



Editor

## MIDWEST BREEZES

Our Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents 24th Annual Midwest Turf Clinic is now past history. It will be one that those of us present will never forget. The sudden death of Mrs. Fred V. Grau during the lunch hour on Dec. 2nd was tragic. It will remain with those of us present for the remainder of our lives. Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Dr. Fred Grau** who is a good friend and loved by all of the golf course superintendents with whom he has been associated.

**Dr. Fred Grau** has asked that in lieu of flowers, all expressions of sympathy be made in the form of contributions to the Musser Turfgrass Foundation directed to "Francis Holykoe Grau Fund". Send checks to:

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**Dr. Grau** was the keynote speaker on the opening session in the morning of Dec. 1. The theme was "50 Years of Beautiful Golf Courses".

The moderator, **Robert Williams**, as usual did a marvelous job. "The 50 Years of Experience Panel", consisting of **Bill Stuppel**, **Charles Shiley**, **Dr. Fred Grau** and editor **Ray Gerber** with a combination of approximately 300 years in golf course and turfgrass work, explained what conditions were like going back as far as 1908. We could have carried on for a couple more hours but the moderator, having a taste for food, cut us off because it was time for lunch.

The two films taken 50 years ago showing what golf course maintenance was like at that time created considerable interest. The afternoon session, "Water and Erosion Control" with **Mike Bavier** as moderator, was very interesting. **Robert Sasman**, "Illinois State Water Survey", **Dr. Grau**, "Erosion Control with Ground Covers", **John Lebedevs**, "Controlling Algae and Aquatic Weeds", **Robert G. Lukas**, "Erosion Control Along Pond and River Banks", and **Dr. Mervin Browne**, "Lake Aeration".

The guest speaker at the banquet was **Leo E. McNamara** who represents Wilson & Walter Hagen Co. Mr. McNamara had with him a collection of golf clubs going back to the beginning of golf, a worthy collection and most interesting.

Thursday morning moderator **Roger LaRochelle**, with an excellent clear voice, was on the ball introducing the speakers for the morning session. **Carl Schwartzkof**, "50 Years of Golf in Scotland"; **Fred Opperman**, "Award Winning Landscape at Glen Oak C.C."; **Art Benson, Jr.**, "Trees, Their Trimming and Care"; **Dick Nugent**, "Proper Planting of Trees, Types, Loca-

tions"; **Tom Morrison**, "Controlling Ornamental Insects and Disease, New Dutch Elm Control"; **Richard Lamkey** was the moderator for the final session. **Dennis Fulton**, "Irrigation Installation Vibratory Plow"; **Dr. Fosler**, "Annual Flower Planting"; **Ted Mochel**, "Creative Flower Planting". Those of you who were not present missed a top educational program. This did not just happen by itself, it required considerable planning, many telephone calls and writing letters by the Educational Committee under the guidance of Carl Grassl, chairman. We all thank you, Carl.

Twenty-four years ago, Medinah C.C. was host to our first clinic and have been host for many of them during these past years. The Midwest Association is very lucky to have a club like **Medinah** with wonderful facilities, perfect location, exceptionally good food and our super host Superintendent **John Jackman** who takes care of most everything - even the weather. We thank you and the best of everything for the coming year.

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Congratulations to **Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Voykin**. Mrs. Voykin gave birth to a lovely 7 lb. girl at Highland Park Hospital.

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It is not too early to start making plans for the G.C.S.A.A. conference in Portland, Oregon. A large group traveling together can get lower rates. Certainly worth checking out to determine the difference in cost.

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The photographer is sorry he did not get a picture of moderators **Bob Williams** and **Mike Bavier**.

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The Editor thanks every one that contributed to the success of **The Bull Sheet** during 1976 and a special thanks to the advertisers for their very important part.

The members of the M.A.G.C.S. sends their Holiday Greetings to all and wishing you a prosperous New Year.

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Golf course Supt. **Peter Bild** has accepted the position at Plum Tree National G.C. due to the retirement of **Charles Shiley**. Good Luck, Peter.

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Congratulations are in order to three super Golf Course Superintendents who will receive the Golf Course Supts. Association of America distinguished service award at the annual conference in Portland, Oregon.

**Robert Williams**, Bob O Link G.C., Highland Park, Ill. **Harold Stodola**, Mendokota C.C., St. Paul, Minnesota. **Paul E. Weiss**, retired, Emmaus, Pennsylvania. All past G.C.S.A.A. presidents have earned this award many times over in the past years.

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January 17 meeting - Elmhurst C.C. Educational speaker from Pratt & Lambert Paint Co. Slide presentation on different types of paint for all surfaces and preparing surfaces.

### Superintendent Trainee Wanted.

Send full resume to **Richard Trevarthan**, Superintendent at Prestwick C.C., Frankfort, Ill. 60423. Phone: 815-469-5903.