



Editor

Editorial

WHY?

Why is the G.C.S.A.A. office to be moved to Kansas City? Because the membership has received no information pertaining to this, I have been forced to try to figure it out for myself.

The present office is centrally located, both geographically and in relation to population. Chicago is the hub of this country's transportation system and is, therefore, very convenient for arrivals and departures either by air, rail or automobile. The largest number of our members live in an area east of the Mississippi River and north of the Mason-Dixon Line. I can see nothing wrong with the present geographic location of the G.C.S.A.A. office.

Perhaps the Executive Committee feels that it is costing too much money to rent their office space. If that is the problem, it would be a simple matter to move just a few miles to lower rent facilities. If it is a question of to rent or not to rent, consider this: A few years ago a committee, consisting of three long time G.C.S.A.A. members, was appointed to investigate the purchase of land upon which the G.C.S.A.A. could build and own their own building. A site was found within a few miles from the present office. The price was reasonable. The Executive Committee declined to purchase this land. Today it is worth more than three times what it would have cost then.

Perhaps the cost of land is less in another area. Would the reduction in price compensate for the large expense that would be involved in moving equipment, records, furniture and **personnel**? In fact, would the present employees remain with the G.C.S.A.A. If not, are capable replacements available?

Therefore, G.C.S.A.A. Executive Committee, weigh the evidence before you make a final decision. And for gosh sakes, let us hear from you. "Why?"

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Response to the article authored by Bob Williams—"Greens Mowing is Not as Easy as It Looks"—has been very gratifying. Requests for copies have come from all parts of the United States.

John Jackman has completed a new #14 green on #3 course at Medinah. Also some drainage work.

Fred Opperman has rebuilt two tees and made some improvements in the drainage system at Glen Oak.

The new automatic two line irrigation system at Glen View Club has been completed. Bruce Sering is all smiles. Can you blame him?

Evanston Golf Club has also installed a new automatic system. This should make Bill Douglas very happy.

Robert Siebert, former employee at Glen Oak, has accepted the position of golf course and grounds superintendent at Naperville Country Club.

The editor apologizes for omitting Charles Shiley's name from the precipitation chart of Plum Tree National Golf Club in the November issue of the Bull Sheet.

The squirrels at Glen Oak have done considerable damage to honey locust trees by chewing the bark around the entire tree. These are large trees planted ten years ago. The top half will not recover next spring.

A complaint I have heard many times from a golfer who has putted on a green that has been aerified: "Had it not been for the holes, the ball would have rolled in." Why are the holes or some other small object to blame? To me, it should work both ways.

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The 1972 golfing season has made it's final appearance. It has left scars that will be remembered for a long time, some that will never heal. There were no lives lost due to weather conditions, but the appetites of many golf course superintendents sure were below normal for several months this past season. However, I suppose everything could have been much worse.

By this date the new budgets for 1973 have been presented to the green committee and approved. Were you lucky enough to have your last year's green chairman reappointed for another year, or is the new one the one you were hoping would be appointed? The old saying is there is always a silver lining. Some times it becomes hard to find.

With all the moisture this past summer and fall most of the turf grass roots are on the shallow side. This condition could call for some extra observation before the spring mowing season starts. Perhaps early aerifying this fall would give the grass plant a chance to produce some new roots before the cold weather stopped the growth of the plant.

Conditions were not good for construction work this fall. Clubs were fortunate in getting some greens, tees and sand traps built. One thing the wet season did was to show where it was necessary to install additional drainage tile or to indicate that the present tile needs cleaning because it was not working properly.

I hope every superintendent was in a position to get his irrigation system drained successfully this fall. With the high water table the drains may not function properly. I am sure all of you in the Chicago district have not forgotten what happened two years ago. It may be a good idea to check all the drains and valves before the frost gets too deep.

Surely your fall application of snow mold treatment has been applied. A later application may be necessary. That Bentgrass plant is really soft and may need a little extra attention before the next growing season starts. I presume at this date the new tree planting has been completed; that tree trimming and all dead tree removal has been removed from the agenda.

The payroll is down to the winter crew, working in the shop getting ready for the next season. When this time of year rolls around it gives the superintendent some time to spend with his wife and family. Treat them to dinner and a good show. I am sure the Mrs. will appreciate it.

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