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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Each day of our work we are confronted with situations involving temperature, humidity, rainfall (or the absence of it), mechanical failures, personnel management, golfers, public relations, etc. We are dutifully bound to accept the conditions caused by these things. Usually we do this without recourse.

However, how many of us become so engrossed in our work that we fail to notice some of the wonderful aspects of nature that are present on a golf course. This thought occurred to me recently. I thought it would be interesting to note some of them.

- at the base of a small sycamore tree a mallard duck nestling on her eggs, oblivious to and undisturbed by mowers or golfers.
- a small, dark colored lizzard crawling across #7 green.
- the fish nibbling at grass clippings floating along the shore line of the lake.
- a hawk circling above unseen prey.
- martins swooping and gliding around the tractor driver.
- a resident woodchuck ambling toward shelter because of the approach of an intruder.
- the birds feasting upon the fruit of a mulberry tree.
- evidence that a skunk on a nocturnal hunt had been rooting in the fescue rough, apparently looking for grubs.

The phenomena of nature are rewarding fringe benefits that most people are unable to enjoy.

Donald Gerber, President

AUGUST MEETING

Our next monthly meeting will be held at the Midwest Country Club, Hinsdale, Illinois. The date is Tuesday, August the 7th. Marvin Gruening is the Superintendent. You will enjoy playing this beautiful well maintained golf course. Marv has done a great deal of new construction since he took over the job as Superintendent some years ago. It has been more than two years ago since we visited Midwest so be prepared to see some big changes. Many of the greens are new as well as some of the tees and traps. You will remember Marv as our 1st Vice President last year in the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents.

JULY MEETING

July the third was the date of our last meeting. It was held at the beautiful Forest Hills Country Club in Rockford, Illinois. Ira Jury was the Host Superintendent. For those of us that ventured to Rockford it was a pleasant time. It rained most of the time but a few hearty golfers still managed to play 18 holes. They reported that the course was in magnificent condition. One of the points of interest as you enter the parking lot is a small putting green that is shaped like the state of Illinois with a single cup placed in the position of Rockford. A very unique idea. The clubhouse is located on a hill overlooking the Golf Course.

Our guest speaker for our educational program was Dr. Wooley from the University of Illinois. He enlightened us on the subject of water movement in the soil and the plant. It certainly was very interesting. It is a subject that is misunderstood by most of us. His fine talk helped clear up some of the misconceptions that we might have had.

The dinner was excellent and Ira was a most congenial host.

LOCAL NEWS

Ed Braunsky and his wife are the proud parents of a new son. Ed is the Superintendent of Hickory Hills Country Club. Charlie Martin and his wife also are new parents of a new baby son. Charlie is the Superintendent of Calumet Country Club.

Jack Maurer is the new Superintendent of the Kankakee Elks Country Club. He replaced the late Herman Woehrle. Jack was the assistant Superintendent to Warren Bidwell at Olympia Fields.

We are happy to report that Mrs. Amos Lapp has returned home from the Hospital. We certainly wish her a speedy recovery.

NEW ROSTER

By now you should have received your new roster of the Midwest Associations membership. Our last roster was printed in 1957 and was no longer of any value. There are changes made constantly therefore this new one will soon become obsolete unless we are made aware of the changes which are being made. Please cooperate with our Secretary Mr. Roy Nelson and keep him informed of job changes as well as changes of address.

UREA-FORM FOR TURF

Fred V. Grau, Consulting Agronomist, Hercules Powder Company, College Park, Md.

Resume of a presentation to the Midwest G. C. S. A. on May 7, 1962. Warren Bidwell, Program Chairman.

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