

## POSITION OPEN

### GLENCOE GOLF CLUB SUPERINTENDENT

Salary open. 18-hole municipal course (with over \$150,000 in improvements in past six years), seeks Superintendent. Additional greens and irrigation improvements scheduled. Applicant should have five years experience in golf course operation, maintenance, and landscaping, with two years in supervisory capacity. Training in turf management, agronomy, or horticulture highly desirable. Send confidential resume to Village Manager, Village Hall, Glencoe, Illinois 60022. Phone (312) 835-4111.



Victor E. de St. Aubin, Jr. \*

### Quality Nursery Stock

(Mr. St. Aubin now serves as president of both the Ornamental Growers of Northern Illinois and the Illinois State Nurserymen's Association.)

Quality nursery stock for golf course plantings and other landscaping work will, in my opinion, continue to be in good supply in the years ahead. The impact of the national beautification effort, however, is having a decided effect on the industry. Greatest demand at the present time seems to center upon the larger, more mature trees and shrubs needed for roadside planting.

Prices of nursery stock can be expected to parallel the cost of living level which I predict will continue to spiral upward. Aside from cost of living, other factors confronting near-urban nurserymen and golf courses as well, will also have a bearing on prices.

The spreading urban growth with its accompanying increased taxes and corresponding increase in property values will, in the not too distant future, make it impractical for growers in now suburban areas to continue in those locations. There comes a point at which the profit on an acre of nursery stock no longer

justifies the expense and care that is invested in it. I'm sure that many golf clubs face a similar problem. Equity clubs, on the other hand, are in a less vulnerable position because of their organizational structure and ability to withstand the pressures of commercial and residential development.

I fully expect that a new format will emerge in the nursery industry in a relatively few years, a format which will provide plant material at comparatively lower prices. I anticipate that present owners of independent nurseries will band into groups, acquire large tracts of land in more remote rural areas where land values remain reasonable, and set up operation under joint management. With the network of high speed highways, coupled with relatively cheap transportation costs, this type of operation should enable the buying public in urban and suburban areas to effect significant savings in landscaping.

I look for a surge in demand for nursery stock when the Viet Nam conflict is concluded and thousands of young men return home eager to purchase houses and landscaping.

In view of these various economic factors that point to higher costs in the immediate future and the fact that the national beautification program is gaining momentum, I would encourage groundskeepers and the public not to defer plans for planting projects.

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### PRESSURE POINTS

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The application of the law to skirts is simple: air pressure decreases as the airplane ascends, and thus the pressure on the gas in a stewardess's stomach lessens, which means the volume of the gas increases. In other words her tummy bulges. To overcome this condition the stewardesses now wear adjustable skirts.

C. E. (Scotty) Stewart