

THE BULL SHEET, official publication of the MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS.

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### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Midwest Regional Turf Foundation will hold its Turfgrass conference at Purdue University on March 7-9. I want to take this opportunity to advise you all to attend if at all possible. Dr. Daniel has done a wonderful job and we are certainly lucky to have somebody like him at Purdue. He should have our 100% support and we can help toward this by seeing that all of our clubs belong to the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation. I am sure that any number of clubs will be glad to belong if the facts are brought to the attention of the proper officials, and this can be done by personal contact by the Superintendent. Let's all get together at Purdue and give Dr. Daniel the encouragement to continue his good work.

I want to call to your attention to the Educational Conference of the Midwest Institute of Park Executives to be held in Chicago on March 9-10. It is too bad that these dates conflict with those of the Conference at Purdue. However, there are some very interesting topics on the program for March 10. So, it is possible that we can still attend on that day after we return from Purdue.

Our meeting this month will be at Sambo's again on the 14th and it promises to be a very interesting one. Our new Educational Chairman, Peter Bild, has been very fortunate to obtain the services of Dr. A. J. Vlitos of Boyce Thompson Institute. Dr. Vlitos was on the program of one of our meetings last summer and all who were present at that time can remember what an interesting man he is. Dr. Vlitos's subject will be "Chemical Control of Crabgrass in Turf and the Regulation of Plant Growth with Chemicals."

It will be a very educational month and I hope you take full advantage of your opportunities.

I want to thank Frank Dinelli for the nice job in my absence at the last meeting.

George Roloff, President

### COMING EVENTS

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

Fourteenth Annual Educational Conference of the Midwest Institute of Park Executives, Chicago Park District Administration Building, Chicago, Ill., March 9-10.

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

April meeting at River Forest Country Club

Spring Dinner Dance at Midwest Country Club on April 23.

Spring Golf Tournament, Roselle Country Club, May 9.  
July meeting, White Pines Country Club.

### NEW MEMBER

Anthony August Sansone was elected a member of our Association at our last meeting.

There have been some reports of snow mold, but mostly on fairways and in sheltered places such as turf which is in shade during the summer months.

### OUR MARCH MEETING

We will meet at Sambo's on March 14. There will be the usual social afternoon, dinner, business meeting and educational meeting. We are very pleased to report that our Guest Speaker will be Dr. A. J. Vlitos of the Boyce Thompson Institute. Dr. Vlitos got his Bachelor of Science Degree from Oklahoma A&M College in Botany and Plant Pathology, his M.S. from Iowa State College in Botany and Plant Pathology, Atkins Fellowship in Tropical Agriculture, Harvard University, his PhD. from Columbia University in Plant Physiology. Dr. Vlitos has been at Boyce Thompson Institute since 1950 working on problems of dealing with plant growth regulating chemicals and the nature of flowering in plants. His lecture at our meeting will be "Chemical Control of Crabgrass in Turf and the Regulation of Plant Growth with Chemicals."

It should be a very interesting meeting.



DR. A. J. VLITOS

### ILLINOIS LAWN EQUIPMENT OPEN HOUSE

The new Worthington and Jacobsen Distributor invites you to attend their first annual open house at the company headquarters, 9919 West 143rd Place, Orland Park, Ill. on Thursday, March 17, 1955 from 10 A.M. until 5 P.M. In addition to a buffet lunch and refreshments, factory representatives will be on hand to answer any questions. Door prizes will be awarded.

### SOIL NEVER WORN OUT; ONLY ABUSED

Land does not wear out, as was once believed.

Soil can suffer erosion, or loss of fertility by poor farming practices, but, in the sense of "wearing out," it can't be destroyed.

Many American soils are more productive today than they were 200 years ago. But in Europe there are soils which have been farmed continuously for more than 2,000 years and they are probably many times as productive as they were originally.

Muck soils, such as the soils about Lake Okeechobee, can be destroyed through farming. But it is not the farming in itself that destroys these soils. It is the drainage that must be done, which results in the soil disappearing through oxidation.