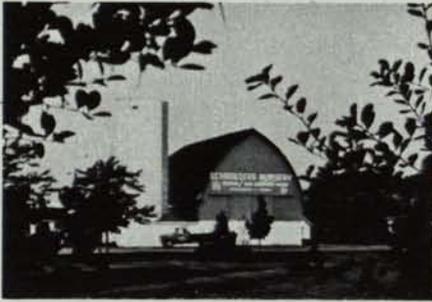


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A YEAR TO REMEMBER

Yes! Being president of a large association such as the Midwest is indeed a year to remember, a year that will linger in my fond memories for some time. After obtaining such a high pinnacle, I should hope to continue to actively support our association and not take the proverbial "lead balloon plunge." I do realize new ideas are coming forth at all times, and we must be willing to adjust as we do on our golf courses; thus, those that were in power must yield to new blood. As you well know, yield does not necessarily mean to stop giving of oneself completely.

Having spent one year in the highest office of our organization, one would think such a person could really accomplish all of his goals. Unfortunately, this is impossible, and I would have to say, to the contrary, it is somewhat of a let down, one thinking that more could and should have been accomplished.

The board for the past year did a commendable job of serving the members while also striving to maintain their golf courses (which still comes first) under very difficult conditions this year. We have come a long way from the meeting of the minds when our founders of this organization gathered together. Like the icebergs of the north pole, the membership unfortunately sees only a small portion of the work carried on by the board. The accomplishments have been many, but we still have only started picking a small portion of the "sea shells on the beach" and must realize that the end is not in sight. The new board will have to continue on this endeavor and will be rewarded for their untiring work. My heartiest support is with them.

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