

THE CHANGING TIMES

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Everything is farther than it used to be. It's twice as far from my house to the station now, and they've added a hill that I've just noticed. The trains leave sooner, too, but I've given up running for them because they go faster than they used to.

Seems to me they are making staircases steeper than in the old days. The risers are higher and there are more of them, because I've noticed it's harder to make two at a time. It's all one can do to make one step at a time.

Have you noticed the small print they are using lately? Newspapers are getting farther and farther away when I hold them, and I have to squint to make out the news. Now it's ridiculous to suggest that a person of my age needs glasses, but it's the only way I can find out what's going on without someone's reading aloud to me and that isn't much help because everyone seems to speak in such a low voice that I can scarcely hear.

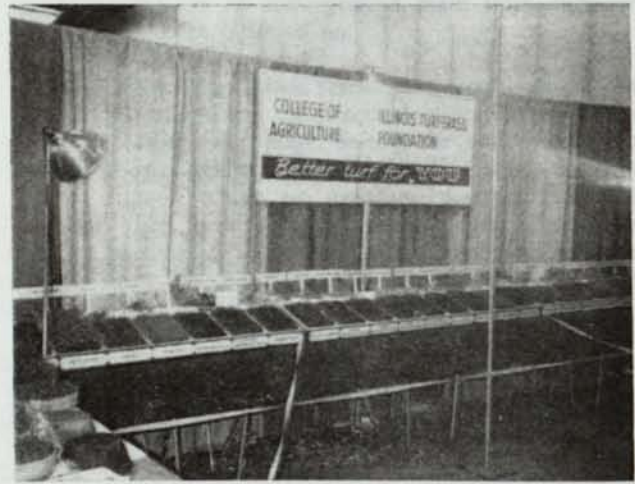
Times sure are changing. The material in my clothes, I notice, shrinks in certain places (you know, like around the waist, or in the seat). Shoe laces are so short they are next to impossible to reach.

Even the weather is changing. It's getting colder in winter and the summers are hotter than in the good old days. Snow is so much heavier when I attempt to shovel it, and rain is so much wetter that I have to wear rubbers. I guess the way they build windows now makes drafts more severe.

People are changing, too. For one thing they are younger than they used to be when I was their age. On the other hand, people my own age are so much older than I am. I realize that my generation is approaching middle age.

I ran into my roommate the other night, and he had changed so much that he didn't recognize me. "You've put on a little weight, Bob," I said. "It's this modern food," Bob replied. "It seems to be more fattening."

I got to thinking about poor Bob this morning while I was shaving. Stopping for a moment, I looked at my own reflection in the mirror. They don't use the same kind of glass in mirrors any more.



Top: ITF Booth at World Flower Show. Bottom: Emil Mashie and Son, talking to Dr. Mike Britton and Jack Butler at ITF Booth at World Flower Show.

NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

At a recent meeting held in the Morrison Hotel here in Chicago, Dave Moote, Chairman of the National Educational Committee called a meeting to formulate the Educational Program for Philadelphia. Present were some of the top men in the field of Turf Maintenance. The outcome of the meeting produced a program that will be unique in the history of our National Association. Subject material will vary considerably from the past plus a full discussion of the newly proposed retirement plan will be presented to the membership.



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