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The President's Message

Rain, mosquitoes, **Helmenthsporium**, rain, frit flies, and more rain. Gentlemen, we must learn how to RELAX. The ensuing days may well be the "Dog Days" of August, and we must meet the challenge. This will be quite impossible in a tense, nervous state.

Last week I played golf in a local Chamber of Commerce outing. We played a strange golf course and my opponent was the High School Principal. Our conversation did not once touch on golf course maintenance. The Dean won low gross and picked up all the marbles, but the day was still most enjoyable. My course even looked a little greener upon return.

RELAX, get away, fish, play golf on a strange course. How about taking the wife to Beverly for a day at the Western Open?

Sincerely,
Dudley Smith

THE JOSEPH VALENTINE MEMORIAL FUND

The Pennsylvania State University has honored our profession by naming their turfgrass facility, "The Joseph Valentine Turfgrass Research Center" in recognition of the accomplishments of one of our fellow superintendents.

Mr. Valentine, superintendent at Merion Golf Club near Philadelphia, led a group of greenkeepers to Penn State in 1929 to demand that the school help with turf problems. This action led to short winter courses, an annual Turf Conference, the establishment of turf research plots, a turf research facility unsurpassed today. Mr. Valentine hosted eleven major USGA competitions at Merion. He noticed a superior clump of bluegrass near a tee and sent it to Penn State for observation. Today the world enjoys Merion Kentucky Bluegrass. Mr. Valentine was the first su-



Dudley Smith, 1967 President

perintendent honored by the USGA with its Green Section Award.

I telephoned Professor Burt Musser for more information on the Memorial Fund. A plaque honoring Joe Valentine will be placed on the turf plots, where thousands of football fans who visit the plots out of curiosity about turf will see it. The Fund will be devoted to research, probably a scholarship for an advanced degree.

The chairman of the Valentine Memorial Fund, Superintendent Eb Steiniger of Pine Valley, wrote me regarding a contribution. I consulted with the Executive Committee, and then presented the issue to our members. I am happy to report that the **Midwest Association voted to contribute \$500** to the Joseph Valentine Memorial Fund.

Dudley Smith

NEXT MEETING

PRESTWICK COUNTRY CLUB

Frankfort, Illinois

August 14, 1967

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM WILL FEATURE A 30 MINUTE SEMINAR BY JIM HOLMES AND THEN A 30 MINUTE FILM ON GOLF PRESENTED BY TED WOEHRLER.

GOLF

Get a foursome together all M.A. of G.C.S. members for the August meeting at Prestwick C.C. We will hold a best-ball foursome event along with the usual Peoria Handicap Event. Bring that "110" compression golf ball to use in the driving contest.