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The President's Message

Within a period of 10 days recently, golf lost two fine gentlemen. I am referring of course, to General Eisenhower and Norman Johnson. General Eisenhower was our 34th president of these United States of America. I am pretty sure we are all very much aware of the history of his life, and will have to agree that he was a great man in many ways and had a very infectious personality. But I think we superintendents knew him best for his love for the game of golf. It was so great that he had a putting green constructed on the White House lawn. And I think it was Arnie Palmer who said that Eisenhower on a whole, did more to promote the game of golf than any other single person. Although very few if any of us knew him personally, and disregarding party affiliations, I am sure we have to agree with Palmer.

It was indeed a pleasure and a privilege to have known Norman Johnson, and I am sure many of you who knew him, share in my feelings. He was dedicated and sincere in his beliefs and desires in all phases related to golf. He was active in both National and local levels. He was the 18th president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. He was secretary of the Midwest at the very first meeting I attended in 1946. He founded and initiated the Bull Sheet in 1947. I remember his initial copy which was printed on a very common piece of paper. Since then the Bull sheet has developed into one of the finest, if not the finest, chapter paper in the country. In fact I believe the Bull Sheet is better known than the Midwest itself. In a conversation with another local chapter recently when the Midwest was mentioned, two of their members questioned if this was the association that put out the Bull Sheet. A real tribute to Norm Johnson.

Personally I felt he had many fine qualities not only during his term as president of the National, but equally as well during his career as a superintendent. He had the qualities of humanity, tolerance, and the outstanding ability to work with others and gain their trust and cooperation. And I will always remember him for the recognition he showed his fellow superintendents.



L. to R. Host Superintendent at the MAGCS May meeting Walter Pieper, Ed Wollenberg, Norm Kramer, GCSA Vice-President and our good friend, guest speaker Dr. Mike Britton and Walter Greens, chairman C. T. Mast.

"FLAG AND STRIPE SMUT"

Was the talk given by Dr. Mike Britton at the May Meeting of the MAGCS. Slides and actual diseased turf were shown as examples of identification. It was said that the disease is becoming more prevalent and the worst month for it being May.

The only control known is Benlate at a rate of 3 ozs./1,000 every 14 days. Benlate is also excellent for powdery mildew, and has little effect on Leaf Spot. Since Benlate is not on the market yet, our best control is don't let turf dry out, "no stress."