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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."

Grass will continue to grow and be green in color, disease and other occupational hazards will persist, and the world will go on, but Norman C. Johnson will be missed. It's been my pleasure to have lived in his era and known him.

Ed Wollenberg, President

MAGCS FIRST GOLF OUTING 1969

Mr. Wally Piepers, Superintendent, Flossmoor Country Club, had his golf course in beautiful condition for the outing. Mr. Piepers' fairways are some of the finest I have ever seen.

Low Gross was won by Robert Kronn with a 79. 28 prizes were given out to the following winners in the Peoria system.

Low Net — Bill Hargrave, 62	Wayne Piel, 72
Dave Mote, 63	Dominic Grotti, 73
Jerry Hanko, 65	Harold Michaels, 73
Jim Kingfield, 64	Bert Jannes, 73
Harold King, 64	Oscar Miles, 73
Roger La Rochelle, 64	Bob Dickinson, 73
Russ Reed, 68	Richard Kronn, 73
O. Harris, 69	Jack Hanson, 74
Keith Fuch, 70	Vern Roscher, 74
John Nicoti, 70	Carl Hopphon, 75
Peter Voykin, 70	Robert Hessler, 75
Mike Mulvihill, 71	Norm Kramer, 75
Roy Schmitz, 71	Dan Tagger, 75
John Brenner, 72	C. Mitchell, 75
Bill Kraft, 72	

All ties were settled by cutting cards.
MAGCS Golf Chairman — Joe Canale.

NORM KRAMER, GCSAA VICE-PRESIDENT VISITS THE MAGCS MAY MEETING HELD AT FLOSSMOOR C. C.

Mr. Kramer reported to us a few decisions made by the recent GCSAA Board Meeting held in Atlantic City, N. J. (May 7-11, 1969).

Norm said that expansion of the GCSAA Magazine has been done by hiring a new girl to work in the office and putting managing editor Tom O'Hara on the road more to do Public Relations work.

He also announced that Buchen & Co. would no longer be working for the GCSAA. Norm praised Buchen & Co. for the fine guide lines set up by them for the GCSAA.

An Educational Director will be hired by GCSAA. Responsibilities are already up to 15 pages for the individual.

Pace and Co. of Houston, Texas to be the GCSAA, Show and Conference co-ordinator, taking this job off of Headquarters.

Budget for the GCSAA is reaching the \$500,000 mark.

A pension plan is being studied for Headquarters employees of the GCSAA.

A chance to gain fame, but little fortune. Write an article for the "Bull Sheet."

DR. FRED GRAU IS THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PENN. TURFGRASS COUNCIL

Don Krigger, President of the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council, announces the appointment of Dr. Fred V. Grau, recent winner of the U.S.G.A. Green Section Award, to the post of Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council. This is the position long held by the late Professor Emeritus H. B. Musser, pioneer leader in turfgrass research and education, also a Green Section Award winner.

Dr. Grau assumes leadership not only of the Council but, by virtue of previous appointment by Mr. Krigger, he is Chairman of "The H. B. Musser Turfgrass Fellowship." This is an effort designed to raise a large fund which will yield income to support Turfgrass Fellowships leading to the Ph.D. degree. Dr. Grau soon will release an announcement on this subject.

In accepting the post of Executive Director Dr. Grau said, "The Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council will seek to bring even closer together all Turfgrass interests in the Commonwealth so that there will be one unified voice speaking for this very important phase of modern living."

Dr. Grau will be remembered by his many friends for his part in the development of Merion bluegrass, Meyer Zoysia, U-3 bermuda, and for his efforts to achieve higher education in turfgrass. With the late Mrs. Grau they achieved lasting fame in discovering and developing Penngift crownvetch which beautifies many highway slopes in the United States.

Dr. Grau's career in turfgrass started in June 1927 when he entered the University of Nebraska and began work on the turf plots under a U.S.G.A. Green Section grant. He earned the degree of Master of Science at the University of Maryland in 1933, then continued to earn the Ph.D. degree in 1935.

After ten years at Penn State as Extension Agronomist, working closely with Professor Musser, he was named Director of the U.S.G.A. Green Section. From 1953 to 1965 he was consultant to West Point Products, to Nitroform Agricultural Chemicals, and to Hercules, Inc. Since 1965 he has devoted full time to Grasslyn, Inc., the firm that he and Mrs. Grau created, founder of the crownvetch industry. There is not a phase of the Turfgrass Industry in which Dr. Grau has not made his influence felt. He has inspired many young men to choose Turf as their life's work. He is eminently qualified for the work ahead of him in the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council.

He is a Life Member of the American Society of Agronomy and of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In 1946 he and Professor Musser succeeded in having A.S.A. accept and recognize Turf as an integral part of agriculture and of the Society. He holds Honorary Memberships in several Golf Course Superintendents Associations and in 1954 was accorded the Distinguished Service Tribute by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. The U.S.G.A. Green Section Award was given to him January 24, 1969.

In carrying out his new and expanded duties for the love of Turf, Dr. Grau will divide his time between his business office in College Park, Maryland, and his farms near State College, Pennsylvania. The new address of the office of Executive Director, Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council, will be, until further notice, "General Delivery, State College, Pennsylvania 16801."