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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Dateline: September 14**

It's a "beautiful day in Barrington" like the man says. A good day for almost doing anything. A good day just to breath and be alive. Two things remain to be accomplished on my aganda for the afternoon. One is to take in Barrington High Schools first football game of the season, which is an easy task because the football field is only a stones throw from my back yard. The second is to write this message not such an easy task at times. However, the football game is giving me an idea.

As most of you know football is a game that involves two opposing teams of eleven men each. Played on a field 100 yds. long. Briefly, the object is to move the ball across a goal line at the other end of the field defended by the opposition. Usually one man commands a team and either hands off or throws the ball to someone who then attempts to carry it over the goal line. The object of the opposing team at this time is to prevent the ball carrier from doing this. This is a very brief and crude explanation of the game but I'm sure most of you know the rules better than I do anyway.

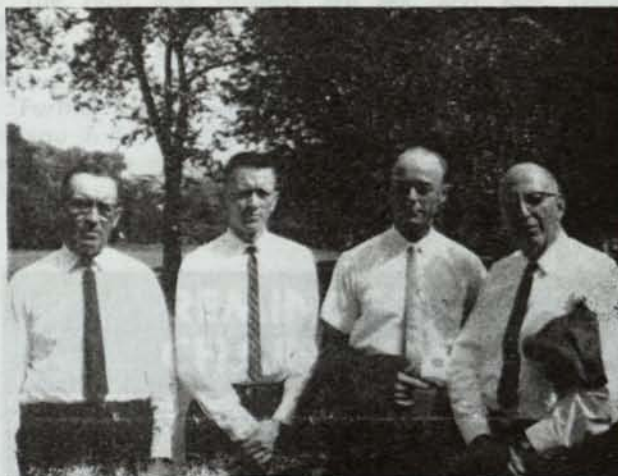
OH NO!! Look out there he goes. Barrington just had a pass intercepted and Racine returned it for a touch-down. Oh well, there's plenty of time left yet. I hope.

Life can be sort of a football game at times. We might be the commanding quarterback one day or the ball carrier the next. As I see the quarterback hand off the ball to one of his teammates I'm sure he is confident that the ball carrier will carry the ball to the best of his ability no matter what the odds or how big the tackles are.

The same can be said for responsibility of daily living whether it be in our work or in extra-curricular activities. When we are given the ball of responsibility we must carry it as best we can no matter what. Likewise, when the occasion arises and we give the ball to someone else we expect the same. A simple assumption but a very important one nevertheless. If we do not want the responsibility of carrying the ball the easiest souldion I can think of is not to get into the game in the first place.

Well, the dust has cleared from the field and Barrington has come out on the short end of a 33 to 21 score. You can't win 'em all but keep on trying anyway.

John Ebel, President



**RAY GERBER, DON GERBER, and AL JOHNSON**  
l. to r., talking to **MARSHALL FARNHAM** (far right)  
our guest speaker.

### LAST MONTH'S MEETING

The September meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents was held at the Rolling Green Country Club in conjunction with the Wisconsin Chapter of Golf Course Superintendents, on September 9th. This meeting was one of the most successful meetings of this type during the past ten years. There were 106 that played golf and 140 stayed for dinner. Our guest speaker was outstanding and presented a timely subject. "The Philosophy of the Superintendent" was the title of Mr. Marshall Farnham's talk. Some of the points which were stressed in his presentation were; We are not interested in the nature of things and we generally are not hungry enough for education. We should have a constant visualization of our goals. Often we are satisfied with our accomplishments.

Mr. Farnham went on to tell us about some of the background of the early gatherings of inquisitive Superintendents and how some of the desires for education were met by the men in those days. The USGA played an important part in helping the Superintendent solve some of their turf problems.

He also pointed out that we should be more aware of the interference we sometimes cause the golfers during our maintenance procedures on the course. We should practice perfecting our administrative qualities. Salesmanship is playing a bigger and bigger part in our operation each year. We must be able to sell our programs if we wish to continue our success.

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### GOLF WINNERS

Emil Mashie played one of his finest rounds this year to win the Low Gross honors from some of our hot-shot golfers. He fired a 73 to claim this honor. The Midwest Association won the team honors also. The imaginary cup was presented to the Midwest.