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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I think that all of us who attended the last meeting held at Edgewood Valley Country Club on August 5 thoroughly enjoyed the excellent talk by Charley Wilson. To those of you who did not — perhaps could not — attend, I think we all feel you really missed something worth while.

Our joint meeting with Wisconsin on September 9 will be held at North Shore Country Club — Ray Davis, host. Ray promises to "put out the RED CARPET" for all who attend. I hope we can have a good turnout and show the Wisconsin boys a good time — the same as they have always done for us in the past.

With Labor Day in the background and the season just about "over the hump" we will have our fall work to concentrate on. A day of relaxation before this will do all of us good, so plan to attend the meeting and enjoy the activities. Trust you fellows are all keeping your golf in shape for that day, so Midwest can again win the annual trophy awarded for the team championship.

AMOS E. LAPP
President

COMING EVENTS

The September Meeting, North Shore Country Club, Glenview, Ill., Monday, September 9. Joint meeting with Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Midwest Regional Turf Foundation Fall Field Days, September 16 and September 17. Purdue University.

The October Meeting, Medinah Country Club. Annual Fall Golf Tournament. Date to be announced.

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 Country Club. Annual Meeting and election of officers.

NEW MEMBERS

We wish to welcome the following as new members of our Association; Charles Otto Rack, Howard Joseph Howey, and George Micheal Weidner.

Four members never did make the meeting at Edgewood Valley. Bill Saielli was driving Frank Dinelli, Dom Grotti and Bill Stupple to the meeting. A woman driver went thru a stop sign at an intersection and smashed into the car broadside. Fortunately, nobody was seriously injured although they suffered various bumps, cuts and bruises. Frank was nearest the point of impact and was hurt the worst. He was unable to get out of his house for 10 days afterward. However, he is up and around, although he says his back is still sore. Bill's car was so badly wrecked that he now has a new one.

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our September meeting will be our Annual Joint Meeting with Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association. We will meet this year at North Shore Country Club, Glenview, Illinois on Monday, September 9. Ray Davis will be our host. It has long been a tradition that this meeting is a happy get together of the two associations and a chance for the men to mingle and exchange ideas relative to turf management in their respective locations. As has been the custom for a number of years, there will be a golf tournament in the afternoon featuring team play between the two associations for the Midwest — Wisconsin Trophy. There will also be many individual prizes and it promises to be a very pleasant affair. Now if we can get the weather man to cooperate, it will complete the day.

It has also been the custom in recent years for Dr. James Watson to be on hand as our guest speaker. Jim is always interesting and you will not want to miss his talk, so let's all turn out to greet our friends from Wisconsin and make it a great meeting. As to directions to reach North Shore Country Club, the club is in the east side of Glenview and can be reached by the Wisconsin men from US 41 or Illinois 42A. If coming down 41, turn west on Lake Avenue, then South on Wagner Ave. to Glenview Road and West to the Club. If coming in on 42A, turn East on Glenview Road to the Club.

OUR AUGUST MEETING

It was a nice clear, cool day on August 5 when we met at Edgewood Valley Country Club for our August meeting. Chet Randby, our host, left nothing to be desired in the way of hospitality and to show us a wonderful time at his club. All who played were loud in their praise of the course. There were about eighty members and guests present for dinner that evening. After dinner, President Lapp called the meeting to order. Placement Committee Chairman, Ray Gerber reported that a new course being completed at Benton Harbor, Michigan was in need of a qualified Superintendent. It is a year-round job and a house is included. Anyone interested in this position should contact Ray Gerber. Our old friend Charlie Wilson was our guest speaker of the evening. Charlie always has a lot of good information for us and this time it was a discussion on topdressing. In his talk, he said that he was becoming more old fashioned all the time when it came to soils and advocated a return to some topdressing. Charlie said that he saw a trend to this all over the country. He brought out that when we are treating with fungicides and insecticides we are killing the good bugs as well as the bad. He discussed soil structures and textures and said that soil structure is much more important than soil texture. Any soil will deteriorate structurally under heavy play. Aerifying and spiking are still needed to increase water infiltration, air movement and correct layering, yet it is doubtful if this practice will improve soil structure. There is less complaint of leafspot complex diseases on courses that have continued to topdressing. The golfer appreciates the results of topdressing. Turf is tight yet resilient. He said that if some topdressing is done each year there should not be a need to go to the almost pure sand mixtures advocated by some. After Charlie's talk, Golf Chairman, Dave Mastroleo distributed the golf and door prizes.