

## MIDWEST REGIONAL FALL FIELD DAYS

On September 19 and 20, Dr. Bill Daniel held his annual Fall Field Days at Purdue. We attended on the 19th and there were about 125 in attendance and probably more the second day. As usual Bill had a nice program for us, first on the experimental green on the campus, on the lawn of his new home and at the Agronomy farm. Probably the most striking thing on the green was the way Pennlu bent stood out. It really looks wonderful and may be just what we are looking for. It is a very aggressive bent and while there was goose grass in other strains on the green, none could be found in the Pennlu. Fungicide trials find some of the new materials to be superior. Zoysia attracted a great deal of attention and from remarks of those present is becoming more and more popular as a golf course grass. Crabgrass control, of course, was one of the main subjects and is still a major problem in turf culture. We were very much interested in work being done with Chlordane for control of crabgrass. The search still goes on for a superior strain of bluegrass. Bill has quite a number of strains in the nursery and is hopeful that one of them will excel even Merion. Merion took a beating this summer due to high humidity and in some places where it was thought to be the ideal grass, Merion failed this summer.

Our thanks, Dr. Daniel, for a very educational and pleasant day.

## SPREADING IT THIN

Peter Bild Chairman of the Educational Committee announced that he was working hard on the late Fall School. With the unfailing cooperation of Dr. Ralph Voight of the U. of I. College of Pharmacy, Chicago Campus, Pete promises a fine and instructive Fall School. He will announce dates and subject matter in the very near future.

Peter Bild is also proud to announce that he has made arrangements with Nels Johnson Tree Surgeon of Evanston, Ill. to be our guest speaker at the annual tournament at Itasca.

Our meeting at the McHenry C. C. was very successful. We were hosts to the Wisconsin association and for this meeting the committee tries to get an Illinois Club as close to the Wisconsin line as possible. The McHenry C. C. was a good selection, the Supt. Al Purvey had the grounds in excellent condition and the site of the club house, surrounded on three sides by water provided an opportunity for those who didn't play golf to fish and boat and chew the fat in the sunny bank of the Fox River. They did it, too.

The Tournament Committee under the direction of Bill Krafft, who came up from his new course at Valparaiso, Indiana reported that 100 played golf and 123 sat down to dinner.

The boys from Wisconsin reported that 30 of the Wisconsin members attended. The dinner was good, the prizes ample and everyone had a good day.

Jim Watson of the Toro Co. gave a brief talk covering some of the summer's activities. It was very interesting. Charlie Wilson of the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission ran the slide projector for Jim's talk.

Several members of the Midwest visited Bill Daniels at The Turf Field day Monday and Tuesday at Purdue. Bill had his usual interesting day in which members examined the various grasses on the putting green and the many plots at the farm and had the additional pleasure of seeing Bill's new lawn growing. Bill has installed an automatic watering system so he doesn't even have to stick a knife in the soil to see if it needs water. The zoysia in particular attracted the interest of our Chicago representatives.

Howard Baerwald of La Grange C. C. had an operation for hernia last week. Howard is up and around now and has to keep himself in constant check to keep from climbing over the tractors and other equipment around the yard.

Al Hintz bought a new Chevrolet with everything on it.

Gearld Dearie got a new Buick Convertible, black and white.

Frank Dinelli, Warren Roseman and a few others did not play golf at McHenry, but went fishing instead. It seems that the fish were biting right up till the time we got there but for some mysterious reason they quit. However, Warren Roseman did land a snapping turtle. While he was figuring out what to do with the beast, the turtle managed to reach the water and disappeared, so Warren's problem was solved. Jerry Transier had been fishing in Wisconsin over the week end and had his car full of fishing gear which he kindly let us use.

Paul Burdett had his boat in the river and was busy all afternoon taking the boys on excursion trips up and down the river. It was a nice sunny day and the trips were delightful. Our many thanks, Paul.

Some of the boys who journeyed to Purdue for the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation Fall Field Day left on Sunday to stay overnight. They knew there was a drought in Illinois but they learned that it sure is dry in Indiana on Sunday.

Ray Erickson, owner of Itasca, is a member of our Association and vows that he and John Coutre are going to make our day there a most pleasant one.

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