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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, "our" season has rolled around once again. This means a lot of work for all of us for several months to come. It is an opportunity though for us to put into practical use some of the things that we have learned from the turf meetings and conferences that we have attended.

Our next meeting will be held at the Midlothian Country Club on April 8 - with Edward Duehr as our host. I am looking forward to a good turnout. It will be the first chance you golfers will have to play the game at one of this year's monthly meetings.

You will soon be receiving your tickets for the Spring Dinner Dance which will be held in May at O-Henry. Your Entertainment Chairman, Norm Kramer, is working hard on it and assures everyone a good time. Our dances have always been most enjoyable — plan to attend this one and join in the fun!

AMOS E. LAPP

THE APRIL MEETING

Our April meeting will be held at Midlothian Country Club, Midlothian, Illinois on Monday, April 8, 1957. Ed Duehr will be our host. This is the first time we have arranged a meeting at Midlothian for many a year and many of our members have never been on the course. It will be interesting to visit Ed's layout. There will be golf in the afternoon (at the present writing it sure doesn't look like golfing weather, but that can change in a hurry and we might be lucky enough to get some good weather at that time) and there will also be the usual social get together in the clubhouse in the afternoon, dinner at 6:30 P.M. and the business and educational meetings following. It should be an interesting day and so let's have a good turnout.

COMING EVENTS

The May meeting, Ruth Lake Country Club.

The Spring Dinner Dance, O'Henry Ballroom, Archer Ave., and Willow Springs Rd.

The June meeting, Deer Park Country Club.

The July meeting, Edgewood Valley, Country Club.

The August meeting, to be announced.

The September meeting, joint meeting with Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association, North Shore Country Club.

The October meeting and Fall Golf Tournament, Medinah Country Club (Tentative).

The November meeting will include a tour of International Fertilizer Company plant and dinner and meeting at Chicago Heights Country Club in the evening.

The December meeting, Glendale Golf Club.

We had a nice turnout at our March meeting at Mohawk, there being 72 for dinner and the meeting. Al Hintz was his usual hospitable self and all who attended had a wonderful time. Mr. Edward Chord of the Chicago Park District was our speaker and gave a very interesting talk on tree planting and care.

Russ Reed reports that somebody picked up his topcoat by mistake at our meeting at Mohawk, leaving his own which was very similar to Russ'. So, if you have a strange topcoat, contact Russ.

St. Peter Lutheran church in Schaumburg was the scene of a candlelight ceremony February 16 in which Miss Janet Lee Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray

Davis became the bride of Nowell H. Fiene of Roselle. Four hundred and twenty-five guests attended the reception held in Bensenville Fireman's hall where a buffet supper was served. The bridal couple honeymooned in Florida for two weeks and are now residing in their new home in Schaumburg.

Floyd Sander of Ridge Country Club is a busy man these days superintending the installation of a new watering system and building a new equipment building at his club. Floyd says they are spending \$95,000.00 on the projects.

Spring arrived officially in Chicago at 3:17 P.M. March 20, but seemed to have arrived before that. Some of the Superintendents in the Chicago area cut green on March 14. A number of others were ready to mow the following week, but the weather changed and on the 25th and 26th a heavy snowfall covered the ground and it looked like winter was back again. Severe attacks of snow mold were reported mostly in Poa Annua on fairways and aprons this winter. Most of the Superintendents treated greens and tees and disease was very light in these areas. We noted that some of the snow mold resembled Pythium very strongly, being in patches ranging from one inch to 6 inches in diameter and in streaks much like Pythium. In fact, Jim Holmes calls it gray snow mold or cold weather Pythium. This type of snow mold is especially severe, killing the grass right down to the ground, with very little recovery to date. It appeared in some spots in the early part of November before there was any snow and again during the winter. Weather there will be any more after this last snow remains to be seen.

1957 SPRING OBSERVATIONS

by C. O. BORGMEIER

There has been some feeling of hesitancy and skepticism concerning business conditions during January and February. To many people it appears that the boom has lost its steam and will level off. During March the weather was excellent to provide some life for the Golf and Garden and Lawn business. In the south, golf play has been up to, if not ahead of, 1956. Spring appears to be several weeks early. That is always a shot in the arm for the golf courses. Golfers are anxious to get out in the spring, so many superintendents have been busy during March, and now all set.

Generally speaking, Machinery and Supplies are in comfortable supply this year. Most factories have expanded their output in anticipation of a banner year. It is well to remember, however, that the turf business is quite seasonal, and some delays are inevitable. One should not wait until equipment breaks down to replace it. Planning ahead pays off on this score.

Grass seed is in good supply, with the exception of Seaside Bent. Here the crop was a complete failure. Merion Blue is more plentiful and lower in price.

Fungicides, insecticides and chemicals are becoming more technical and complicated. New products will certainly find their place, but to repeat a previous statement, before putting your eggs in one basket, be sure it has been thoroughly tested and you yourself have satisfied yourself, by limited testing or use, that your chances are excellent for good results.

In this day and age efficiency is a much used word. It shouldn't be confused with economy. However, we shouldn't quarrel with the desire for efficiency. That means good help at good wages, a big step toward efficiency. Also modern machinery and equipment to complete your picture for efficient operation of your golf course.