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The President's Message

I believe the word "countdown" was first used with great importance in 1945, with the testing of the atomic explosions in Alamogordo, New Mexico. Now, the word "countdown" is commonplace as we watch the rockets and its astronauts blast off from Cape Kennedy on their way to the moon and in years to come beyond. And throughout the countdown, watching many gauges and dials, one man waits to make a decision on "yes" or "no" before the final blast-off.

Life is an everlasting countdown for all of us. We teeter on the edge of decisions, torn between "yes" and "no", wishing we knew the ending to our ventures before we risk the beginning. I have at times even resorted to superstitions to guide me. Just like some people rely on horoscopes and the flipping of a coin, "Heads-you-do-and-tails-you-don't."

Decision making is one of the major functions of our profession, and yet we find it incredibly difficult at times. I am sure we have all wished at times that someone else would decide for us and relieve the strain. I am sure the "decision maker" of the atomic bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima and killed or injured 150,000 people, had many moments of mixed emotions before and after — even though it expedited the end of World War II.

I am sure most of us will agree that neither horoscopes or coin flipping constitute a dependable base for decision making in any areas of our experience. Decisions are our own personal obligation, irregardless of the lonely feeling it may leave us with. To leave decisions in the hands of others takes away some of our freedom and denies us a personal responsibility.

Everyday we are faced with a countdown, a "yes" or "no", or a decision as we try to come to terms with the issues before us. We stand still or we mature in terms of choices and decisions that lead us this way or that way. And the harder the choice, the greater is our responsibility to grow in our chosen profession. A profession that has made so many peoples' lives more enjoyable, I hope, by our decision to become a golf course superintendent.

Ed Wollenberg, President

MAGCS ANNUAL FALL CLINIC

Plans for the 17th annual fall clinic to be held at Medinah Country Club November 18-19, are almost completed by the MAGCS educational committee. Key-note speaker will be Dr. Duich, well known Penn. State Turf leader, along with many Golf Course Superintendents in the Chicago area. Whereby, the Clinic was originally designed for superintendent participation.

WHAT'S NEW?

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burdett have returned from their 10th wedding anniversary trip to New York and the Boston area.

Bill Brady, formerly Barrington Hills superintendent, is now in Riverside, Calif. John Eble moves over to Barrington Hills Country Club.

Bert and Lea Ross visited friends in Chicago over Labor Day. Bert is at the Elcona Country Club in Elkhart, Ind.

Walter Fuchs, Sr., superintendent at Scioto Country Club, visited his sons over Labor Day weekend in Chicago.

Paul Voykin's book has received 40 to 50 reviews. Business Week, House and Garden are some of the recent ones. (House and Garden September issue). In Chicago Paul appeared on the Lee Phillips Show (Channel 2) and the Jim Conway Show (Channel 9). The Golf Course Superintendent received excellent publicity along with Paul's book on both channels. He has been invited back on both shows.