

## DIRECTOR'S EDITORIAL/ARTICLE

I'm not sure if the membership is aware that the Directors are all required to write (at least one) editorial or article each year. Since my office is the same office the "Bull Sheet" is prepared in, I more or less get a jump on others as when I will write my article. Of course, then too, I am at a greater disadvantage than all other directors. For I have that "Why don't you write an article for the Bull Sheet, Editor" constantly looking over my shoulder and asking if I will have the article by the 10th of the month. The 10th of the month in this office things really start to hum. Papers fly, calls are made, the waste baskets fill up and need to be emptied hourly, or so it seems. You know, stopping to think of the waste baskets being emptied so often, you wonder now what is being discarded and what is being printed. It might be interesting to edit the waste baskets to see what our fine Editor is editing. We know what he is printing but what isn't getting in print could be a newsletter in itself.

Our Turfgrass Clinic at Medinah C. C. this year, in my opinion and from the many comments I received, was a great success. It seemed from the show of hands, when asked if they liked a one day or two day clinic, the one day was the greatest vote getter. We had one of the highest turnouts in years with 156 registrations. Medinah Country Club outdid themselves with their fine hospitality. The luncheon and dinner were outstanding with the quantity and superb quality of the meals. We know that Medinah Country Club will take a back seat to no one in hosting the 75th U.S. Open next June.

Our speakers at the clinic this year all did an outstanding job in their fine presentations. Our problems with the C-15 disease which John Jackman, Dr. Vargas, and Dr. Bill Meyer discussed, brought forth some solutions and a greater insight into the problem that has plagued courses with C-15 greens. Ted Sokolis, Ken Quandt, and Charles Wilson, showed the failures of improper soil mixtures on greens and how the use of proper screening size of sand can improve the quality of a green. How the depth of the proper soil mixture can affect the water percolation in the soil. Our afternoon session dealt with the future of the golf course superintendent and our speakers here were varied. Mr. Jerry Claussen from the National Golf Foundation had statistics on most anything you needed to know. Paul Voykin read a paper prepared by Bob Williams who was unable to attend due to a severe cold. In Bob's speech he brought out what has been happening in the area, and of critical importance that some clubs have not been hiring the most qualified superintendents.

Dr. Paul Alexander gave his views of a corporate superintendent and the pluses and minuses of such a position. Tim Miles related his endeavors and failures in the past and went on to give some very thought-provoking suggestions on changes for the future.

The general manager concept was described by Mr. Harry Gray, of Exmoor C. C., with great finesse. He did an outstanding job on what to some superin-

tendents is a touchy subject. Dr. Kenyon Payne did a profound job on the analogy of the holes of a golf course and the responsibilities of the superintendent. All in all it was a good program.

At this point and time of year I would personally like to wish each of our members and readers a very Successful and Happy New Year in 1975.

Fred D. Opperman, CGCS  
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