



Ray Gerber receives plaque honoring him for 34 years of service to the Midwest GCA from Midwest president Dick Trevarthan.

Editorial

In the short time I have known Ray Gerber, I found that he is a dedicated, knowledgeable, fair, young at heart individual. For 34 years (he says it is 33½) he has not missed a meeting of the Midwest Association. In 1950, he served as president of the National Association and has been a bulwark of our profession since. His record should stand as an inspiration to all of us.

Turn the page and you will find the winning entry to the picture identification contest. It is also the only entry.

Answers:

- Top left - Hinsdale CC
- Top right - Silver Lake CC
- Bottom left - Edgewood Valley CC
- Bottom right - Hickory Hills CC

I won't print the superintendents names, it is too embarrassing.

The winner, by the way, is Bill Smart, from Newburgh, New York.

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I have been receiving considerable comment on pollution articles appearing in the **Bull Sheet**. Read, for instance, the letter from the Milwaukee Sewage Commission.

Dear Roger:

I read with interest the article on Phosphorus/carbon in the August, 1970, Bull Sheet. As you know, our organization has been involved in this phosphate detergent problem since detergents have been marketed. Your article was shown to our Chief Chemist, Mr. Larry Ernest, who sent me the enclosed paper that refutes some of the statements made in the Fact Sheets.

Although the arguments are loud and long from all sides, I thought you might be interested in the side opposite the Fertilizer and Detergent industries. With all the wild-eyed, self-proclaimed "ecologists" running around, it is difficult for anyone to get at the basic **facts**. Items taken out of context, misinterpreted, or omitted have polluted more peoples' thinking than DDT the soil or phosphorus the lakes.

It seems that there's a helluva lot more people with axes to grind than there are sharpening stones.

Sincerely,
James M. Latham, Jr.
Chief Field Agronomist
Turf Service Bureau

Although the text which Mr. Latham sent is too lengthy to print here, the following is its conclusion: "On the basis of the foregoing, the conclusion reached by most investigators previous to Kuentzel, is correct: that the reduction of phosphorus in effluents through curtailed use of detergents, or through tertiary treatment, will reduce significantly eutrophication of lakes, and will allow those already severely affected to begin their recovery through natural processes."

Another case of rebuttal came from Mr. Lewis of the Tuco Division of Upjohn.

Dear Roger:

I happened to notice in one of the articles in the May issue of the **Bull Sheet** that you were interested in the role of pesticides now and in the future.

I have taken the liberty of sending to you several reprints discussing the role of pesticides in our environmental system.