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ILLINOIS TURFGRASS FOUNDATION CONFERENCE

THE ILLINOIS TURFGRASS FOUNDATION announces their 10th ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE and SHOW, planned to be one of the most outstanding meetings of turfgrass ever held in the country, is having an extremely comprehensive educational program in conjunction with a large indoor trade show.

The entire affair will take place December 1, 2 and 3, 1969 at the new Arlington Park Towers Hotel and Show Centre in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

Dr. Jack Butler of the University of Illinois is arranging for noteworthy educators and consultants in the fields of turf to be speakers for sessions planned for Lawn, Athletic, Institutional, Industrial and Highway Turf as well as for retailers and garden suppliers. They will be delving into all phases of turfgrasses from problem weeds, insects and diseases to fertility, seed or sod, fertilization, maintenance, equipment, irrigation and much more — all this for your listening knowledge. And, you won't want to miss a highlighted evening Banquet with entertainment and hospitality rooms for that once a year 'get together' so many look forward to. Plan now to attend!

Exhibitors booth space and hotel reservations are being taken now by contacting PRESIDENT Robert G. Johnson, 349-8484 or SECRETARY Dorothy H. Carey at 349-7766.

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The President's Message

It annoys and disgusts me to hear people complain about the limitations of the community they live in. Comments such as "one horse town", "roll up the sidewalks after dark", or "there just isn't anything to do". Quotes such as these irk me no end. Because frankly, most of us have as much opportunity as anyone else in the world to do something about it. Every community has a road out and many have several, to take you away to areas that extend to you opportunities that you may be looking for. But so many of us fail to see the opportunities that are ours. Instead we only see the problems and the limitations that surround us, and fail to realize that any difficulties we may encounter could be opportunity in disguise.

I am sure we have all heard the excuse, that we were born in the wrong age. Every age and every situation would have been better than the one in which we find ourselves. There were opportunities in those days, but none now. I must admit I have been guilty of a few of these feelings myself.

Many of us like to think that opportunity is not distributed very equally. That some people get the better jobs and all the breaks. Actually, I believe most men get more opportunities than they can use. But that too few of us are prepared to take advantage of it when it presents itself.

In Rio de Janeiro, in 1886, the opera Aida was to be performed. When it was to begin, the conductor did not appear and the audience became restless. Someone finally appeared with the news that he was sick and could not conduct the concert (I believe it was later learned he had resigned without notice). The assistant conductor tried to direct the concert, but wasn't prepared and was booed off the stage. The concert master made an attempt to direct, but it was quickly realized that he definitely wasn't capable to do so.

Finally, in desperation the manager called upon a nineteen year old cellist who was already recognized by the orchestra as a very fine musician. But he was handicapped by very poor eyesight and had to not only memorize his own score, but also that of the en-