

SPREADING IT THIN

Rube Thode and his crew of the Chicago Park District Golf Courses went fishing and some of them played golf. Rube caught 2 fish which he later released, which measured a full 8 in. from tip to tail when laid end to end. Rube was thrilled. He spent all afternoon trying to catch another. Warren Roseman laid claim to having caught one of the fish.

Herman Woehrle showed us two of eight trees that were dying from Dutch Elm Disease and advised us that he was destroying as they became infected. The Kankakee Valley Course has 1000 beautiful Elms.

The prizes were good and as usual, the Midwest representatives walked off with many of them. Some of the guests won, however.

It was pleasant at Kankakee Valley C C during the evening with the river just outside the windows in the early dusk. It had been cloudy but beautiful day and the rain held off till after dark. We had a good time Herman, thanks. May we come again?

We all know now why Herman leaves the meetings early. It is a long way to the KVCC and just as long a way home. Some of the boys traveled over 100 miles and the Central Illinois and the Indiana boys came from greater distances.

Bill Swantz of the Hinsdale Golf Club was confronted during the wet weather with messy fairways when he cut. So Bill dragged the fairways crossways with a length of woven wire and spread and dragged the clippings off onto the rough and when he cut again a day or two later the fairways were clean and neat again.

Mel Warnecke was in St. Francis Hospital in Evanston from June 1st to June 8th with a slipped disc. He is out now and walking around the course.

Al Purvey of McHenry CC went to the hospital at Woodstock suddenly the first part of the month for emergency appendicitis. Al said that those doctors are really working fast these days. At four o'clock he didn't feel very well and by six they had him cut open and were deciding what to leave and what to take out.

"Roxs" Bolte got himself a new Plymouth Savoy the other day after cracking up his other car in the middle of May. He wasn't hurt but the car was not in such good condition.

Bob Breen of Fresh Meadows G C at 2nd and Wolf Rd. was involved in an auto accident early in June. Bob was badly scared and cut up badly enough to require 10 stitches. Three days later he was riding the fairway tractor again.

Keo. O'Neil, Golf Professional and Architect was buried at Rosehill Cemetery, June 9th. Mr. O'Neil will be remembered as the architect of the number 4 course at Olympia Fields C C. the Lasker Estate and many other fine local courses.

Our superintendents have been taking advantage of the clear cool weather to catch up the work that accumulated during the two weeks of heavy rain in early June. As a month June equalized itself well, it was miserable the first half and wonderful the second half. The cool nights and warm clear days were real California weather.

Gerald Dearie was able to demonstrate the value of good equipment and good men the night of June 28th. The shelter of the new fairway pump on the third course caught fire just at dusk, Gerald saw it as Eddie Schmale, the mechanic just came into the service yard. Eddie started the sprayer which was kept filled with water, and Gerald and Eddie and a salesman started for the fire. Within a few minutes the high pressure hose manned by Eddie had the fire under control and when Gerald had rounded up another machine and help, they went to work restarting the pump so night watering could go on. This is just one more time it paid to have a sprayer of adequate size filled with water on the golf course.

We regret the passing of Mrs. Walter Donn, wife of the Superintendent at Calumet Country Club, Homewood, Ill. Our sympathies to Walter and his family.

Agar Brown, National Secretary was at Kankakee and says don't forget the meeting at Long Beach, California, February 5-10, 1956.

Ward Cornwall, National Publicity Committee Chairman, urges more publicity for Superintendents and Associations in local publications.

All the boys had a wonderful time at aKnkakee. Mr. Carter, club president, Mr. Doyle, manager and, of course, Herman Woehrle, did everything in their power to make the meeting an enjoyable one. We didn't find out if anyone went fishing, although we did see a picture of some guys we could not recognize holding up a string of fish which were supposed to have been caught there.

We were glad that Herman had not sprayed all of his rough with 2, 4-D. The wildflowers were in full bloom and were beautiful.

Ruth Roloff, wife of our President George, is recovering rapidly from her recent operation.

Mrs. Cassier wife of Emil of Sycamore Golf Club came home from the Hospital to a completely rebuilt and refinished house which Emil and his daughters had spotlessly clean. Mrs. Cassier is getting along very well.

Summer sure sneaked up on us this year. Here it is July already and it seems like it should be just May. Don't forget the Picnic July 18th at Round Lake, the same place it was held last year. We all had a good time and a beautiful day last year and it ought to be equally fine this year.

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