

CLIPPINGS

It was a good warm day the 2nd of June when we met for the June meeting at the Midwest Country Club. Marv Gruening was our Host Superintendent and he had made arrangements for the group to play over the newly built course. This course, or nine holes of it was in play for the 1st time this spring. The greens and fairways were in good shape but there were some rough spots in the fairways. The greens are good.

The dinner was served in buffet style and there were many favorable comments, and for those inclined, it truly was a diet buster. There was plenty to eat.

The program committee offered an excellent program and the evening passed all too quickly.

Dudley Smith is the new Supt. at Silver Lake. Dud as he is called by his men, is single and 28 years old. He was born in New York and has a BS in Agronomy under Dr. Musser. He spent 3 years with the US Military Academy Golf Course at West Point and was Supt. at the Hercules Country Club at Wilmington, Del.

Because of the unusual winter damage on greens, Dud has had a very busy spring at Silver Lake but the greens are in good shape and he has time to live a little.

Chuck Tattersal, who has been Supt. at Glen Woodie Country Club near Glenwood, Ill., has decided to leave greenkeeping and plans to work with the County Highway Dept. He is being succeeded by Anthony Kozlowski who will be working under the direction of Amos Lapp of St. Andrews.

Mrs. Gerber has taken off for a trip to Minnesota to visit friends and family. Have a good trip Jo.

Eddie Burke of Elmhurst Country Club almost had an eagle and got a birdie on the 9th at Midwest.

Frank Mastroleo has almost completely recovered from his recent illness and looks fine and played a few holes at the Midwest meeting.

Bill Stupple is working hard to make Exmoor just right for the women when they play their Western Amateur there July 6th. Bill had his first meeting with the Committee June 6th. This tournament has been played at Exmoor many times and Bill expects to have things just as they want them.

Roy Chapman who retired from Edgewood Valley Country Club four years ago attended the meeting at Midwest. Roy looks fine and says he is gardening now and spent last winter in Arizona. Roy is now a youthful 74.

The Food Machinery Co. of Orlando, Florida now has a wind machine to keep the wind stirred up over orange groves and apple orchards, to keep frost from settling in low spots. There is one now at Waconda, Ill. in an orchard. It may have possibilities for those dead air spots on courses that have caused so much trouble in the past.



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Dr. Burklund of the Department of Horticulture of the University of Illinois announced the definite intention of establishing a Demonstration Turf Garden to be located on the grounds of the Drug and Horticultural Experiment Station which adjoins the east edge of the Morton Arboretum West of Downers Grove, Illinois. This Turf Demonstration Garden is the first effort on the part of the University to aid Northern Illinois Home Owners with one of their most difficult problems, that of keeping a good lawn and it is possible the work could be extended to include research and extension.

Dr. Burklund announced that his budget would enable him to keep at least one full time laborer on this job and that the work would be under the direction of extension workers from the Department of Floriculture and would be assisted by Mike Brittan who has done considerable work at Purdue with Bill Daniels. Mike is now with the Department of Horticulture as a Plant Pathologist.

The announcement was made at an informal meeting held at the Drug and Horticultural Experiment Station and attended by many representative members of the industry and of the University Staff. Raymond Gerber, president of the Midwest and Bert Rost Editor of the Bull Sheet represented the Midwest Association, Mr. Gager Vaughan, of Vaughan's Seed Store and Dr. John Walters, Chairman of the Committee for the Chicago District Golf Association, attended the meeting. Farm bureau workers from Cook and Will County advised that they also planned to duplicate the plots in their counties. Dr. Wienard of the Dept. of Floriculture suggested that plans for the layout of the plots be drawn up. After Luncheon the group visited the Trial plots already established in the Vaughan Experimental and trial gardens at the Cantigne Farm at Wheaton, Illinois. Last summer these gardens had a constant flow of interested visitors. We are pleased that the University is taking this step. There is room in the area under consideration at the station for any research or demonstration work the Midwest and the Chicago District Golf Association may plan and Mike Brittan has already selected a location on a green in a sheltered, shady, damp place where grass may not possibly thrive and where disease is sure to thrive.

The Picnic will be held August 18th at Sycamore Park District. Emil Cassier is the Supt. there and we have always had a wonderful time. In addition to Golf, the Sycamore Park has a beautiful Picnic Grove and an excellent swimming pool. Set the day aside and alert the kids and tell Mom that is the date.

Pete Bild of Woodridge is still in Hines Hospital but the reports we get are that he is steadily progressing and is walking with canes. Get well fast Pete, we've been missing you.

L. G. Bedenbender of Rushville, Ill. has taken over the greenkeeping activities at Woodridge Country Club. Mr. Bedenbender has been County Supt. of Schools in Southern Ill. for 16 years and has worked on courses rather as a hobby for the last 6 years. He seems to have an excellent understanding of turf.

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