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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Let's hope this pleasant weather we are experiencing now in the middle of July holds out a while longer and gives us a little more of a "breather" during the so called "Dog Days". We have already had our average of 13 days over 90 degrees and I'm sure none of us would complain if we just stay average.

Speaking of a "Breather," it's that time of the year when we all get together for our annual picnic with the whole family. This year Ed Stewart set up a real dandy out at St. Charles Pottawatomie Park on July 23rd.

Our next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for the 6th of August at Warren's Turf Nursery and at Glen Eagles Golf Club. This all day affair starts out at the nursery in the morning where you will be given conducted tours of the grounds and then we will go over to nearby Glen Eagles Golf Club where host sup't. Walter Fuchs maintains a beautiful golf course that will be our privilege to play. Dinner and meeting will follow in the evening.

About this time each year I try to visit at least a dozen golf courses that are equally distributed on the north, west and south sections of the Chicago area. I have found that by visiting with your fellow sup'ts. and looking over the courses they maintain that no better education is available. It is not a difficult task to get away from your club for part of a day and visit your neighbor and talk over your common problems. I hope that more of this sort of thing can be encouraged and promote additional good will.

See you all at our meeting on August 6th.

Robert M. Williams,
President.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were elected at our last meeting. Peter Aloysius Mirkes, Billie Robert Thomas, Donald Jerome Arenberg. We welcome them as members and hope we will have the pleasure of seeing them at our meetings.

Mr. Gordon Brinkworth
Olympia Fields Country Club
Olympia Fields, Illinois
Dear Gordon:

I must say you fellows in Midwest sure do things in a big way. Your gift was one of the most pleasant surprises that I had ever happen to me—I will always cherish the money clip and cuff links as one of my prize possessions. Please convey my heartiest thanks to all the members of the Midwest for this wonderful gift.

We look for the lid to blow off here any day—we are still having rain—Haven't had a fairway sprinkler out yet and have only watered greens a few times by hand. Plenty of leaf spot showing up, mostly on the long blue grass in rough around greens. The fungicide bills will be high in this district for sure.

Hope you have a good season—Just think, next week the 4th of July, then Labor Day and we are over the hump.

Again many thanks to you and Bob for the swell time, and now, this wonderful gift.

Sincerely,
Mal. McLaren

THE JULY MEETING

It was a wonderful (for July) weather, nice and cool almost like an October day when we assembled at Cliff Rasmussen's beautiful Ridgemoor Country Club for our July 9 meeting. There were 69 golfers signed up and a few others would have played but we heard them say it was too cold! We didn't get an accurate count of those present at the wonderful buffet dinner that evening, but it was in the neighborhood of 120. After dinner, President Williams called the meeting to order with 100% attendance of officers and directors. President Williams appointed two of our past presidents, Ray Davis and George Roloff to serve as our policy committee. Agar Brown, National Secretary, reported that there was a big increase in National membership in the last few months. Ed Stewart reported that due to difficulties in obtaining an orchestra at the proper time, that our dinner dance would be held on November 24. Gordon Brinkworth, Education Chairman, introduced our speaker of the evening, Mr. Lou Janske of the Arwell Company, who gave us a very interesting talk on harmful insects and their control. Mr. Janske warned us to be very careful of some of the new insecticides as they are very toxic. Dave Mastroleo, Golf Chairman, distributed the golf prizes.

PRIZE WINNERS

1—Low Gross, Emil Mashie, 73. 1—Low Net, Bill Malpede, 2, Jock McIntosh, 3, Norm Kramer, 4, Joe Dinelli, 5, Al Pruess, 6, Frank Mastroleo, 7, Bob Breen, 8, Elmer Lempke, 9, Don Swenson, 10. Dave McIntosh, Seniors, Barney Wendt. Guest, Jerry Rasmussen.

WISCONSIN NEWS

The Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association met on July 11 at Oconomowac Country Club. Hilbert Wagner was our host and had the course in top shape. Green Committee Chairman Leo Weix supplied refreshments for the boys at No. 5 and 12 tees, adding much to the pleasure of a most enjoyable day. Over 40 attended dinner and evening meeting at the Legion Club in Oconomowac. After dinner the meeting was called to order and after the regular business, Ray Mertens, Golf Chairman, distributed the prizes. The speaker of the evening, Kent Kenyon of Dow Chemical Company gave a very interesting and educational talk on the use of Dowfume MC2 and rounded out his talk with comments on the uses of some of Dow's new chemicals. Included were Kurone for chickweed and clover, Radapon as a non selective weed and grass killer and mentioned some of the other products soon to be released.

Remember, our next meeting will be at Riverside Country Club, Clintiville, Wisconsin with Martin Mikulski as our host on August 13. The meeting with the Midwest boys will be held on Sept. 10 at Nippersink Manor Lodge, Genoa City, Wisconsin, Clarence Koehn, host superintendent. Let's have a record attendance.

