oak trees was forwarded to Dr. F. L. Howard for his evaluation. Dr. Howard has been unsuccessful at the present time of identifying this disease, but has found it will grow under both extremes of hot and cold. He has continued to work with it all season and does have it isolated but has been unable to make a true identification, cause or cure. He assures us he will continue the work.

Jerry Transier is a father for the 4th time with the birth of a son on December 30. Jerry now has two boys and two girls. The boys' were both born on December 30, six years apart. Their names—Tom and Jerry.