

THE BULL SHEET, official publication of THE MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS.

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This being my first official obligation as President of this fine organization, I think it is appropriate that I introduce myself to those members who I do not have the pleasure of knowing personally.

My name is Donald Gerber and I am the Superintendent at the Chicago Golf Club, Wheaton, Illinois. I reside in Wheaton with my lovely wife Lynn and daughters Kim, Karen and Donna. Previous to my present position at the Chicago Golf Club I was employed by the Glen Oak Country Club for eleven years during which time I completed high school and attended Iowa State College.

Recently I read a newspaper article which may interest some of you. The subject of the article was radioactive isotopes, the man made substances that give off radiation which enables them to be traced wherever they travel. Admittedly, this may be a dreary subject to many of us. However, one of the applications of radioactive isotopes should be interesting to all of us. For example, by tagging plant nutrients it is possible to determine when, where and how plants use them. When it was proved thus that tobacco plants made little use of commercial phosphates, the fertilizer manufacturers changed their analysis. In some areas farmers fertilized their corn at considerable cost before it was detasseled. Use of radioactive phosphorus proved that plants do not use the applied fertilizer after they are knee high. Is it not conceivable that some day radioactive isotopes may influence the manner and methods that we use to grow turfgrass, trees, shrubs and flowers?

I have cited this subject because it illustrates the fact that, although we are constantly confronted with new (and old) problems, science and the men associated with science shall provide us with much of the knowledge which will make our endeavors more fruitful and rewarding. The extent to which they shall aid us will be governed by the support, cooperation and influence of our profession.

But let us not be content with agronomic proficiency. The role of the golf course superintendent in the game of golf has expanded and is becoming increasingly important. Not only shall we be responsible for the maintenance of a golf course, we shall assume administrative and managerial duties. Our prestige shall be the sum of our personality, ability, effort and ambition.

Donald Gerber, President

THE NINTH ANNUAL TURF CLINIC OF THE MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS.

The ninth annual Clinic was held on the 6th and 7th of December at the Olympia Fields Country Club. There were 103 attending which made it one of the more successful clinics to date. The selection of subjects under the theme of "The Stride of the Superintendent" were well chosen by the Chairman John Ebel. The majority of the speakers came from the ranks of the Superintendents themselves. From the comments that were heard I must say that they did a superb job in presenting their material. Many are still talking of the excellent presentations made by the Assistant Superintendents, namely Doug Jabaay, Tom Burrows and Jack Mauer.

Some very fine talks by our old reliable speakers were also given on subjects that were very timely. We will be carrying many of the talks in future issues of the Bull Sheet.

The entertainment that followed the Banquet will be talked about for a long time. Instead of hiring talent as has been the case in the past, the entertainment committee came up with a show that rivals anything that Ed Sullivan has ever presented. Some of the girls in the chorus line were real beauties and the singing of the quartet was outstanding. Charlie Rack stopped the show with his solo numbers. Many of us were not aware of the talents that exist among our own members.

We are all looking forward to next year.

On the morning of the 6th of December we held our annual meeting in conjunction with the clinic. The two changes to the by-laws that were covered in the last issue of the Bull Sheet were voted on and past. The election of officers were as follows:

President — Donald R. Gerber, Chicago Golf Club  
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Bert H. Rost, Butterfield Country Club

#### *Board Meeting*

On Tuesday, December 19th, President Donald Gerber called a meeting of the Board of Directors at the Gun Club of Glen Oak Country Club. The main reason for the meeting was to appoint the Chairmen for the various committees. The following men were appointed:

Arrangements Committee — John Ebel, Chairman  
Educational Committee — Warren Bidwell, Chairman; Bert Rost, Co-Chairman  
Entertainment Committee — Bill Brady, Chairman  
Golf Committee — Paul N. Voykin, Chairman  
Membership Committee — Donald P. Stewart, Chairman  
Bill Saielli — Benevolence and Placement Committee, Chairman