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The President's Message

The Name and The Purpose —

Shakespeare, in one of his masterpieces of literature, penned the oft quoted line—"What's in a Name"?

The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents —

In golfing circles, this Name has created an image that is visible and revered all across the land from coast to coast — one respected and looked to for leadership at the local level and recognized nationally for having provided men in high office when their services were needed.

Within the realm of this image many of us have basked our professional souls and have partaken fully of the knowledge and associations thereof — to come into full and true meaning of realization that we are a professional group; that our place in the rapidly expanding game of golf has proper recognition by all those other associations and individuals who proclaim interest in the same area of recreation. To have reached this plateau is not enough. Progress never stands still. When it ceases to move forward, it no longer exists.

The Purpose —

"To advance the rights and sciences attendant upon or related to the occupation of greenkeeping, to unite the greenkeepers and golf course superintendents of the Chicago Metropolitan area into a cooperative group for the collection, preservation and dissemination of scientific and practical knowledge and information, thus affecting more efficient and economical maintenance of golf courses and thereby improving and enhancing the individual and collective prestige and efficiency of the members; the creation of an instrumentality of entity of record capable and susceptible of procuring all benefits to the membership both individually and collectively.

The Instrument that was created to carry out The Purpose is The Education Committee. We can retain our professional entity only so long as we keep within full view of all our members and other related groups the full impact of The Purpose. When we become lax and allow the great Midwest to become more social than educational then we can no longer

claim to being a professional organization.

To be absolute in all our convictions is most admirable but not always achievable when associating with others with equally strong intent and purpose. Like it or not, we are living in a world of compromise where, if humanity is to continue to exist upon God's Earth, we must take a look at the other fellow's view point — and, sometimes live with it within a degree. Specifically, when conflict of personalities and the banding together of cliques mushroom so high that we, as an organization of professional men, lose sight of The Purpose; then watch out for the collapse of that splendid professional image, for it will surely come tumbling down around our necks, for the battle that may be won may also lose the war.

The Name is strong in the minds of many. The Purpose is there to uphold and to Build for continued Progress for All. Support and be a part of — The Purpose. Believe in it and Live by it.

Warren Bidwell, President

NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents was held at the Silver Lake Country Club on Thursday, Nov. 5, 1964. Dudley Smith was the host Superintendent.

After dinner President Warren Bidwell conducted the Business meeting in which it was decided to have Ed Stewart represent us as the voting delegate at the National Conference at Cleveland. Ed will be representing the largest local in the Country. Now that President Bidwell is leaving the Chicago area we must decide our slate for the National Election during the December meeting.

After the meeting Mr. Ben Warren and his lab technician, Tim Gaskin presented a very interesting and informative program explaining the work being done at the Warren's Turf Nursery. Ben and his staff certainly have been doing an outstanding job in turf research. We as an Association appreciate it very much. Many of their findings are being put to use today in producing more serviceable turf.

11th Annual Fall Clinic

After ten years the Clinic moved back to Medinah Country Club where it was first held in the Fall of 1954. We have come a long way in this annual project. The first few years were devoted to individual subjects for each clinic. One year was spent in soils, another in diseases and still another in grasses. These were all taught by people in that particular field. They were highly successful. In 1957 the Clinic was held at Olympia Fields Country Club. The program was changed to include Superintendents and their various projects. At first the Superintendents were a little weak in their presentations, however, during the past few years the Superintendents all appear to be accomplished speakers. This year was a perfect example. Some of the material presented by the Superintendents was outstanding, they are all to