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October in our area of the midwest is associated with "Indian Summer" and the beautiful fall color of our trees. Unless you are the Superintendent who has a natural wooded course, it just may be up to you to see what kind of fall color you may have on the golf course and grounds.

Glen Oak Country Club has had a tree program now for nine years. Since they saw the hand writing on the wall, so to speak, of the rapidly spreading Dutch Elm Disease, the club decided to go into a very extensive tree planting program. Nine years ago the club had 238 beautiful elms, today we have 31 left and tomorrow???

In that nine years the club has planted 707 trees at a cost of \$52,434.13 or an average of about \$75.00 per tree. Of these 707 trees we have 33 species. We have 12 varieties of maples alone, 5 varieties of ash, 4 of locust and 4 of oak. When planting trees on the course we try not to plant more than two or three of the same species and variety in one grouping. We feel that we have learned our lesson with the elms in overplanting with just one species.

Since coming to Glen Oak I have kept accurate records of all the trees we have purchased. A master listing of all trees are kept and the date they were planted. During the nine years I am able to tell you how many trees we planted in each year and the species, variety, and cost. Cost factor alone is startling like everything else today. In 1969 the average cost of our trees were \$66.30 and in 1975 the average cost was \$130.15.

As you can see, nine years ago you could buy two trees for the price of one today. In our own program it is a good thing we started as early as we did. Today we have only to plant for the few elms we have left.

What about the fall color? My favorites are the Sugar Maple for its outstanding yellow and the Sweet Gum for its brilliant red.

The M.A.G.C.S. Annual meeting will be held at Butterfield C.C. on November 11, 1976. Art Benson, Jr. will be our host supt.

Milwaukee and Wisconsin Supts. Symposium, October 27-28, 1976. You all come!