

MICHIANA & WESTERN MICHIGAN ASSOCIATIONS HOLD JOINT MEETING

On October 19th, Point of Woods Golf Club, Benton Harbor, Michigan, was the scene of the October Meetings of Michiana and Western Michigan Superintendents. Norman Kramer, Vice-President of Mid-West, and a member of both Michigan groups, was the host.

Point of Woods was built by Robert Trent Jones, and the course is a real test of golf. Some members of Midwest found the test too difficult and flunked the course. The boys were interested in seeing all Seaside Bent greens and Highland Bent fairways. A new Club House has just been opened. Real Indian Summer weather contributed to making the day most enjoyable.

DRY WEATHER IMPROVES SOIL

Drought is a plague to all plantmen, but it appears there is some good in all things, even in drought. According to H. H. Kruskopf, soil scientist of the University of Missouri, drought improves the soil making it more workable and actually more productive. Complete drying, he says, destroys the water film that normally surrounds soil particles, causing them to move together and form aggregates and granules. This, in turn, results in a higher percentage of pore space in the soil, better soil aeration and, when the rains come again, more moisture absorption and better plant growth. The granulating effect of drought is most apparent and most beneficial in clay soils, and may persist for two or more years following termination of the dry weather. The effects of drying and freezing soils are similar, except that freezing makes only the surface soil more friable while drying affects both the surface and the subsoil.

The superintendent was taking stock of his bags of fertilizer and when it came to counting a certain brand he discovered a neat little problem which he took home to his 14 year old son. The boy solved the problem when his father said that if he counted the certain brand by three, there was a remainder of two bags, then when he counted by five there was still a remainder of two bags, but when he counted by sevens there was a remainder of five bags.

Question: How many bags of the certain brand of fertilizer did he have?

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