

THE ANNUAL PICNIC

Ed Stewart announces that the Picnic will be held at Pottawatomie Park, St. Charles, Ill. on Monday afternoon, July 23rd. Ed promises swimming for the kids and grown ups alike, golf, hot dogs, cold drinks (pop), boat rides, train rides, and believes that there will be so much activity for the kids that he does not plan any games, but will have favors for all the kids.

Ed plans that we will all come about two o'clock, swim, ride the various boats, train, and that the hot dogs and coffee will be ready at 6 p.m. so that we can all eat together.

The Park has both a swimming and a wading pool with top rating. The swimming pool is quite large with a fine bath house. The park is large enough to hold a lot of people and the Fox River borders it on the west side. The Fox River has a run for boating of at least 3 miles so we can get in a good boat ride. The management has fixed up a replica of a river steamer with music and Ed plans that each kid shall have a ride on this boat. Ed Runfeldt, Dav McIntosh and Burdett have all promised to have little boats on the river and may be persuaded to provide rides too. This year there is a dock so it will be possible to get on and off the boats more easily. There is a golf course there but Ed hopes we can use the St. Charles Country Club, for those who wish to play golf. Keep the 23d of July open and plan to attend the Picnic during the afternoon and evening.

SPREADING IT THIN

Bob Breen of the Fresh Meadows C. C. had a run of bad luck the last week in May. Vandals stole two greens mowers the Friday before Decoration Day and then Decoration Day morning they took 10 ft. of sod off one of the greens.

Bill Daniels, Norm Goetz, Bob Pickett and Nick Britton, who has a fellowship in Turf at Purdue came in and attended the meeting and planned to inspect strains of Blue Grass that Bill had spotted on previous visits. If Bill finds really outstanding strains he may take some of it back to Purdue with him for closer observation.

Lake McIntosh on the Oak Hills C.C. had a work out this spring. Dave built a boat, bought a motor and launched the outfit on Lake McIntosh. In the trial run Jock was the pilot and captain. Jock climbed aboard, revved up the motor and just as he got up speed he ran out of lake and had to steer a course among the oak trees. For the last two weeks the boys have had to keep the boat off the lake because the bass and the bullheads were laying eggs and getting the family nest areas ready and they couldn't be disturbed. The last week in June, the bullheads had hatched out and swarmed around in a ball of swiftly moving black dots over the place where Jock insists he saw the parents building a nest. There were a lot of them in that swarm.

The boys promise to bring a boat to the picnic, Dave insists that he will bring a fibre glass boat with a very large engine. Better plan to come and see it and have a ride. There will be other boats there too.

Mike Coyne of Fox Lake C. C. reported that the Lilacs there were blooming a month late this year and that they were beautiful the first week in June. It is well to keep in mind the lateness of the season when we have lived thru so much heat this summer already.

Emil Cassier of the Sycamore Park District brought Richard Bickle, Secretary of the Park District and of the Chamber of Commerce with him to the June meeting.

One hundred and twenty sat down to dinner on a wonderful evening after a beautiful day at the Ravisloe C. C. Seventy-seven played golf over beautiful fairways and shrubs in the rough. Stanley Arendt gave this report saying the shrubbery was long and full of mosquitoes. He learned the hard way, that's why he had an 83.

The dinner was delicious, a whole round of rare roast beef, ham, corned beef, chicken salad, beans, cold roast beef, apple pie, celery, radishes, pickles, cottage cheese, tomatoes, tongue, fruit salad, sausage, cheese, eggs, potato salad. It sure was a diet buster. The boys all walked away from the table with distended bellies. It was a poor place for a man on a diet. One man asked the waiter how often he could come back; "as often as you can walk" was the reply.

Earl Porter, manager and operator of the York Golf Club, 22nd and York Rd., Hinsdale, Ill. was buried Saturday, June 23rd. Earl and Mrs. Porter had operated the York Golf Course for 31 years and will be missed by all of us who knew and admired him.

Scotty Stewart left the desk where he has been designing the water system for the U. S. Air Force academy at Colorado Springs to attend the meeting. Scotty advised us that there will be 1000 acres of turf and that it will require from 1 to 2 inches of water a week during the growing season and about half that amount during the winter. They plan to have 12 wells 1400 ft. deep, an additional 5 million gallons of water a day from the City of Colorado Springs, and will purify all the sewerage for irrigation purposes.

Scotty believes this is the largest overhead turf irrigation project ever conceived and he is proud to be the consulting engineer of the project. We are pleased to know that one of our men is working on this project.

Henry Miller and the Green Acres Country Club suffered the total loss of their machinery storage barn at 6:30 Saturday evening, June 23d. Henry lost all of his equipment except the truck and some mowers that were outside. It was quite a fire. Henry says it was all insured. It was not hard to replace the equipment.

Joe Canale of Deer Park, Oglesby, Ill., down near the Illinois River celebrated his 40th birthday at the Ravisloe meeting. He shot an eighty five for the round. Joe and Herman Woerhle of Kankakee Valley have been two of our most consistant members in summer attendance. Herman rarely misses a meeting summer or winter but Joe takes other employment during the winter and attends all the summer meetings. Joe travels at least 100 miles one way for every meeting and Herman travels almost as far.

Frank Dinelli says that his Zoysia tees are in beautiful shape and that they lost their winter color very early in the spring. Frank gave the turf some protection by covering with hay during the winter and that might have a lot to do with it. Frank is very enthusiastic about Zoysia and believes it is the only grass for tees, at least.

The 17-year locust is with us in full force. It seems that there are more of them to the South of Chicago and much less numerous on the far north side. We have reports that they are very scarce in the southern part of Wisconsin.

Walter Killmer has two new greens planted to Penn Lu stolons. They were coming along in fine shape when we were there in June and are probably now in play.

It was reported to this office that some of the Superintendents liked Ravisloe so much when we were there last month, that they didn't want to go home and kept Walter up until the wee small hours of the morning.

Mal McLaren says that the day at Ravisloe was the warmest he had seen all spring and that when he got on the plane at Cleveland that Stan and he were wearing overcoats. In contrast to our weather, they had a great deal of rain during April and cold weather and things were very much behind at that time.

The Mole.