

Phil Keacher, age 63 died from a heart attack Tuesday, January 17th. Phil was an employee in charge of the Parts & Repair Department of the Geo. A. Davis Co., for over 25 years.

All who knew Phil will miss him and his efficient way of helping all of us when we were in trouble.

Our sympathy to his family.

#### COMMING EVENTS

Midwestern Shade Tree Conference — February 15-17, 1961, LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

Midwest Regional Turf Conference — March 6-8, 1961, Memorial Center, Purdue University.

Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents — March meeting on Monday the 13th, Ville Moderne.

Wisconsin Turf Conference — March 27-29, 1961, University of Wisconsin.

#### SPREADING IT THIN

There have been four complete center fairway irrigation systems installed recently; Ravisloe, Edgewater, Barrington and Beverly Country Clubs. These have all been installed using Cast Iron Pipe. Another club which is installing their own system over a three year period is the Chicago Golf Club. They are using galvanized pipe, in conjunction with their present system. Ruth Lake and Hinsdale Country Clubs are both contemplating new systems for the near future.

Three new maintenance buildings have been completed; Palos, Bob O'Link and North Shore Country Clubs. All three are very spacious, and a vast improvement over the old ones. Palos Country Club and Bob O'Link are quite similar in size and structure — they both used cement block. Northshore constructed a metal building.

We were sorry to hear of the tragedy at Old Orchard Country Club on Friday night, January 13th when the clubhouse burned to the ground. It seems that every year we have a number of clubhouses and barns destroyed by fire, and so we should all be extremely alert and safety conscious in the prevention of fire.

Wouldn't it be nice if the National would select a blazer jacket of appropriate color and make it available for all members? This jacket would have our national emblem with the locals name on the bottom of it.

A few days ago the following story was related.

It seems that a golf course was interested in increasing it's tree population and so decided to go into an elaborate tree planting program. After locations for the new trees were selected, the Supt. went out last Fall and placed various stakes about 4 feet high, in the



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