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The President's Message

Another G.C.S.A.A. turf conference is in the past and we all owe a debt of gratitude to the Cleveland Boys, Northern Ohio golf course superintendents, Ben Chlevin and his staff for a superb conference. All those connected with handling the conference went out of their way to see that everyone was taken care of and happy.

May I personally extend my thanks to the Midwest Association Superintendents that took part in the educational program of the conference and in the fine way they presented themselves.

There always seems to be the sad side of each conference and so at the Cleveland Conference, a former member of our association, Joe Venturella, at one time Brookwood Country Club superintendent, suddenly passed away after arriving from Southern California. All members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents express our deepest and sincere condolences to Mrs. Venturella and their children.

We were happy to learn at the conference that there is a good possibility of our headquarters office being moved to Chicago or in the vicinity. It is an asset to Chicago to have the fine headquarters here and may the Midwest Association volunteer any help that is possible to assist Ben Chlevin and headquarters office wherever we may.

Again on the lighter side our Midwest Association hospitality room was a success and something to keep in mind for the future. Past president's pins were given to Mel Warneke and Warren Bidwell on Wednesday evening. Tuesday evening a group of women kept Mr. Iverson, of the Garfield Park Conservatory, busy in one corner talking flowers. There also was a new hobby formed for the coming year, taming tigers. Ward Cornwell and myself are the first to take a stab at it; anyone else may help and just think, all from our own hospitality room.

Don't forget two very worthwhile turf conferences coming up, Purdue Conference, first three days of March, and a very good educational program by U.S.G.A. green section in St. Louis, March 24th—also other state conferences close by in the month of March.

Al Johnson, President

MARCH MEETING

The March meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents will be held at the Swedish Club on March 10, 1965. Mr. Nels Johnson will be our host. This should be a fine meeting. Secretary, Roy Nelson will be sending you a notice of the meeting with all the details.

2611 ATTEND 36th INTERNATIONAL TURFGRASS CONFERENCE AND SHOW

The week of February 7 thru 12 found the biggest gathering of turf minded people ever to congregate at one time in Cleveland. Over 2,000 Superintendents and their wives, Chairmen, commercial representatives and many other interested people were present for what turned out to be the finest Conference to date.

The Midwest chapter was well represented as usual with 76 members attending and about 37 wives. Speakers and Session Chairmen selected from our ranks did an outstanding job of conducting their portion of the program.

The wives tell me that they were well entertained by the Host Association throughout the entire week. For the first time we splurged and had an official Midwest Hospitality Room which proved to be the fun-spot of the conference. The Teepee and Wigwam Rooms were made available to us for the occasion. We certainly should consider this again for the next year.

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ELECTION

The results of the National election are as follows:
PRESIDENT — L. R. "Bob" Shields
VICE-PRESIDENT — Edward "Ted" Roberts
NEW DIRECTORS — James W. Brandt (Re-elected)
Tom Leonard
Richard A. McClaughlin

The Midwest's Delegate, Ed Stewart voted our full National strength of 107 votes. We still have about 6 or 7 delinquent members and about 4 more new members that haven't been processed. Next year our voting strength should be well around 120. This is almost double what it was seven short years ago.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS TO MOVE

It was reported at the Conference at Cleveland that the National Headquarters, now in Florida, will soon be moved to a more centrally located portion of the United States. The feeling that one got from listening to the conversations would make you think that the Chicago Area is the one that will be selected. The final move should be made during the next four or five months.

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WARD CORNWELL AWARDED 25 YEAR PIN

During the Banquet Ceremonies, President Dave Moote announced that Ward Cornwell of the Evanston Country Club was given a 25 year pin at the Quarter Century Breakfast held earlier in the week. Congratulations, Ward.