

LOCAL NEWS

Prestwick Country Club — looking forward to opening day soon.

Silver Lake Country Club opened a new 9-hole short course, Par 29, last August 15, 1963. This now makes 45 holes for Supt. Dudley Smith.

Superintendent Peter Bild of the Glen Flora Country Club is going to have his hands full on the week end preceding Labor Day. The Big Three of Golf will be competing for a huge purse. Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player will be present. It's a lot of work preparing for such an event and a lot of work cleaning up afterwards. Good Luck, Pete.

The Inverness Country Club recently held a day honoring Stan Arendt, long time member of our Association. Several Superintendents attended and had a wonderful time. Stan is now Pro at Inverness. He was Pro-Superintendent several years ago.

The La Grange Country Club was the site for the Qualifying rounds of the National Amateur last August 26th and 27th. The course was in excellent shape and it proved to be a real test of golf. Superintendent Howard Baerwald is to be commended for all the work and preparation that went into this effort.

The Flossmoor Country Club played host to the CDGA amateur tournament for three days on August 18, 19 and 20, 1963. Wally Peiper, the Superintendent should have been proud of the condition of the course. It was in its usual spotless condition.

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TEN YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

We had our joint meeting with the Wisconsin Chapter at the Medinah Country Club. Mr. Ray Davis with the Host Superintendent. This was the biggest turnout in the history of the Association. There were 123 that played golf and 163 stayed for dinner.

Dr. Jim Watson of the Toro Manufacturing Company was the guest speaker. He showed some slides of happenings around the country and discussed some of the research that was being conducted by Toro.

A lively Question and Answer session followed with Dr. Bill Daniel of Purdue joining Dr. Watson, Bert Rost and Les Verhaalen joining in on a panel that answered the questions asked by the Superintendents.

The Midwest defeated the Wisconsin Chapter and retained the Cup in its annual golf Tournament, 309-316.

MANAGING YOURSELF

The following are some thoughts as written and compiled by the editors of Nation's Business, a most worthwhile publication for all superintendents.

In one of their chapters in Managing Yourself they deal with a subject entitled, "How to Simplify a Problem."

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The approach, which has been developed by the U.S. Air Force, is being drilled into all students who pass through the Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base, just outside Montgomery, Ala. The Air Force formula—as easily applicable to business as to military problems—involves these steps:

1. Identify the problem.
2. Gather data.
3. List possible solutions.
4. Test possible solutions.
5. Select the best solution
6. Put the solution into action.

The six phases are listed here in the order that would normally be followed. It is important to bear in mind, however, that the sequence is not hard and fast. The phases usually overlap.

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