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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the membership for allowing me the privilege to serve as the president of our association for the coming year. I have a sincere and conscientious desire to do my part in putting something back into the profession of golf course maintenance and with the cooperation and support of the membership I hope we can continue the progress of the past.

On December 13th. the executive committee held a meeting for the purpose of discussing and formulating our plans for the coming year. Committee chairmen were appointed and approved with their respective duties being set forth. A full report on committee assignments appears in this issue of the "BULLSHEET". Attendance at the meeting was 100% and enthusiasm was in considerable evidence.

Our next monthly membership meeting is set for River Forest C. C. with Mr. Edward Stewart as our host on January 16th. From past experience you can be assured that our hosts will provide a pleasant atmosphere and good food.

Best holiday wishes to all with good fortune and health for the new year of 1956.

Sincerely,
Robert Williams, President

ROBERT WILLIAMS ELECTED PRESIDENT

Robert Williams, Superintendent of Beverly Country Club, was elected President of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents at the Annual Meeting held at Clarence Mueller's Glendale Golf and Country Club on Monday, December 5.

A Directors meeting was called in the afternoon by retiring President George Roloff and after dinner that evening, he called on Nominating Committee Chairman, Ray Gerber, to conduct the election of officers for 1956. Ray appointed Dom Grotti, Henry Lang and Matt Bezek to act as judges and Ray Davis and Gabriel Rosset to be the tellers.

There being no opposition to Bob Williams as President, the Secretary was instructed to cast one unanimous ballot for him and he was declared elected as President for the ensuing year. Amos Lapp was elected 1st Vice President and William Stupple was elected 2nd Vice President. In the selection of Directors, Wes Updegraff was nominated from the floor. After the ballots were counted, it was found that George Roloff, Dave Mastroleo and Gordon Brinkworth were elected. Al Johnson, our Old Faithful, was unanimously elected Secretary-Treasurer.

From the reports of the Secretary-Treasurer and various heads of committees, we can rest assured that our association is in a very sound condition in every way. After the election, George Roloff turned the gavel over to Bob Williams, and after a very nice inaugural address, the meeting was turned over to the Educational Committee Chairman, Peter Bild. Peter called on Dr. O. J. Noer to give his annual report to the Superintendents, which O. J. has been doing on this occasion for a number of years. Mr. Chas. Wilson was present and assisted Noer in his lecture. Needless to say, O. J. performed in his usual capable manner and all were much interested.

PRICE OUTLOOK FOR 1956

By C. O. Borgmeier

During 1955 there has been a further tendency to higher prices on many items used in turf maintenance, especially under the classification of hard goods or machinery.

In the summer months labor succeeded in obtaining substantial wage increases in basic industries such as steel, rubber, mining and transportation. This has caused costs to rise in factories and fabricating establishments with price increases for the ultimate consumers. Accordingly, in setting budgets this must be taken into consideration though some items coming under the general classification of supplies, such as grass seed and chemicals, are lower so perhaps the overall picture will average out as little total change.

Tractors, mowers, aerifiers, sprayers, etc.: Price increases from 5-10%. There is a chance of even further increases due to the tight situation in steel and other basic metals. Delivery may be slow because of production interruptions due to shortages. Do not wait until the last minute to order heavy equipment.

Grass Seed: In plentiful supply and lower in price with the exception of Merion Blue Grass and Seaside Bent which are still scarce and high in price.

Fertilizer and Chemicals: No change, supplies are plentiful. Weed control chemicals are lower.

Insecticides and Fungicides: Price pattern mixed, some items lower, some higher. New products pushing into the picture.

Many of us have our fingers crossed wondering how long the boom and inflationary tendencies will continue. American industry has decided this year that expansion of production facilities are urgently necessary, and every day we read of plans being put into gear. Business leaders are betting that prosperity will continue for some time.

HONORARY MEMBERS ELECTED

At our Annual Meeting, the following were elected Honorary members of our association. Herb Graffis, Joe Graffis, Dr. William Klomparens, Dr. Ralph Voight, Dr. James Watson, Dr. O. J. Noer, Dr. William H. Daniel, Dr Charles Wilson, and the to-be-elected president of the National Association for 1956.

In his talk at Glendale, Dr. Noer declared that 1928 and 1955 were the two worst years in history as far as golf course turf was concerned.

We personally want to thank Clarence Mueller and his manager Mr. Middleton, for their wonderful hospitality at Glendale. The chicken dinner was something just out of this world and the 70 or more members present did a good job on disposing of the huge platters of chicken that were passed around. Bill Kraft claimed it was the best chicken he ever ate, and Bill should know. Bill says he cracked four wishbones with his neighbor at the table and didn't win once. It was a great day for our association in every way.

Golf Committee Chairman, Bill Krafft, presented our 1955 golf Champion, Dom Grotti, with his trophy. Dom says he doesn't know how his wife, Betty, will like it, and that it might be a good object for her to crown him with if he stays out playing cards late at night. But Dom was only kidding, we know Betty will like it and wouldn't do a thing like that anyway. We know she wouldn't want to take a chance on busting up a beautiful object of art such as it is.