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The President's Message

When The Thunder Sleeps:

With the advent of the fall and winter season, we are reminded of the various ways many of the creatures of Nature, including man, prepare for the long months ahead.

Artists have depicted on canvas the flight of the wild geese to a warm climate. The illustration so often used of the squirrel storing nuts for the winter months is a symbol of preparedness that has been exploited many times by commercial interest throughout the land. It is a good point and well taken.

As a farm woman, my dear mother canned vegetables by the hundreds of quarts back some forty years ago—enough 'to do us', as the growing season progressed. In the early fall, many apples were sliced and dried for use in pie making once the fresh apples were exhausted. Upon arrival home from the one room country school, we youngsters were put to work shelling dry beans and peas or helping dad dig sweet potatoes, bringing in pumpkins from the fields or putting turnips in the root cellar for use in the deep of winter. Many of these practices are still in use today in many parts of rural America. The action at the sorghum mill is still a very vivid memory.

Far off in the desolate, yet very beautiful Valley of the Monuments on the Utah-Arizona line, near the Four Corners regions of our great Southwest, the people of the Navajo Tribe will soon hold their Ceremonial, 'When the Thunder Sleeps'. This is no ordinary chant with the stamping of feet and fantastic gyrations. The religious significance of this ancient and meaningful Ceremony goes back to the very genesis of the tribe's forebearers, their 'Ancient Ones'. At the time of this Ceremony their crops of peaches, beans, squash and other foods that have been introduced by the European white man have been harvested and stored for the long, hard winter in this high plateau country. Thus, they give thanks to Mother Earth, whom they believe to be the source of all life, for the favor of the rain gods, the bountiful crops and for the ever presence of the Great Spirit who keeps away all that is evil from their hogans.

It was at the entrance to this valley of monoliths

of brilliantly colored stone rising a thousand feet heavenward from the valley floor that I experienced one of Nature's truly great spectacles—the rising of the full moon late last January. While I was going crazy trying to calculate the proper setting for my camera, the valley was flooded with that soft, yet brilliant light that only a full moon can provide. It was another world, one that is dear to the heart of the Navajo, where he can celebrate in his own way with his very own feeling his ancient Ceremonial, 'When the Thunder Sleeps'.

Warren Bidwell, President

SEPTEMBER — A BUSY MONTH

The month of September was perhaps the busiest month for local golf course Superintendents in the history of the Association.

It all started with the annual Fall Field Day at Michigan State on September 9, 1964. They certainly are progressing with their program on turf research. A great deal of work is being done on winter damage and its cause and cures.

On Monday, September 14, we had the choice of attending our annual joint meeting with the brothers from Wisconsin or traveling down to Purdue University to attend their Annual Fall Field Day. (A repeat performance at Purdue was also scheduled for the following day, Tuesday)

For those that attended the Wisconsin meeting they were confronted with a rainy day. Despite the weather, 25 Superintendents from the Midwest attended along with around 75 Wisconsin members. Charley Shiley had the course in magnificent shape. North Hills is in good hands under Charley's Supervision. The Educational program included slides by O. J. Noer who recently returned from a European trip with Robert Bruce Harris.

Several Superintendents ventured down to Purdue and they were shown the latest work in Grass selections, Crabgrass Controls, Deeper summer time root promotion with anti-auxins, *Poa annua* control in greens. Calcined clay tests, Bentgrass tolerance to crabgrass preventers. The lowered Purdue Stadium was shown with its new field of turf. Crabgrass and *Poa annua* controls in watered bluegrass fairways, Bluegrass selections dating from 1950 to the present time, Zoysia release report, Ryegrass and timothy plots, slow release fertilizers—5 new experimentals were included. Creeping bentgrass kill in Bluegrass, and vertical mowing for manicuring turf.

On Friday September 18, many of our members journeyed on down to the University of Illinois for their annual Fall Field Day. Once again we were bothered by rain. During the morning portion of the program the rain held off until the program ended. During the afternoon presentation it began raining and continued to rain for the remainder of the day. Dr. Jack Butler and the other men participating in turf work at the University are certainly to be congratulated for the fine work that is being done. A full report on the program will appear next month in the Bull Sheet.

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