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The President's Message

Recently I had occasion to talk at length with a young superintendent and he kept bringing up the questions of how he and other young superintendents could "relate" to our Midwest Association. After many words and much time, I think we finally agreed that the Midwest does offer many things to its membership. It gives each member a chance to meet with fellow superintendents and people in the industry, and exchange ideas, discuss problems of turf, labor and equipment, and be a sounding board for new ideas and methods. Last, but not least, it gives us an opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of other superintendents and friends. In the young man's mind, however, the question of "relating" still had not been answered.

According to my dictionary, the word "relate" means "to bring into or establish association, connection, or relation". In my mind, I see this working both ways. Earlier, I pointed out some things the Midwest could and does offer its members, but I think the real question is, what can the member, young or old, offer the association? Do you, as a member, participate in association affairs? Do you attend the majority of the meetings? Do you contribute to education through panel discussions, being a speaker at our fall turf clinic, or just contribute from the floor at a monthly meeting? How about the Bull Sheet? Have you ever contributed an article or passed on a newsworthy item to its editor? Have you attended a Fall dinner dance?

If you have answered no to many of the above questions, then I say to you that **you** are not "relating". If you have not done some of these things mentioned, get on the ball and try to do some of them. In other words "RELATE"!

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We, the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents, extend our sympathy to Mr. Chester Ranby's family. Mr. Ranby passed away on January 26, 1973. Known to his many friends as Chet, he was a golf course superintendent at several clubs in the Chicago District. Chet was a member of our association for many years.