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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sometimes situations do not develop to the conclusions that we want them to or expect them to. After repeated experiences of this type, one can become frustrated. To cite an example other than the most common and well known one, I offer the following: A host serves scotch and 7-up to his guest who prefers scotch and soda. There's quite a difference.

I have stated this simply as an introduction to the following information which has become very significant to me. "The chairman of an organization who is at the same time a member in full standing can vote on any motion. He can even speak on any motion by asking someone to preside while he takes the floor. However, a wise chairman does not vote when his vote would not be decisive because as the umpire of the contest between the proponents and the opponents his task is easier when he refuses to take sides in the controversy." I hope that I have used this information wisely.

Post script to last month's message:

. . . . . on the golf course at twilight I saw two hens, six young ones and one rooster - a very nice family.

. . . . . five Canadian Honkers regally marching over the crest of the hill on #16 fairway — a very majestic procession.

Donald Gerber, President

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LAST MONTH'S MEETING

On Tuesday, August 7, 1962 we met for an afternoon of golf and fellowship. How did you like those C-15 greens? Terrific weren't they? Now you can see why it is considered the best putting turf for the Chicago area. They were very uniform and weed free. There was no *Poa annua* to speak of either.

We would like to thank the Illinois Lawn Equipment people for supplying the refreshments out on the course. It certainly was appreciated.

Later in the evening we had Dr. Mike Britton speak to us about our disease problems. Here in brief is what he had to say;

There are several types of control. You can have complete eradication of the disease or you can arrest the disease. He is not sold on the Broad Spectrum type fungicides because there is always a *best* material for any given disease.

These are some of the combinations in use today. Thiram - as a base, Mercury (no special type), and Acti-Dione — as an anti-biotic. These are good for the general control of Brown Patch and Dollar Spot.

Next we have the Hot Weather Diseases. Pythium and Helminthosporium (Root and Crown Rot). Along with the aforementioned chemicals it is recommended that Zineb (Parzate) be used. An indication for the use of Parzate is the blueish color similar to wilt. This is caused by the fact that the roots are almost nonexistent. The grass often dies in a short time if left untreated. When this disease is noted it is suggested that Parzate be used at the rates of 6-8 ozs. per 1000 sq. ft. If possible it may be necessary to aerify first and increase the rate to one pound per 1000 sq. ft. Follow this up with 4 ozs. per 1000 in two to four days. In both cases it is advisable to syringe this chemical down into the thatch where it can do the most good.

A good preventative spray program consists of 3 ozs. of Thiram, the recommended rate of Mercury and 3 ozs. of Parzate. If this program is followed it may be necessary to follow this up with a straight application of Parzate a few days later.

This root and crown rot seems to be more severe in traffic areas; the injury makes the grass more susceptible.

Ortho Lawn and Turf Fungicide, Kromad and Dyrene were also mentioned as substitutes.

A very strong suggestion was made by Dr. Britton to the effect that if you are successful with your present spray program for heavens sake don't change it. After all, the results are what count.

During the Business meeting Bob Williams and Ray Gerber were nominated and elected to the National Advisory Committee representing the Midwest Chapter.

Ted Woehrle was elected as Delegate to the National Convention with Ed Stewart as alternate delegate.