

## MIDWEST FIELD DAY AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY

With the name "Midwest Field Day", you might think that the day was put on for the Midwest Superintendents Association. However, the attendance showed the exact opposite--the lack of Midwest superintendents was a little disappointing. Illinois did have their field day just a week or so earlier, so some of you, I'm sure, felt attending one was sufficient. But, friends, you have missed something if you did not take in one or the other of these field days. The old saying, "Try it, you might like it" might be appropriate. What did surprise me was the attendance of so many commercial people and so-called "peddlers"--the ones we many times try to eliminate with our "holier than thou" attitude. I guess what I am trying to say is--where were all you guys that are so interested in improving yourselves and gaining knowledge?

Dr. Daniel has done a lot of experimenting with many different chemicals, fertilizers, turfgrass varieties, and just about anything else you want to mention. One of the real highlights of the Field Day to me (being an ex-football player and a true fan of the game) was going on the Boilermakers' playing field and seeing the outstanding turf they have established with the PAT System. Mr. M. L. Rober, Superintendent of Athletic Facilities, has worked with this field since April, 1974, and he has done a commendable job.

I have only touched on a few of the high points of the Purdue Field Day and would strongly recommend a visit next year. Also, if you just might have a few extra dollars in your budget, how about supporting the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation, along with our own state university program. They need your support, both monetary and moral.

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The annual Mexican open golf event at Briarwood C.C. was as usual a great success, made possible by the club's super, Paul Voykin. The food and refreshments were of the best choice. The two chefs in the picture had the spareribs so delicious, the golf score was not important.

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