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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mother's Day—A Bit of Nostalgia:

In this modern day of sophistication and outright anti-sentimentalism; in this day of super jets and atom bombs and automation, it is well to turn to the simple beginnings where we first remember life just to recall how we have arrived at our present place of abode and to once again trace the roads we have traveled in our search of our particular peace in the community of man.

Three hounded and forty seven miles due South, across the Ohio River, over some high speed highways and a few byways not yet so modern and well paved, lies a farm in the valley known to me as Home. The resident there is known by me and two others as Mother, the source of our being; a wise dear lady of some eighty years, keen of mind but not so spry in body, yet with a bright outlook and an eagerness for life. What better time for a son to return home for a brief overnight stay than Mother's Day, 1964. While there, it was easy to recall the days of the past and never cease to wonder at the changes that have come over the face of Rural USA in the short period of forty-five years.

It is said that a child's first remembrances will be lasting ones. For me it is easy to recall being awakened one November night, the 11th to be exact, to be taken out on the front porch of this farm home to hear the ringing of the country church bells. This was indeed strange, the ringing of the church bells in the middle of the night. This was a joyful occasion, I was told, for the war across the great ocean was over. The year was 1918.

I vividly recall other Mother's Day events at one of these country churches. Of red roses snipped from the arbor out by the chimney to be worn by those of us whose mother was still living; of white roses worn by those of the congregation less fortunate whose loved ones had passed from the rural scene to the great beyond. The Easter egg hunts held in this church yard among the grass and red clover would delight today's modern youngster as it surely did us. Then too, there was the two mile walk over dusty or mud roads, depending on the season of the year, to attend the log, one room school, housing all eight grades.

After the first great war, the scene began to change. There was talk around the community about a machine called a tractor that was powered by a liquid which looked like water. Some said they had seen it pull two plows at one time. These same prophets claimed that some day this tractor would replace the horse and mule on the farm. Fantastic, said others.

I recall too of the yoke of oxen in the log woods; of the abundance of quail and rabbit at the fall hunting season and of the sounds of the night life made by the big 'Hoot Owl', the Mockingbird and especially the lonely Whippoorwill at eventide.

Rural living today is as modern as your home or mine. This is good. The tractor has replaced the horse as the 'beast of burden'. Telephone and electricity, with school modernization to meet educational needs has done the rest. The Nostalgia of the 'Good Ole Days' is but a fond memory.

These were but a few of my reflections on Mother's Day, 1964. I found her quite well, Thank You.
Warren Bidwell, President

TEN YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

It was just ten short years ago this month that the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents held their meeting at Bonnie Dundee. There were 47 golfers that participated in the golfing events which incidently included a Seniors event which was won by Bill Stupple. Emil Mashie won Low Gross with a 70, followed by Joe Canale, Bill Kraft and several other members that are still winning all the events. Dr. Bill Daniel was the guest speaker that evening, talking on protective turf management.

Another big event for the golf course Superintendents was the organization of the Central Illinois Golf Course Superintendents Association. A meeting was held on June 21st at the Tilden Hall Hotel, Bloomington, Illinois, with 28 in attendance. Jim Brandt was elected President and C. W. Jones was elected Vice-President with Floyd Mendenhall being elected as Secretary-Treasurer.

This fine organization has come a long way since then and has already had its first representative on the National Board of Directors in the person of Jim Brandt, their first President. Jim is the Superintendent of the Danville Country Club where he has been doing an outstanding job for many years. Happy Birthday to our sister chapter.

COMING EVENTS

Bill Stupple of the Arrangements Committee reports the following meeting locations and dates.

- July 7, — Woodridge Country Club
- August 3, — Olympia Fields Country Club
- September — Joint Meeting with Wisconsin
- October — Annual Golf Tournament — Briarwood Country Club
- November — Silver Lake Country Club
- December — Glendale Country Club