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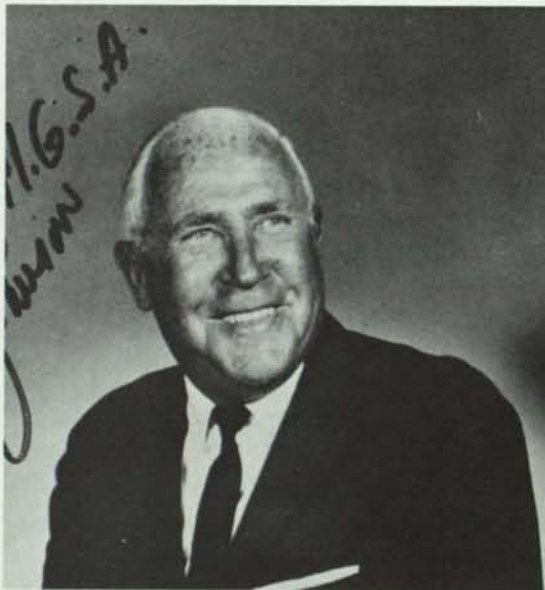
The President's Message

As I sit here contemplating my message for the month, many thoughts of the past and dreams of the future of our association flashed through my mind. I have been a member of the Midwest since 1946 and have met many wonderful men, I probably would never have met otherwise. And now as your president I hope that these are unselfish dreams which wish for us not that which will reflect favorably upon me, but rather that which will give us all what we would want and hope for.

I hope that we will always be ourselves. We have all been gifted with certain abilities, skills, and interest. And I would hope that we would develop these gifts and enrich ourselves, and those around us. I'm sure we all have a large measure of intelligence. Some of us more than others. But this really isn't important, for the measure of a man is not what native abilities he has, but what he does with them. I hope I will never influence any of you in a selfish attempt to make you into my own image. For you cannot be me, and I cannot be you. We should respect and accept each other as individuals.

I hope that the profession we have chosen will help make this a better world. Life is pretty short, and the older we get the shorter it will seem. We have very few years in which to exercise our abilities. And what a waste if we leave this world no better than when we arrived. Therefore, I hope we did not choose our profession only because it might give us comfort, status, etc.—but rather, I hope we chose it also to utilize our abilities to the fullest, and directly or indirectly make many people happy and enjoy life more. For people is what life is all about. And I sincerely hope that when we leave this life, at least a few people will be able to say that this world is richer because you and I lived in it.

I would also hope that we would be passionate men. That we will have the capabilities to get furiously and effectively angry at any injustice or wrong. I would rather have us angry people that polite conformists. Oh, I may not always be happy about our decisions and actions, but I think I would rather have us on the side of outrage than on the side of complacency. I hope we will be passionate men.



News of the passing of Norman C. Johnson has reached us from Fort Myers, Florida. The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents join together to extend their sympathy to the family.

Mr. Johnson was the founder of the Bull Sheet and took a great part in the development of the MAGCS.

The Editor hopes that he will be able to honor Mr. Johnson to great extent in another issue.