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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

During the Chicago World Flower Show it was my pleasure to serve in the booth of the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation. For the benefit of those who were unable to attend or participate, may I say that this was a very rewarding experience. The reasons for our presence were twofold: to answer questions that visitors may have had concerning their lawns; and to explain the purpose and functions of the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation. I think that our efforts relative to the first phase were successful. We should have done better on the second phase.

Displayed in the booth were approximately ten flats of turfgrass in which various types of weeds were growing. On the wall at the rear of the booth recommendations were given for the control of these weeds. I was amazed at the amount of interest that this display created. Visitors inspecting the flats would exclaim: "Hey, there's the weed that I have growing in my lawn," or "Now I know what to spray on my weeds."

Many people asked questions about other problems that they had. I shall relate a classic example. A middle aged lady and gentleman approached the booth. The lady was carrying a small paper bag from which she produced a plug of a foreign grass that was growing in here merion bluegrass lawn. She wanted to know what she should do to eliminate the invasion of the undesirable grass, which was identified to be *poa trivialis*. These people were noticeably disturbed and perturbed that their efforts to produce an excellent merion bluegrass lawn were not successful. Upon questioning the following facts evolved. The lawn was sodded with merion bluegrass three years ago. It was fertilized regularly and adequately. It was growing in open sunlight. The turf was mowed at a one inch height of cut. And the lawn was watered, very conscientiously - *every night*. Oh! Needless to say, our recommendation was obvious and simple.

The most significant impression that I gained was that the average homeowner that we talked with is very confused. It would be interesting to determine the cause of this confusion. Is it because they have been poorly advised by inexperienced clerks in garden stores and hardware stores? Do product advertisements and

garden articles in magazines and newspapers confuse them? Or is it because they are unfamiliar with basic plant physiology?

Donald Gerber, President



PAUL VOYKIN

MEET THE BOARD

After receiving his basic training on golf courses in various parts of Canada, Paul came to this country during 1956 to work under Gordon Brinkworth who was then the Superintendent of Olympia Fields Country Club. After running one of the 18 hole courses there for two seasons, he took over the position of Superintendent at Calumet Country Club.

His first big job at Calumet was finishing the construction work on the newly designed course, after the Toll Road went through a portion of it.

Last year Paul changed jobs, and is now Superintendent at the Brairwood Country Club in Deerfield. He is married to a lovely Canadian girl, Donna, and they have three beautiful daughters. Paul is presently serving as Chairman of the Golf Committee.

FROM THE GOLF COMMITTEE

This year, Frank Dinneli, Dominic Grotti, Charles Rack and myself are going to endeavor to have the best golf ever for our Midwest members, or at least try to bring it back to the calibre of years ago. To start upon the road of reviving interest and enthusiasm, we are going to have putting contests which were so popular many years back. This contest will be held primarily for the old timers, and those who do not play at all, but would like to participate in some activity. The putting contest will be conducted by Mr. Frank Dinneli sometime between four and six o'clock. All gentlemen interested get your putters sharpened, and let's get some action started.

It has been agreed by past golf Chairmen that the price of golf prizes has gone up, like everything else, and therefore, the value of the \$1.00 entry fee is not what it was ten years ago. In order to give better prizes to our winners, we are going to present fewer