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### DR. BUTLER LEAVES FOR COLORADO

Dr. Jack Butler, a good friend to all of us in this area, has announced plans to leave the University of Illinois to take a position at Colorado State University. We are very sorry to see a good man like Dr. Butler go and wish him the very best in Colorado.

The Illinois Turfgrass Foundation is working very hard to see that the fine program at Illinois is continued. It has been suggested that possibly two men might be hired in this capacity, each working half on research and half on extension. These two men could "split" the state to cover it more effectively. The powers to be must be made aware of the tremendous economic importance to the state which is involved in turfgrass. Home lawns, golf courses, schools and highways make this an important industry.

The "powers to be" are:

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### PRESS RELEASE FROM

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Two time winner, D. W. "Bill" Adams, Topeka Country Club's Golf Course Superintendent will defend the O. J. Noer Senior Trophy at the G.C.S.A.A. Tournament in Phoenix in early February, 1971. The Sewerage Commission of the City of Milwaukee donates the trophy (a beautiful sterling silver tray) to honor the memory of O. J. Noer.

At the Noer Foundation annual meeting, President Orville Clapper stepped down in favor of new Prexy G. E. "Tex" Champion of Kansas City, Missouri. Re-elected to three year terms as directors were C. O. Borgmeier, Joe Graffis, Sr. and Anthony Grasso. New members recently elected were James M. Latham, Jr. and Dr. James R. Watson. Other officers are C. E. Daugherty, Vice President, C. O. Borgmeier, Treasurer, Joe Graffis, Sr., Assistant Treasurer, Frank I. Shuman, Secretary and Charlie Wilson, Research Director.

Dr. James B. Beard indicates significant progress on some phases of the Winter Injury studies at Michigan State University. The work is supported by the Noer Foundation. Soon to be reported will be (1) the effect of arsenical treatments on winter survival (2) use of protective covers (3) time of fertilizer application in relation to snowmold disease incidence and (4) nutrient levels in relation to cold tolerance. Mr. Robert Shearman is the graduate student pursuing these studies under Noer Foundation sponsorship.

The O. J. Noer Memorial Collection is progressing nicely at the Michigan State University Library. A recently received "gem" from Howard L. "Pop" Beckett of Atlanta, Georgia was the original Piper and Oakley book on turf culture. Lancaster Country Club's Bill Mellon and Kernwood Country Club's Albert Allen recently donated their entire collections. U.S.G.A. Green Section Director, Al Radko has been especially helpful in furnishing missing issues of the old Green Section Bulletins.

A fund of \$10,000.00 has been allotted to the Noer Memorial Collection for purposes of binding, indexing and assembling a complete bibliography. This should be ready in 12 to 18 months according to Dr. Beard.

Other library donations are earnestly solicited. Early books on golf architecture as well as turf maintenance problems are needed to make

the collection complete. The individual donor is honored by name on the inside cover of each publication received. The real benefactors will be turf students of the future who will finally have access to all the published information on turfgrasses at one central location.

Charles G. Wilson, Research Director

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### *The President's Message*

As I sit here contemplating my first message for 1971 as your president, I would like to wish all the members and their families a happy and prosperous new year. At this time of year most of the members are getting themselves and their workshops in order so they can take off to attend the convention or take a vacation with their family. I would like to let you know what is taking place in my area.

The State of Illinois Conservation Department at the present time has 5634 acres of land. This includes 2120 acres in Starved Rock State Park, 1523 acres in Matthiessen State Park and previous purchase in 1970 of 1991 acres. They still want 1037 acres in eleven parcels of land so that Starved Rock and Matthiessen State Park will be one big state park complex.

The reason I am writing about this land purchase is that Deer Park Country Club is included. The State has said that they will acquire Deer Park CC either by negotiation or condemnation. It will be a sad day for me after twenty-six years as superintendent and ten years as a caddy to see the state park take over. The State has a fight on its hands. Will keep smiling till then.

Joe Canale



### EDITORIAL

The educational committee has once again provided the members with a very interesting program. At the January meeting we were able to question Norm Kramer and Dr. Alexander on the subject of certification. There is considerable member interest witnessed by a new record attendance for a winter meeting. I have made comments in previous editorials about certification so I was particularly anxious to hear what they had to say.

For an hour and a half there was a battle for the floor and when the smoke cleared, I think our members had a much greater understanding and feeling for acceptance of the program. The speakers convinced me that they (Norm, Paul and the rest of the committee members for ? years) have thought this program out carefully. Their presentation was excellent!

I had heard of the certification effort for several years before the annual meeting at Houston and was very disappointed at the report given at this meeting. I was uncertain before, but after hearing the report, I was against certification. I don't like being compared to a CPA (Certified Public Accountant) which is, if I am not mistaken a legal distinction, nor to a CPS (Certified Professional Secretary). The fact that the Club Managers and Golf Professionals both have certification programs is important and wasn't even mentioned.

Since the annual meeting, several articles have appeared in the National magazine which answered questions about certification. Although many were answered, some remained unanswered, also, the program presented in the Superintendent was not the same as was outlined in Houston. I now think that the reason for the difference is that since Houston, Dr. Alexander has been retained to head the program. This seems to be one of the more "heads up" moves the GCSAA has made recently.

As indicated, many questions were thrown at our guests (actually Norm is a member of the Midwest) and their answers were to the point and informative. There were some questions, however, that they could not answer. Before getting to the questions, let me relate what I understand to be the program.

There are only three requirements for certification.

1. You must be actively employed as a golf superintendent.