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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another year has almost rolled around. It seems like it was last month that I was elected President of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents. The opportunity to administer the duties of the office of the President and to participate in the activities of this Association has been enjoyable and educational. It was enjoyable because I had the privilege of working with so many capable people, I became better acquainted with others, and I acquired many new friends. It was educational because I had the opportunity to visit many fine clubs, and because the educational programs at the meetings were well planned and very informative. I would like to summarize briefly the activities of our Association during the past year.

On January 6th, 122 members and guests enjoyed the fine hospitality of the George A. Davis Co. O. J. Noer and Charlie Wilson, representatives of the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission, presented a very interesting educational program. During the last week in January we were the hosts for the 1959 Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Turfgrass Conference and Equipment Show at which the attendance exceeded that of any previous Conference. Our Midwest Association is proud that our efforts may have contributed to its success.

No meeting was scheduled during February.

On March 10th Joe Dinelli and the Evanston Golf Club were excellent hosts to seventy-two Midwest members. Nels Johnson spoke on the topic of tree spraying.

Paul Voykin was a very competent host to over eighty members and guests for the April meeting at the Calumet Country Club. At this meeting we were honored to have the following guests: Mr. Elmer Border, President of the G.C.S.A.A., Camarillo, California; Dr. Gene Nutter, Executive Director of the G.C.S.A.A., Jacksonville Beach, Florida; Mr. James Holmes, agronomist, U.S.G.A. Greens Section; and Dr. William Daniel and Mr. J. B. Beard from Purdue University who presented the educational program.

Eighty-nine attended the May 4th meeting at the Hinsdale Golf Club. Our host, Bill Schwantz, provided an excellent groomed golf course for the first scheduled golf events of the year. The educational portion of the

program consisted of question-box panel moderated by Frank Dinelli.

On June 2nd Marvin Gruening was host to ninety-six members and guests at the Midwest Country Club. Forty-four golfers inaugurated nine new holes that Marvin had constructed himself. All of the greens at Midwest have C15 strain of bentgrass. "New Horizons" was the title of a very inspirational address by the principal speaker of the evening, Dr. Gene Nutter, Executive Director of the G.C.S.A.A. We were happy to have with us at this meeting our good friends Mr. Ward Cornwall and Mr. Bill Meline from Detroit, and Dr. Bill Daniel from Purdue University.

Amos Lapp and the St. Andrews Golf Club were our host for the July meeting. Seventy-six members attended, of which forty-four played golf on Amos's beautiful bluegrass fairways. Al Johnson again prepared an excellent educational program which moderator Frank Dinelli and his panel presented so well.

Although the weatherman played tricks on us and washed out the golf events of the August meeting at the White Pines Golf Club, our host, Al Hinz, pacified us with a fine steak dinner which over eighty members and guests enjoyed very much. Our mental appetites were satisfied by an exceptionally interesting program which Al Johnson arranged and Frank Dinelli directed. Several Superintendents were asked to talk extemporaneously and answer questions from the floor on a given subject. It was an extremely worth-while program.

Our joint meeting with the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association was held at the McHenry Country Club on September 8th. Seventy-one members and guests played golf on a course that has been tendered by our host, Al Purvey, for the past thirty-eight years. The educational program was presented by Charlie Wilson from the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission who did a splendid job (he always does).

Heavy rains during the night and early morning of October 6th made it necessary to postpone our annual golf tournament at the Biltmore Country Club. In spite of the poor weather ninety-four members attended and enjoyed a delicious charcoal broiled steak dinner. John Ebel, our host, was very disappointed about the weather but extended to us a tentative invitation to return at another time. Dr. Mike Britton, plant pathologist from the University of Illinois, was present and explained to us the details involved in getting a research and experimental program started.

On November 3rd we enjoyed the fine hospitality of Ed Stewart and the River Forest Golf Club. Although no golf events had been scheduled, Ben Kronn, our golf committee chairman, had a few unexpected prizes for those members who found Ed's golf course to their liking. Frank Dinelli did a splendid job of moderating a question and answer period.

Ed Burke will be our host for the Annual Meeting on December 7th at the Elmhurst Country Club. Officers and Directors for 1960 will be elected at this meeting. I hope my successor receives the excellent cooperation during his year as President as I have received during mine.