



### *The President's Message*

Thanks to the GCSAA for having myself and the other officers of our association to dinner one evening during their fall meetings at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago. A very open discussion followed dinner with full participation by everyone. It was very interesting to learn of the work load taken upon by the National Board. These men work hard!

Questions on certification and the pension were brought up. Certification is to be voluntary, not mandatory, for now. Unless many superintendents become certified under the national program, its overall effect will not be useful. The idea of the national instead of local associations controlling certification is for standardization. Since certification will be left up to the individual, the program is going to have to have some incentive in order to have full support. We have trouble enough getting members to meetings let alone spending time to become certified. The success of the program depends upon the support of all of the individuals who make up the local associations. Let's hope that the individuals who make up the Midwest Association will get together and help to make it a success.

The pension plan has been taken under advisement by the IRS. Let's hope it is accepted. If so, there will be a fine tax break for all who participate.

The annual MAGCS dinner dance was a suc-

cess and all who attended had a wonderful time. Many thanks go to Tom Gilman and Bert Jannes, co-chairmen; Marve Gruening, host; and their wives for their effort. The local commercial men are also to be commended for the fine array of prizes which they donated.

December is our annual meeting. Full participation of all voting members would be welcome.

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