Charles Shiley

Emil Cassier of Sycamore Park District had a hard time early in June. Emil had the pool already to fill, started the pump to fill it and found that the well was full of quick sand and had no water. Emil worked over the well, got the pool filled and then drilled a new one which he hopes will be ready before the old one gives way again. The pool takes 257,000 gallons of water and needs 10,000 gallons additional each day to keep it filled. Play is good at Sycamore says Emil.

Harry Drafke of Acacia Country Club has an employee named Elmer Murphy, "Pat" to his friends, who has achieved a goal in life that each one of us would love to win. Pat will celebrate his 100th birthday July 31st, 1956.

Pat has been employed at Acacia since 1942 and works seven days a week on the grounds of the club. He is thin, wiry, and is one of Harry's most reliable employees. He changes the towels and tee markers and ball washers every day, is the first one to open the shop in the morning, still drives the same yellow Toro tractor around the grounds that he has driven since 1942 on his daily rounds of the tees and greens. He keeps the parking place free of paper, keeps the tees neat, clips all the hedges with an electric clipper and never misses a day. Pat worked hard all the third week in July because he was going to be away to a family reunion in Galesburg but Pat didn't know that he was being spirited away to another reunion in Colorado. He will be back for his own celebration the last of the month and back at work the next week.

Pat has had quite a career, he was born near Galesburg on a farm some 20 miles south of town in 1856. Parts of the old home are still standing and the barn is still intact. He attended school thru the 5th grade, was a store keeper, a postmaster for 15 years, traveled the entire West by motorcycle, married to Vita Chipperfield who became a renowned cancer expert and who died in 1912. In 1917 he married Edith Blaisdell who was Art Director at the LaGrange Township High School. In 1920 and for 12 years he was Greenkeeper at the golf course in Newark, Ohio. In 1892 he filed a claim on the Vida mine in Yavapai County, Arizona.

Harry Drafke tells many stories about Pat. Last summer Pat and Joe were working in a sand trap and a young shapely Miss in very brief shorts came by. Joe nudged Pat and said "Pat, look there". "I'm a looking", says Pat, puffing furiously on his pipe, "the only trouble with us is we were born 60 years too soon."



PAT MURPHY

PRICES GOING UP AGAIN

by C. O. Borgmeier

After a period of price stability the stage is set again for price increases in machinery and equipment. It seems like a vicious cycle that somehow will probably come to an end sometime in a way that will affect a lot of people adversely. The firms making golf course equipment are not giants by any means and say they cannot absorb steel price increases. It looks like a minimum increase of 5% on all machinery and equipment in the very near future.

The prices of grass seed during the past year were relatively low compared with several years preceding. The Kentucky Blue Grass crop has been a failure this summer. Excessive drought in the main producing areas cut the yield more than 50%. Other seed prices will increase in sympathy because Kentucky Blue Grass is the bellwether.

Chemicals and fertilizer are in plentiful supply and prices are stable. New chemicals, insecticides and fungicides are being constantly developed. Once in a while some of the boys have disappointing results with new materials. This can be serious when it involves loss of turf on greens or fairways during the height of the season. Perhaps this stems from improper use or lack of experience with them. A good attitude would seem to be to rely on products which have, by your own experience, proven effective in the past and assign a minor role to new products until you are satisfied they are better or more economical.

SPREADING IT THIN

The oak trees are still showing damage from the invasion of the 17 year locust. In some parts of the area trees are brown with dried leaves but in most areas they have fallen and have been picked up. That is that until 1973.

Al Rausch of Bonnie Dundee reports that the Clubhouse has been completely remodeled and that the place is awfully nice. It has been a long time since we visited Bonnie Dundee.

Herman Woehrle of the Kankakee Valley Golf Course reports that the club has lost 11 additional trees to the Dutch Elm Disease. So far Herman has done no spraying but is using sanitary control measures, removing and destroying the trees as fast as the disease shows up. There are about 1500 American Elm trees on the course about 14 inches in diameter. Herman has also started a nursery of 1000 small trees to use as replanting stock. He is growing ash, sycamore, cypress, maples and black locust in this nursery.

Ray Runfeldt of the Winnetka Park District promised to bring his boat to the Picnic. Ray and his family now spend all their spare time with the boat on Lake Michigan and the kids are getting to be good surf boarders.

Walter Kilmer and his son Richard of Ravisloe C. C. attended the meeting. Richard attended the Thornton Township High school and plans to attend Bradley University at Peoria this fall.

Marv Gruening of Midwest C. C. plans to keep busy for the next several years. Marv is building new greens and tees and putting them into play as fast as they can be built without interfering with normal play. The new greens and tees are built according to a master plan prepared by Bob Harris. Marv and his family are snugly fitted into their new apartment at Midwest and are very happy in the new quarters.

Ray Davis of North Shore C. C. was happy to report that everything is good at North Shore, greens, fairways and tees, that the family is well and that the goose hangs high.

The Mole.