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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the season almost over, we can look back at our work and analyze what has been accomplished, and begin planning for next year, making improvements where they are necessary.

This holds true in our local organization also. I have been very pleased with our progress to date, but there are a few areas in which we can make improvements. Our various committees have worked hard this year, and they are to be commended for their efforts and accomplishments. One of the areas that is in need of improvement is our attendance at the monthly meetings. Our membership in the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents totals over 200, yet there are only 80 to 90 members in attendance each month. I realize that you are very busy during the Summer months, yet some of the members are able to attend each meeting, while others only attend one or two of the meetings each year. Our by-laws plainly state that if a member misses six meetings in succession, he may be dropped from the organization. To my knowledge, this has never been done.

We have been very careful during the past several years choosing various locations for our meetings in various parts of the city, so that no one would have the excuse of having to travel too far. Making these arrangements has not been easy. Paul Voykin and his committee have worked very hard in finding clubs that were suitable for our meetings.

I personally feel that if a Superintendent has a genuine interest in furthering his knowledge in golf course maintenance he will attend our meetings. We have had some very interesting and timely subjects presented to us this year by our educational committee. John Ebel and his committee are to be congratulated for the fine work they have been doing.

Another manner in which we educate ourselves at these meetings is by discussing our problems with other Superintendents. Some of the old timers have gone through rough periods similar to what we have experienced this summer and they would be only too happy to give us some free advice.

One of the most important meetings of the year is our Annual Fall Clinic which will be during the first week of December at Olympia Fields Country Club. The education committee is presently planning the program which is to be presented. They will be contacting many of you to appear on the program as speakers. We are attempting to make this an all Superintendent Clinic. It is felt that we will benefit a great deal more from such a presentation than one made up of all professional

speakers. I am sure that you will all support this years program and make it one of the finest ever presented.

At our last meeting Dr. Joe Duich of Penn. State University spoke to us about the requirements necessary for admittance to the Winter course offered at Penn. State. He was very clear and to the point about what they expect from an individual and what that individual can expect from the Winter school.

I was very happy to see so many young men present to hear what he had to say. At present the University is only accepting 25 students per winter. You will find more information about the winter course elsewhere in this publication.

I wish to thank Chapel Hill Country Club for extending their gracious hospitality to us last month at our meeting. We all enjoyed the club and facilities very much.

Ted Woehrle, President

TURFGRASS MANAGEMENT

Opportunities For Graduates

A Winter Course in Turfgrass Management is offered by the College of Agriculture, The Pennsylvania State University. This training will provide you with the fundamentals of turfgrass technology necessary for the supervision and management of golf courses, municipal and industrial parks and lawns, athletic fields and playgrounds, cemeteries, highway roadsides, estates and airfields.

Qualified personnel trained for these positions are in demand and graduates of the course will find many opportunities in turfgrass management awaiting them.

Training at Penn State

The program in Turfgrass Management is offered primarily through the Department of Agronomy. Many of the other departments in the College of Agriculture and the University provide instructors and facilities in order that each student may receive comprehensive training.

The program consists of four eight-week terms of instruction on the campus of the University. During this period intensive classroom and laboratory training is provided in the identification, establishment and maintenance of the grasses used in the various climatic areas of the United States and Canada. This will be supplemented with courses on soils and fertilizers; identification, production and maintenance of trees, shrubs, and other horticultural material; the installation and use of irrigation and drainage equipment; principles of tractor and machinery operation and care; insects and diseases attacking turf and ornamentals; basic plant sciences; and elements of design and landscaping. Courses in written and spoken communications, business records and personnel management prepare students for positions of responsibility.

The student will also have an opportunity to see and study the very extensive research program on turfgrass problems conducted by the Agricultural Experiment Station at the University.

It is recommended that students contemplating enrollment in the Turfgrass Management Winter Course secure at least one full season of practical on-the-job experience in some phase of turfgrass production or maintenance prior to enrolling in the formal course of study.

The Winter Course program was organized to provide additional on-the-job training between the second and