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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The July Meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents was held at the White Pines Golf Club, Al Hintz was our host. Al had things in top shape as usual. 41 played golf and the weather was perfect for it. There were approximately 85 in attendance. Thanks to Mr. Mike Minnini, the manager, for the fine steak dinner which I'm sure all enjoyed.

On this day we also received some sad news — the passing away of our good friend and Superintendent Walter Kilmer who always was a faithful member of the Midwest and attended many of our meetings. He will long be remembered by all of us in the Association. Our condolences to his family.

We are also sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. E. H. Gos, owner of the Bartlett Hills Country Club who passed away July 14th. The golf course was built on the family farm in 1928 and has been in constant operation by Mr. Gos and daughter Harriett since then. Our condolence to his family.

On my way to the meeting at White Pines, I noticed about 30% of the Elm trees along Route 64 were infected with Elm disease from Sycamore to Elmhurst. We have 12 trees this year so far on our course that are infected. Let us hope that someone will come up with a cure real soon.

Some fine publicity was recently given our organization in the Chicago Tribune newspaper through the efforts of members Peter and Paul Voykin. Perhaps many of you read the article. I feel this is good publicity and well deserved. We should have more of it. Many thanks to Peter and Paul and also the Tribune.

Our August meeting will be held at the Barrington Hills Country Club. Our host will be Bill Brady. Bill says the electric golf cars will be free of charge to members. Noon luncheon is also available. Let's have a real good turn out. — also keep in mind our joint meeting with the Wisconsin group in September.

See you at Barrington.

Sincerely, Emil Cassier, President

WOMEN GOLFERS ARE IMPROVING, WE
GUESS
THEY ARE GOING AROUND IN LESS AND
LESS.

RUEBIN THODE RETIRES AFTER 30 YEARS
SERVICE TO CHICAGO PARK BOARD

HERE ARE A FEW HIGHLIGHTS &
MEMORIES AS RELATED BY RUBE

Born in Des Moines, Iowa.

Played golf and caddied on same courses that were later on supervised by Bert Rost.

Became active in golf course work in 1925 under Joe Roseman, Sr. greenskeeper at that time on what is now the Glenview Park Golf Course on Shermer Ave.

Worked on Pickwick Golf Course in construction work and when completed acted as starter on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Joined the Midwest Association when Ed Dearie, Jr., was president and John MacGregor, vice president. Played in the first tournament at Evanston Golf Club when Bob Duguid, Sr., was in charge and still have the Clark lighter which I won with a 22 handicap.

Played golf with Stanley Arndt, George Roloff and the fourth I think was Fred Ingwerson, deceased, at the meeting at Tam O Shanter.

Dropped out of Association when taking a job at Flossmoor Country Club in 1929. Rejoined the Midwest Association when Matt Bissick was secretary, some years ago. Also joined the National Association about that time or probably before.

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Left Flossmoor Country Club to take civil service examination as greenskeeper for the South Park Board, having two nine hole courses, one 18 and four bowling greens. When the park systems consolidated in 1934 was greenskeeper for five nine hole courses and one 18 and six bowling greens. Stayed on the job for thirty years.

Some incidents that stand out in mind in particular are Geo. Davis with his "T" model going around peddling golf course supplies, Ed Dearie, Jr., doing all the talking for John MacGreagor when he was secretary, also the whole Dearie family and relatives when they were kids, and the Scotchmen, Pete Stewart, Alec Binnie, Anderson, MacIntosh, Sr. and many others who wouldn't give away their secrets. You can include Dutra and Stupple and Dinelli too. Also, O. J. Noer in 1927 when he sold Pickwick a load of sludge in burlap bags that caught fire and burnt the barn down. I'll never forget that overcoat O. J. had with the velvet collar. Herb and Joe Graffis out at Pickwick most every Sunday with Joe Davis, learning the tricks of their now prosperous business.

Names, dates, meetings and all the wonderful events would fill a fair sized book besides all the favors that have been bestowed on me and the hundreds of friends I have made and who have been overwhelming with kindness and consideration. This goes for all the dealers, salesmen and truck drivers, not a bad egg in the whole lot. The wonderful experience in thirty-five years has been worth more than money can provide and I hope it continues for sometime to come.

Ruebin Thode

CLIPPINGS —

Walter Pieper of Flossmoor has joined the ranks of grandfather for the second time with the birth of a daughter to his son Bill.

Bill Brenner formerly of Chevy Chase is Supt. at Palos Country Club, formerly Southmoor Country Club.

When Bob Williams, Past President of the G.C.S.A., and now Superintendent of the Bob O' Link Country Club, was asked about his new Ester Williams (no relation) Swimming Pool he built for the family, he says "It's Cool Man".

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