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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Coming of Spring:

One of the true thrills of mankind down through the ages has been his privilege to witness Nature's greatest of all spectacles, the coming of spring. While there is a calendar date when this grand event is supposed to happen, Nature doesn't always abide by man and his ideas regarding when things should happen. Our own thinking is gauged by the warm days and frostless nights, the appearance of wild-fowl winging their way north, the frogs down on the lake. These are the signs of spring.

Long before the visible signs of the coming spring, man shows his impatience for this annual event by attending flower and garden shows that are held throughout the country. Here his memory is refreshed on how the big show will look when Nature takes over a few weeks hence. He is inspired and wants to get his hands in the soil once again—to have a part in staging this basic drama that is to come. To participate is to be re-vitalized—to become a part of the great miracle—to know that we are but a small part of a great happening. Thus is man humbled when he knows within that the source of all life and power is from One who is Eternal.

We, the Golf Course Superintendents, are a fortunate lot for we are continually in the center of this great event. It unfolds daily all around us as we go about our 'private estates' looking after the interests of our employers. After each April shower we literally see the giant paint brush of Nature as She spreads a new coat of green over our golf courses. Later will come the colorful highlights in the display of flowering plant life. These are the 'fringe benefits' which are ours by simple observation—by everyday living.

Man's inspiration by the coming of spring has been demonstrated in many ways. The bard has used the theme well in his weaving of story and song. Complete volumes have come forth from the pens of men of fact and fiction. The great musical composers have set forth in sound their 'feelings' of the joys of springtime.

Perhaps the splendid results of our efforts toward a better job in grounds maintenance comes from the inspiration we receive each year in our own welcome of The Coming of Spring.

Warren Bidwell, President



HARRY NIELSEN

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

The April meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents was held at the Brae Loch Country Club on April 6, 1964. Harry Nielsen was our host. There were 87 in attendance. This was a very good turnout considering the heavy rain that we had earlier in the day. There was no golf played because of the rain. After a delicious meal served family style we were given a very enlightening talk on soil fumigants and sterilants by Mr. Day from the Stauffer Chemical Company. He pointed out that Soil Fumigants are far safer than Soil Sterilants. These materials are available in many forms. They have many possibilities on the golf course. There is a control for every weed on the golf course.

MAY MEETING TO BE HELD AT CALUMET COUNTRY CLUB

The May meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents will be held at the Calumet Country Club on May 11, 1964. Weather permitting there will be golf, and prizes for the lucky ones. Come early and enjoy yourself. After the dinner and meeting we will once again have a speaker appearing as a part of the educational program. He will be discussing flower beds and arrangements, a very timely subject. Come and get educated.

Donald Smith or "Jack", as we call him, will be our host. This is the second year for Jack at Calumet. From what we saw during our sneak preview last week, it will be in top condition for us.

NOTICE!

During the December meeting of the Board of Directors it was decided that anyone receiving a golfing prize MUST be present in the room at the time of distribution. Failure to do so will cause you to forfeit your prize.

Ted Woehrle, the Chairman of the Attendance Committee, warns that anyone that is not a member of the Association will be refused at the first tee and at dinner if he has attended our meetings more than once this year. There have been a few attempts at violating this rule in the past, but we are not allowing it this year.