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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many Superintendents who maintain bent fairways who attended the July meeting at the St. Andrews Golf Club were very envious of host Superintendent Amos Lapp's bluegrass fairways. Apparently the "old timers" consider that bluegrass fairways are the most desirable. Even though St. Andrews receives a tremendous number of rounds of golf (sometimes necessitating changing cups twice a day), the golf course is always in excellent condition. We are grateful to Joe Jemsek, the proprietor, for extending to us the privilege of holding our meeting at St. Andrews and to Bob Judson, the manager, for arranging a fine dinner which seventy-six of our members enjoyed very much.

Al Johnson, the educational chairman, again prepared an excellent program which "professor" Frank Dinelli and his scholarly panel presented so well.

The next meeting of this Association will be held on Monday, August 3, 1959 at the White Pines Golf Club. Superintendent Al Hintz will be our host.

Superintendent Al Purvey will be our host for the September meeting at the McHenry Country Club. This will be our annual joint meeting of the Midwest and Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Associations. Last year the Midwest won the golf tournament by one stroke which is cutting the cheese quite thin. Some practice may be necessary in order to retain the title by a safer margin. Play golf and attend the meeting at White Pines Golf Club on August 3rd.

The Golf Course Superintendent in this area is in the middle of the most trying times of the year. Being on the job seven days a week, twelve to fourteen hours a day and some times longer is not unusual. He must cope with diseases of various types, high humidity, lack of water, wilting of the grass, too much water, heavy golf play during the regular working hours of the day, and in some cases the help situation is far from what he would like to have it. He may lie awake many hours at night worrying about how # ? ? green is going to look in the morning.

Moisture is very important for grass plants during July and August and sometimes for the first half of September. In order to save some of our strains of grass such as poa annua and bent grass it becomes necessary to do some light hand watering during the heat of the day. This is one of the many reasons why the Superintendent on a golf course has a seven day a week job. A little water at the first sign of wilt may save the turfgrass - a half hour later may be too late.

The golfer may not agree with you but you are responsible for the condition of the course. There are times when too much water is worse than not enough. When one has control of the water he should watch it very closely, but when the heavy rains come he is helpless.
Ray Gerber, President

A meeting with the University of Illinois Horticulture Department was held on July 16th at the Drug and Horticulture Experiment Station, Downers Grove, Illinois. The purpose of this meeting was to form an advisory council and set up tentative, proposed By-Laws as well as a proposed research program which will be called the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation Inc. Professor Harleigh Kemmerer will be in charge of this project. There will be experimental plots of turf for lawns and other specialized uses. It is also planned to build a experimental golf green of approximately eighteen to twenty thousand square feet using various soil mixtures and various strains of grass. Additional information will be published as it becomes available.

The State Nursery inspector Glen Pierce, reported that as close as Onasya, Ill. it is so dry that cracks in the soil are 1 1/2" wide and that you can see down them 14 inches.

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