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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-

tire orchestra. And when he stood at the podium and closed the score, the audience Jeered — some probably thought it was a comic or a satire they had come to view. But as he raised his baton, they were silent. On his very first effort, he conducted the opera from memory and was a huge success. Arturo Toscanini, became one of the outstanding conductors this world has known, because he was prepared for the opportunity when it presented itself.

Just a few weeks ago I read, "The Conquest of Mt. Everest", by Sir John Hunt. Sir John Hunt was the leader of the group that made the first successful climb of Mt. Everest in 1953. Although the opportunity of victory went to Hilliary and a Sherpa (Nepal guide and porter) the ultimate success was a team effort. These two men stood on the summit only 15 minutes, but their success was with the help of many people who had tried and failed.

The knowledge of previous expeditions which had tried and failed, helped them. They were indebted to many people (48 in all, I believe) in their own group who carried the heavy loads of equipment. The men who did not make the final attempt carried the heaviest loads, so that those who were to make the final attempt could conserve their strength.

The two men who tried the final attempt, just before Hilliary and the Sherpa, reached a higher altitude than any before who had been there and lived to tell about it. When they were almost to the top they realized that because of their limited supply of oxygen and the coming darkness, their safe return to the base camp was endangered. So they gave up their attempt, but they left their oxygen there for those who were to make the successful attempt two days later.

On May 29, 1953, Hilliary and the Sherpa found the oxygen there. Their own supply enabled them to reach the top, but it was only because their teammates had left their extra oxygen that they were able to get back to the base camp alive. Opportunity then, is not just something that is for an individual, but it is a group effort whereby the whole life of man can be improved and bettered. And any person or organization that fails to enhance human personality is a liability and detriment to the growth and the development of better things to come.

Ed Wollenberg, President

## 17th Annual Turf Clinic Program

**"The Superintendent, His Qualifications, Responsibilities, and Requirements."**  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1969.

A.M.

- 9:00 Registration  
Howard Baerwald  
Ray Schei
- 9:45 Call to order  
Host Supt. — Welcome  
Edwin Wollenberg, Pres.  
John Jackman
- 10:00 Keynote Address  
Dr. J. M. Duich

### SESSION 1.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES AND REQUIREMENTS

Moderator — Joseph Canale

- 10:30 The Superintendent's Job  
Panel —

Private Club — Ronnie Rosset  
Daily Fee Club — Jerold Hanko  
Public Golf Course — Bertram Jannes

11:45 Questions

12:00 Lunch

### SESSION 2.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

Moderator — Richard Trevarthan

P.M.

- 1:30 Certification For The Superintendent  
Robert Mitchell
- 2:15 Turf Education at the College Level  
Dr. J. M. Duich
- 3:00 A Look at Labor and Pay Scales in the  
Chicago Area  
Panel  
Superintendent — Lee Record  
Labor, North — Carl Grassl  
Labor, South — Michael Bavier  
Labor, West — John Jackmon

4:00 Questions

5:00 Cocktail Hour

6:30 Banquet  
Toastmaster — William Heald

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1969

### SESSION 3.

Moderator — Edwin Wollenberg

A.M.

- 9:30 Construction Projects; Do It Yourself or  
Hire a Contractor — Roger La Rochelle
- 10:15 Policies About Playing Conditions  
Panel  
Renovation — Dr. Alexander  
Pin and Marker Placements —  
Robert W. Owen  
Golf Carts and Course Closed Policies —  
H. Frederickson  
Larry Runyon

11:30 Questions

12:00 Lunch

### SESSION 4.

Moderator — Lee Record

P.M.

- 1:30 Basic Irrigation Engineering  
Charles Stewart
- 2:10 Evaluation of a 2 yr. old Automatic  
Irrigation System  
Ted Sokolis  
Thomas Gilman
- 2:45 Purchasing a Modern Automatic Irrigation  
System  
Robert Williams
- 3:30 Questions and Summary  
Lee Record

**The MAGCS December meeting will be an afternoon meeting starting at 3:00 P.M. After the meeting you will be on your own. There is no scheduled dinner.**