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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to take time to thank everyone for their confidence in electing me to this office. It is a privilege and honor to serve as President of the MAGCS. The Board of Directors and myself will work to continue the high standards and traditions of this Association.

To get back to the subject at hand, this season has been one of unexpected events, becoming a day to day occurrence. With one of the coldest winters in many years to begin and one of the latest springs, add to this a dryer than normal year. The year is past, though, and it's time to sit back and look at the decisions we have made and second guess all that went wrong. Along this line is our Turf Clinic to be held at Medina Country Club the end of November, and in December the Illinois Turf will be meeting. This should give all of us a chance to talk to our member superintendents and exchange ideas.

It is astounding the amount of information that can be obtained and absorbed at these meetings, and if not from the speakers, just from associate superintendents. After talking to other superintendents, you can relate your problems with theirs whether the same or different, and gain valuable knowledge. In looking to the future for a more successful organization a thought comes to mind. It is not what you should do, but maybe what you should not do.

Joseph Grenko

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THE POINSETTIA

Clinging to this colorful and most popular Christmas plant is also a very sacred legend.

The early inhabitants of Mexico tell most earnestly that in Cuernvaca, Mexico, it was the custom for every church and chapel to have a manger in which lay an image of the Infant Savior.

On Christmas Eve the village folk flocked into these places to decorate them in His honor with flowers.

On one Christmas Eve, in the outer district of Cuernvaca, a small dark eyed child grieved and mourned because she had no flowers to take to the manger of the Christ. But, as she cried, a beautiful angel appeared before her and said, "Lovely child, weep no more. Go pluck a weed from the roadside, bring it to the altar, and wait." The little girl arose and did as the angel had told her, and when she had placed her weed on the altar it immediately became a vivid scarlet whorl. And today the Mexicans will tell you that is the reason why the poinsettia is today the most prized of all Mexican flowers for Christmastide.