

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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locations where the trees were to be planted. The planting of the trees was to be done during the winter by an outside landscaper.

One night, several flag poles were stolen from the greens, and the next day as golfers approached the flagless greens, they pulled several of the tree stakes from their place and put them in the cups in place of the flag poles. Shortly after this, a heavy snow covered the course, and as time went on, these stakes remained in the cups.

As planned, the landscaper began his tree planting program, and after the first day of planting, the Supt. went out to inspect the progress and to his dismay, found a tree planted smack in the middle of a green.

Needless to say, all greens were immediately inspected to be sure there were no stakes remaining on other greens.

MIDWESTERN SHADE TREE CONFERENCE

The 16th annual meeting of the Midwestern Chapter, National Shade Tree Conference, will be held February 15-17, 1961, at the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

The convention, which is open to all who wish to attend, will start with registration at 8:30 A.M. Wednesday, February 15. It is expected that about 450 members and guests will attend the meeting.

Various aspects of shade tree care will be discussed, and a question-and-answer period will follow the presentation of each paper on the program. Tools and supplies used in arboricultural work will be on display throughout the convention.

The educational program will include the following topics and speakers:

Trees and Gardens of Europe — C. L. Wachtel, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin;

Recent Research on Systemic Insecticides as a Tool In Shade Tree Insect Control, David E. Donley, U. S. Forest Service, Delaware, Ohio;

Opportunity in Arboriculture — Now and Tomorrow, Ray R. Hirt, State University College of Forestry, Syracuse, New York;

Proper Use of Insecticides, Donald L. Schuder, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana;

Tolerance of Trees to Soil Conditions, John C. Van Camp, Rockford, Illinois;

Effects of Cold Weather on Plants, W. H. Bragonier, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa;

Cabling and Bracing of Trees, Fred E. Wagner, McPherson, Kansas.

In a symposium on Dutch elm disease, a report on The Use of Methoxychlor will be given by Dale Norris of the University of Wisconsin, Madison; Dutch Elm Disease Control in Municipal Areas will be discussed by Dan Neely of the Illinois Natural History Survey, Urbana; and J. C. Carter, also of the Illinois Natural History Survey, will report on Dutch Elm Disease Up-To-Date.

In a panel discussion of commercial arboriculture, a paper on Ethics and Public Relations will be presented by Alfred M. Perkin, Des Moines, Iowa; R. C. Carmichael of Bettendorf, Iowa, will speak on Contract Problems and Salesmanship; and Robert Oyens, Credit Manager of the Standard Oil Company, Chicago, Illinois, will discuss Credits and Collections.

If you find any of the above topics of interest to you I would urge you to attend.

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