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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wish to thank the members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents for the honor accorded me in reelecting me as President for 1955. I pledge myself to do all in my power to serve the Association to the best of my ability and to endeavor to promote a stronger and better association. I am sure that, with the fine corps of officers who will assist me in 1955, we will have another successful year for our organization.

As you probably know, one of our members, Don Strand is a nominee for Director of the National Association for 1955, and, naturally, we wish to do all in our power to see that he gets elected. However, we need your vote as a member of the National Association to do it. You have all received your proxies to fill in and return to me, and so far results have been fairly good. There are a lot of you who have failed to send them to me as yet and I wish to make this appeal to you that you get them to me as quickly as posible. Mail them to me at Roselle Country Club, Roselle, Illinois, or better yet, come to the meeting at Big Oaks Country Club on January 10 and give them to me then so that we will be able to show a little strength at the meeting in St. Louis.

I hope to see you at our next meeting and hope that you are all planning to go to St. Louis for the meeting there.

George Roloff, President.

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SOILS CLINIC REPORT

There was a nice turnout of men at the Soils Clinic December 2-3, however, we feel that it could have been a whole lot better. Those who did not attend missed one of the best programs ever presented to us. Dr. Watson did a superb job and all who attended were most enthusia tic in their praise of him. We want to express our sincere thanks to Dr. Watson and his assistants for a job well done.

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NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were elected at our last meeting. Robert Johnson, Russell Reid, Franklin Kahn, H. Kahn, Al Bertucci.

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COMING EVENTS

26th National Turfgrass Conference and Show, St. Louis, Mo., January 16-21, 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.

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ROSEMAN OPEN HOUSE

Roseman Tractor Equipment Company announces that there will be an open house at the company's headquarters, 2120 Crawford Ave., Evanston, Illinois on Thursday, January 6 from 10 A. M. until 5 P. M. There will be a buffet lunch, refreshments and door prizes.

OUR ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting was held at Big Oaks Country Club on December 13. There was an informal get-together of a number of the members in the afternoon to discuss matters pro and con relative to greenkeeping practices and the Association in general and to do a little card playing. Our host, Barney Wendt, assisted by club manager Peter Safrithis, certainly did everything in his power to make our stay at Big Oaks a most enjoyable one. As Barney promised, our dinner that evening was something we will long remember. A most excellent dinner and all you could eat, and how we did eat. Our many thanks to these two men for a wonderful meeting.

President Roloff called a director's meeting preceding the regular meeting, at which a number of new members were elected to membership in the Association. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. and after the roll call of officers, the President, Secretary-Treasurer and the various committee chairmen made their respective annual reports. Our Secretary reported that the Association was in very good shape financially with a very satisfactory surplus of cash in the treasury. In fact, we seem to have so much that some of our members voiced the opinion that our Secretary-Treasurer be bonded. Frank Dinelli, Chairman of the Membership Committee, reported that as of that date we now had a total of 174 members; 100 Regular, 49 Associate, 14 Apprentice, 3 Charter and 8 Honorary. Under regular business of the meeting, a motion to bond the Secretary-Treasurer and to call in a professional auditor to audit the books, failed to carry. A motion that in the future all new regular members must also be members of the National Association also failed to carry. The meeting was turned over to Nomination Committee Chairman, Amos Lapp who announced that he and the other members of the Committee, Dominic Grotti and Herman Whoehrle, had prepared the following slate of candidates for office for the year 1955. For President; George Roloff, for First Vice-President: Frank Dinelli and Walter Killmer, for Second Vice-President: Bert Rost and Roy Chaplin, for Secretary-Treasurer: Al Johnson and Matt Bezek, for Directors (two to be elected) Ed Stewart, Adolph Bertucci, Peter Bild, Al Rauch. The ballots were then cast with the following elected to serve as officers for 1955. George Roloff, President. Frank Dinelli, First Vice-President, Bert Rost, Second Vice-President, Al Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer, Ed Stewart and Peter Bild as Directors. The carryover Directors are Ray Davis, William Krafft and William Stupple.

Dr. O. J. Noer was our speaker of the evening and gave us a very interesting talk on conditions on golf courses during the last summer. We are sincerely grateful to Dr. Noer for his appearance at our Annual Meeting and it has become a tradition that he be with us at that time to give us his annual summary of conditions and events of the preceding year.

The members enjoyed themselves so much at Big Oaks that it was unanimously voted to return there for our January meeting on January 10.

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HONORARY MEMBERS ELECTED

The following were elected Honorary Members of our Association for 1955. Dr. O. J. Noer, Dr. William Klomparens, Dr. Ralph Voigt, Dr. James Watson, Dr. William H. Daniel, Herb Graffis, Joe Graffis and the President elect of the Golf Course Superintendents of America for 1955.

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