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The President's Message

This being my last President's message to you, there will be a number of unrelated subjects to cover. Many people are not aware of the lead time that these messages and articles are prepared for the "Bullsheet". Mr. Gerber needs to have all items for the "Bullsheet" on the 10th of the month preceding the issue of publication. Many times then you can't comment on an event because it hasn't happened yet and yet it happened two to three weeks before you received your "Bullsheet". This is the reason why there is sometimes no comment on certain events and then you wonder why it was brought up months later.

The Illinois Turfgrass Foundation event is one of those events that I had wanted to comment on but due to the time schedule and other items I haven't done so till now. I was personally disappointed in the attendance of the superintendents at this affair and their financial support of this very worthwhile organization. There was hardly twenty superintendents present. The participation in buying raffle tickets, golf day tickets and any donations to the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation has to be rated as terrible if you consider the number of golf course and superintendents in the Chicago area. I feel that Dr. Turgeon deserves more support than what was shown. Those superintendents that attended the October 4th meeting at Butler National and heard Dr. Turgeon's talk are well aware of the tremendous research projects that he is conducting. He needs our support. Next year don't let him down like you did this year.

On September 13th I was in Toledo representing the Midwest at the "Golden Anniversary" celebration at Sylvania Country Club. I was very impressed with the display of old equipment and the fine shape it was all in. The many old pictures of past conferences and leaders of our national association were displayed in the clubhouse, along with the many hand tools of that era. Our Midwest film that we added a sound track to this past year was a big hit with the audience.

Arnold Palmer's speech, "Fifty Years of Progress", I felt came directly from a very sincere person. One of the key points that he brought out was that he felt people were getting too lackadaisical. He said that once they reached a certain point in their life or job and everything was going along fine they seemed to just coast then. They were resting on their past accomplishments and endeavors and this is what he

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