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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The recent turf conference at Purdue University brought out about 450 superintendents which included most of us here in the Chicago area. The general consensus of opinion seemed to indicate that most of the superintendents felt that the conference was very worthwhile and helpful but that the subject matter was too much restricted to the growing of grass. We have come to a point where our responsibilities as superintendents require a great deal more from us than just producing green turf. Granted that while our main objective is to maintain good golf turf, many factors aside from the scientific phase are involved and are equally as important. We must also continue our education on such subjects as labor procurement, labor management, administration, equipment, and many others that are all important in producing the final product.

Our Midwest meetings here in Chicago include educational features and it is the thinking of our present educational committee to bring to our membership timely presentations that will deal with a variety of subjects basic to our work. At our last meeting at Geneva C. C. many important points were brought out concerning the maintenance of equipment. Our next meeting at Elmhurst, will deal with floriculture which comes at just the right time to be useful to all of us as we will soon be ready to plant flowers around the club house grounds and on the course.

It is the firm belief of our directors and officers that through better educational programs at our meetings we can make for better superintendents, better golf courses to play on. If at any time you have suggestions to make that you think will help us present more interesting meetings, please bring them to our attention.

Robert M. Williams, President

OUR APRIL MEETING

Our April meeting will be held at Elmhurst Country Club on Tuesday, April 3. Edward Burke will be our host. Our educational speaker will be Mr. Robert Van Tress, garden editor of the Chicago Daily News and Horticulturist for the Chicago parks. Mr. Van Tress will talk on "Horticulture and Bed Planning For Club House Grounds."

This should be a timely subject and one you will not want to miss. Don't forget, the meeting will be on Tuesday instead of on Monday as is usually our custom.

CONGRATULATIONS

Cliff Rasmussen of Ridgemoor Country Club became a father for the second time the day of our meeting, March 12. It was a boy this time. Our congratulations Cliff and thanks for the cigar.

Marv Gruening is watching the building of his new home over the new work shops. John Polocovic, the owner of Midwest, is building Marv a wonderful apartment, three bedrooms, a large living room, and a kitchen with a washer and dryer and all the other advantages including a bath.

THE SPRING DINNER DANCE

Ed Stewart, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee invites us to the Spring Dinner Dance which will be held at the River Forest Country Club Saturday, May 5th. Ed promises good music by Orvie Lynn and his orchestra, the usual very extra special roast beef dinner, (always delicious at River Forest) door prizes, entertainment and good weather. This will be Gene Stewart's 19th birthday. We have always enjoyed ourselves at River Forest. The cost will be \$10.00 a couple. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Cornwall, president of the National plan to attend. Ward is from the Detroit district.

THE PURDUE CONFERENCE

The Short Course at Purdue started just three minutes after it was supposed to with Ward Cornwall, the new President of the National Association as session Chairman. Ward has grown into his job and opened the meeting with great poise and command of the situation.

The registration was terrific, at the opening 416 people had registered. To those of us who have attended this meeting for many years it was like old home week, there are a tremendous number of men who attend we are glad to see again.

I believe that one of the more valuable incidental advantages of these meetings is the privilege of extending our friendship and friendly relations with the many fine men who are engaged in the same line of work in other parts of the country.

Bill Daniels hit us exactly right when he scheduled talks on weather - and these talks gave us a basis to better interpret the weather man. Speaking of weather, it was very warm the first afternoon and got warmer as the hours passed. It was unusual weather for August, almost like a humid midsummer day. Later we learned that tornado warnings were issued for Monday and Tuesday but none came our way. It sure got hot in the meeting room.

TO MEMBERS SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

We have been asked to help locate a superintendent for The Pittsburgh Field Club. This 18 hole course has watered fairways; housing is provided. For further particulars please write to the Green Chairman of the club: Mr. J. M. Lloyd c/o Pittsburgh Field Club, Pittsburgh 15, Pa.

It is suggested that those interested in the above employment opportunity, be consistent with the pay scale applicable to the area.

Unusual employment opportunities are available in Mexico. Our member, Carlos Smith is seeking two or three older men who can act as supervisors on new course construction being built under his direction. The work load may not be as great as in this country. However, Mr. Smith is looking for men with construction knowledge. Experience with Bermuda grass would be of help. Favorable currency exchange is to be considered. For further particulars write: Mr. Carlos S. Smith, Apartado Postal 700, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico.

We would appreciate hearing of your response to these inquiries. Please mention that these employment inquiries were referred to you by this office. Agar M. Brown, Secretary, Golf Courses Superintendents Association.