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Fred Opperman, newly elected President receives gavel from out-going President, Mike Bavier.

*The President's Message*

I would like to thank the membership of the Midwest A.G.C.S. for their vote of confidence in electing me President of one of the largest and finest associations in the country. Fifteen years ago when I stepped on my first golf course to work I would never have thought that one day I would be President of such an organization as the Midwest. At that time the men running the Midwest were Warren Bidwell, Al Johnson, Frank Dinelli, Bob Williams, Ray & Don Gerber and Roy Nelson. How could a 21 year old kid who never saw a green aerified or even mowed a green comprehend being President of an association with men of such experience and knowledge?

I think it is quite a tribute to the Midwest Association when you come to think about it, of all the fine Superintendents we have who are recognized all across the country for their fine work in maintaining golf courses and for the way so many of these Superintendents have taken the time to instruct younger men in the field and help them along the way.

I would like to thank three men who helped me thru the years and guided my foot-steps in learning to become a Golf Course Superintendent. The first being Bob Williams when I worked at Bob O'Link, Ed Burke at Elmhurst C.C. when I was his assistant and the third, Ray Gerber, who is still guiding my wayward steps and keeping me in line.

The true back-bone of our Association is not only the officers and directors running our organization but the fine experienced Superintendents who sit in the background and give us guidance. It is the total membership that makes the Midwest Association what it is today and our outstanding publication, **The Bull Sheet** which spreads our thinking throughout the country with it's wide distribution.

The sympathy of the members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents is extended to the entire Ben Warren family, due to the death of Ben's wife, Lila Ruth Warren, a devoted mother of two sons, James and Robert. The death of Lila leaves a sad heart with her many friends who have known her for the past forty-seven years. It has been said many times, God always picks the best flowers first. This certainly was true on November 8th, 1975.