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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Once again our calendar of Turf Grass Conferences and shows is drawing to a close for another year. Those of you that attended the 32nd International Turf Grass Conference and Show in Toronto, Canada will agree that it was one of the finest shows in many years. The hospitality shown us by the Canadians was equal to the famous Texas hospitality of last year. The hotel accommodations at the Royal York were unsurpassed in space and service. Roy Nelson, the Chairman of the Educational Program and his committee are to be congratulated for the fine selection of subjects and speakers. The participation by the Superintendents is improving each year. It is quite evident that our profession, as well as our Association, is moving forward under the able leadership of our officers and directors in the G.C.S.A.A. Dr. Gene Nutter should also be congratulated on the fine work that he has been doing in promoting our organization.

Here on the local scene, I am happy to announce that our new administration is also striving to move forward. Our Educational Chairmen, John Ebel and Ed Burke have drafted a complete program of subjects to be presented at our monthly meetings. They have selected a very fine committee to work with them, and as soon as they are able, a calendar of subjects will be published.

Paul Voykin has been working very hard as Chairman of the Arrangements Committee. He reports that most of the dates and places for our monthly meetings have been set. There are still a few dates to be filled, and he advises that he could use one more club from the North side for a Summer date. Anyone wishing to offer their club please contact Paul as soon as possible, so our schedule will be completed.

Don Stewart has reported that our Spring Dinner Dance will be held at the Elmhurst Country Club, Saturday, April 22nd. More about that next month.

This issue of the Bull Sheet, and our March meeting will be devoted primarily to the subject of Dutch Elm Disease. This is a problem of paramount importance to all of us, and we should acquaint ourselves with as much information on the subject as is available.

Quite recently there have been claims that a cure for Dutch Elm Disease has been found and patented. Without exception these claims have been tried and tested by the universities, and were found to be failures in controlling the disease. Read the letters and material presented on the following pages, and you will see that there are no sure cures on the market. I am confident,

however, that the various universities and commercial laboratories will eventually find a cure. Until then, we must continue the sanitation and spraying practices which have proven to be the only means of slowing up the epidemic of Dutch Elm Disease.

Sincerely yours, Ted Woehrle, President

U.S.G.A. MEETINGS

On January 27th and 28th, the United States Golf Association held its Annual Green Section Meetings and Membership Meetings in New York City. Your President and the following members of the Midwest attended the meetings; Chuck Eckstein, CDGA Board Member, Roy Nelson, Bob Williams, Warren Bidwell and Dudley Smith.

The main subject presented and discussed at the Green Section Meeting was that of "Efficient use of Men and Equipment." It was mentioned that perhaps the Superintendents have been presented program after program on the technical developments in their profession, and not enough has been presented on the efficient use of men and equipment.

The meeting was attended by 200 interested Superintendents and Club Officials. Discussions from the floor followed almost every talk. Bob Williams presented a talk with so much enthusiasm, that the discussion following the talk caused him to use forty minutes more than what was allotted him on the program.

While in New York we visited the famous Golf House. Should any of you have the opportunity to be in New York, you should definitely visit this point of interest — it will be time well spent. It is the USGA's Hall of Fame. They have models of many of the tools that were used in early golf course maintenance, as well as the early golf clubs and balls. The walls of the four storied building are covered with pictures of tournament champions of the past, as well as the present. The original rules of golf are displayed along side a picture painted by President Eisenhower. All the trophies that are presented at the major USGA tournaments are also displayed in the Golf House.

The USGA presented its first annual award to the outstanding man in turf. This year's award was presented to Dr. John Monteith, Jr. Herb Graffis of the Chicago Sun Times wrote the following story in his column on Sunday, February 12th, 1961 honoring Dr. Monteith:

**GRAFFIS PRAISES IMPROVEMENT OF GOLF
TURF**

By Herb Graffis

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John Monteith Jr. is a long, lean and quiet scientist who deserves partial credit for a multitude of marvelous performances in this era of sports.

Without Monteith's smart and stubborn research and teamwork with other agronomists you wouldn't have this year's finely conditioned golf courses, ball parks and football fields. You also probably wouldn't be looking forward to spring sweats in making your own yard look beautiful.

Monteith recently was given an award by the United States Golf Assn. for "distinguished service" in improving golf turf. He now is in charge of the grounds at the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs. From 1928 to 1942 he was director of the Green Section of the USGA. In that capacity he was responsible for