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Fred Opperman — President.

The President's Message

This is the time of the year when job changes take place or, as some people put it, "the musical chair season". Unfortunately for some, and fortunately for others, these changes do take place. "Mother Nature" in her way has only the strongest, healthiest and wisest survive. In the wild this has proven to be the only way.

In our own world and positions this also is true. Unfortunately, what brings about one's downfall at times is that they were lacking in communication. They were not a communicator. Many problems and differences of opinion can be resolved if the parties involved would only take the time to sit down and discuss them openly. It is this discussion that can save many a job/position. In speaking of our own profession, it is our obligation to keep our membership and golfers informed of what is happening on and around the golf course. The majority of the membership or even our own Greenchairman may not be aware of how "Mother Nature" can throw us a curve with high humidity, heavy rainfall, and high temperatures. It then becomes our job to communicate with these people and inform them of what may happen, why it happens, what you are doing about it, and what the end results may be.

Being a communicator doesn't mean that you have to compose a lengthy detailed report (sometimes you may have to), it could be just a simple two minute phone call, a note to someone, a message on the chalk board or conversation over coffee. Item #1 for our "New Years" resolution: Be a Communicator!

The Board of Directors at its' last board meeting decided it was time to "Revive" the "Employment Bureau" which our By-Laws call for in Article VIII. It was decided to make the present President (Fred Opperman) chairman of the committee along with the two past Presidents. This, it was felt, would give the committee and the association continuity. The committee's job will be to find out if the position of Superintendent is open and any particulars about the job. We will do this by contacting the Greenchairman and/or the owner, what ever the case may be.

Our Midwest Association will be celebrating its' 50th Anniversary in 1976. With this in mind our membership certificates and wallet cards will be in gold. Also to upgrade our wall certificates we are offering to the membership a wood plaque similiar to the one that the national association has. Details of this plaque and cost will be coming to you with the next dues notice.

May I at this time extend a very sincere wish for health, happiness and prosperity for the coming year in 1976 to all our members and their families.

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