

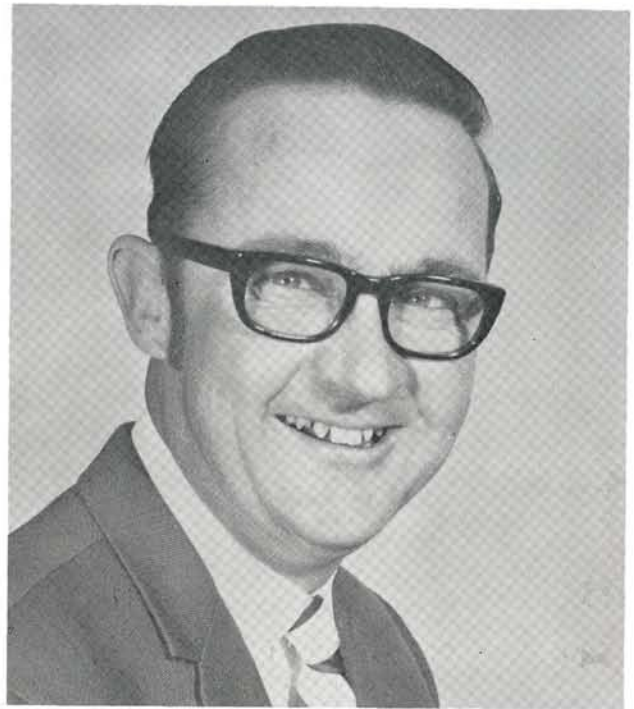
Ralph A. Hintz

The April 16th meeting will be held at Indian Lakes Country Club, Bloomingdale, Illinois. Ralph A. Hintz, superintendent, will be our host. Come out and enjoy yourself; get the season started with a round of golf and dinner; renew old friendships, especially those you have not seen during the past winter. Golf course open 10 A.M. if weather permits.

TONY MEYERS TOUR OF MEXICO

Saturday, February 10th Tony and Marge Meyers joined two couples from Naperville on a Cartan Travel Tour of Mexico City, Taxco (the Silver City) until the 14th, then on to Acapulco till Saturday. Their tour guide through Mexico City was an outstanding English-American speaking gentleman driving a 1959 Cadillac Limousine. Places visited there were the University of Mexico, the President's Palace, National Cathedral, Shrine of Guadalupe and the Pyramids, also enjoyed the Mexican Folklore Ballet. In Taxco had the opportunity to see silver jewelry, etc., being made and shops to buy same at much lower prices than home. The silver mine, which works three 8-hour shifts a day, was viewed from the De La Borda Hotel, where they stayed. The most enjoyable and relaxing part of the trip was three days spent in Acapulco, temperature 86 to 90° and sunshine each day.

Paul N. Voykin will be on the WGN 720 radio show April 4, 8-10 PM on the Jerry Thalberg — with horticulturist Carl Kleim. Paul incidentally was (believe it or not) stung by honey bees while raiding a honey tree last month. The weather was 15 above zero. His probing to get the honey woke the bees up and they angrily gave him a sting or two before freezing. Paul hastily used the famous scotch anti-bee serum — Cutty Sark and felt no ill effects except for a headache next morning.



Dudley Smith, President M.R.T.

PURDUE POTPOURRI

The Midwest Regional Turf Conference was held March 5-6-7 at Purdue University and another attendance record was set. Over 750 people registered for the seminar.

Robert Johnson, President of Illinois Lawn Equipment, presented a paper entitled "Obsolescence in Equipment" before the Wednesday morning session.

At the annual business meeting on Monday evening, Dudley Smith, Superintendent of Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park, was elected president of the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation for 1973. Dudley is beginning his 15th year at John Coghill's golf course. A graduate of Penn State in 1954, Dudley was educational chairman of the Midwest Association for several years, and served as our president in 1967.

Other new officers of the M.R.T.F. are:

James Timmerman, Orchard Lake, Michigan — Vice President

Donald Clemens, Pontiac, Michigan — Director

John Spodnik, Leroy, Ohio — Director

Dr. David Ralston, Louisville, Kentucky — Director

At the annual banquet Tuesday evening Mrs. Kay House, Professor Daniel's secretary and "girl Friday" was honored for 20 years devoted service. Mrs. House will retire in June. Mrs. Jo Horn will sit in to keep the typewriter warm.

Dr. William Daniel will host some foreign agronomists on an International Turf Tour at Purdue on June 24th and 25th.

The annual Field Day at the experimental turf plots will be Monday, September 24th.

The 1974 Turf Conference will be held the last week in February and NOT the first week in March to which we are accustomed. Please mark this change on your calendar. It would be nice to see a larger group from the Midwest Association in attendance, and hear some of our talented superintendents on the program.