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### *The President's Message*

The trouble with having a conscientious editor is that when he asks you to meet a deadline, he expects you to make it with no excuses. . . So here I am at the JOLLY ROGER Hotel in Sunny Fort Lauderdale trying to do just that for Ray Gerber, while brother Peter is playing golf and my old traveling companion of many years, Dudley Smith, is demonstrating "Jack-knife" dives off the high board to a blond from Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Since I always water to be a Travel Reporter, I am going to write banalities about our trip. We started from Chicago and traveled about ten miles before encountering about the worst traffic jam-up that Sergeant Ed Peterson of the helicopter weather patrol has even experienced . . . a ten car smash-up at the Indiana border. After waiting two hours for the police to clear up the jam, we proceeded through dangerous rain and sleet to Nashville. In Nashville we immediately commenced to conduct a fact finding investigation of the famous Printers Ally night life and ended the night by hearing the beautiful Serendipity Singers at Roger Miller's, King of the Road Hotel, before retiring.

We left the rain in Nashville and went through some very beautiful country with nothing eventful happening except a frequent craving for Dr. Pepper and southern fried chicken every hundred miles or so. In Tifton, Georgia, we had to leave the super highway to make direction for Tallahassee, Florida. It was while driving through a little deep south town of Moultrie, Georgia, that we saw a sight that delighted our eyes. Happy and smiling, black and white children were coming home from school except noticeably there was one significant difference from previous years. They were all coming home from the **same school.**

In Tallahassee we called superintendent Bill Schoenfield who gave us a warm welcome and gladly arranged an early morning game for us at his beautiful Killearn Golf Club. After an unsteady 18 holes and losing about a dozen golf balls, we arrived in Sarasota late that night, crawling snail-like through the restaurant franchise architecture of Tampa and St. Petersburg with our car. In Sarasota, the weather was gorgeous, and we spent two fun-filled days helping my youngest brother Rodney and his beauti-

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ful bride spend their honeymoon. It's great having friends who are in charge of Holiday Inns and nice members who own fishing boats. We went fishing, dining, golfing, and if you ever get to Sarasota, there's a great place for afternoon Schnapps on the harbor called Marina Jack's.

We drove a route to Fort Lauderdale that took us through fields of sugar cane and heavy orange groves. We were almost tempted to stop a couple of times and pick some oranges, but a friend of mine once tried that and got hit with buck shot by an angry farmer who was guarding his fruit groves from tourists.

The JOLLY ROGER Hotel is a nice managed hotel that has an inviting charm about it that other newer and more expensive hotels will never acquire. This is my fifth time here (second for Peter and Dudley). The weather is gorgeous and we swim and golf almost every day. Even with that exercise we are rapidly putting on weight because of the many excellent restaurants in Fort Lauderdale area. We have been to Dania at night to watch Jai-alai, and saw some great horses run at Gulfstream last Saturday. Man, what a life. I'll never complain about growing grass again — at least not until summer.

Wish you were here...

## Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents March Meeting

Wednesday, March 15th, 1972

PHEASANT RUN LODGE

St. Charles, Ill.

Peter A. Mirkes — Host

Luncheon Meeting — 1:30 P.M.

Cash-Bar

Indoor & Outdoor Swimmini

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Tour of Facilities

EXTRA, FOR THE LADIES

Pheasant Run Playhouse

Wednesday Matinee

Ticket Prices (include luncheon, theatre, & tax)

\$5.95 — 06.50

Luncheon - 1:00 P.M. — Curtain - 2:30 P.M.

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## LOCAL HAPPENINGS

The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents March meeting will be held at the Pheasant Run Country Club on March 15.

Amos Lapp, golf course superintendent at the St. Andrews Golf Club for the past 26 years and has a total of 47 years as a golf course superintendent was presented a quarter century G.C.S.A.A. pin at the January meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents by Ray Gerber. Forty-seven years as a golf course superintendent is one to be proud of and we congratulate him.

Rodney Voykin, the youngest brother of the Voykin's, was married on January 22, 1972. He also has been appointed golf course superintendent effective February 15 by the Deerfield Park District. Congratulations Rodny.

The Midwest Regional TurfConference will be held at the Memorial Center, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana on March 6, 7 and 8. See program for full details.

The Flower Show will be held at McCormick Place in Chicago on March 18-26, 1972. This is a show worth seeing. You should not miss it.

The Chicago District Golf Association will hold their annual green seminar at River Forest Golf Club on Friday, April 28, 1972. The topic will be Ecology. The final program will be mailed to you at a later date.

Ed Stewart and wife from River Forest C. C. has returned home after vacationing in Florida.

Don Gerber from Chicago C. C. and wife Lynn have also returned home from a trip to Florida and Durham, N. C., where he visited his brother, Gerald and family.

Another traveler, Ted Sokolis and family from the Village Links G. C. traveled to Denver, Colorado. Ted checked the skiing hills where the 1976 Olympics are to be held.

Bill Saielli, Superintendent at Indian Hills C. C. is vacationing in Florida. Hurry home.

Roy Nelson checked out early from the conference in Cincinnati due to a mishap by his wife. Hope it is not too serious.