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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Once again the seasons turn, the sun greets the Eastern sky at an earlier hour and fades away beyond the Western horizon later and later each day. Another Winter is behind us; thank God for small favors!!! Many years from now our grandchildren will listen to our tales of woe. "Did I ever tell you about the bitter, record cold Winter back in '76 and '77?" "Over five feet of frost in the ground, many days your Grandpa couldn't even leave the house; had to stay couped up with Grandma!" (Wasn't all that bad though).

But now that the flowers are blooming and the POA has those funny white flowers on it, the thermometer registering -25 is gladly tucked away as a part of the past. It's time now, to prepare for Mother Nature and all the beautiful weather she will be providing for our turf. Disregarding the bitter cold, many good things happened this past Winter. Our Turf Clinic at Medinah Country Club was outstanding. Portland, Oregon and the state of California provided many enjoyable hours, and our booth at the Flower Show was a great success.

Our Directors and Committees have worked hard and have arranged a great 1977 monthly Turf Symposium schedule. Here's hoping for a truly great turf year for everyone!!!

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**DID YOU KNOW???**

Trillions of gallons of water fall on the U.S. every day. This equals about 20,000 gallons of water a day for every American or about 30 inches of water annually. About 21 inches of this water will evaporate, and run off will claim most of the other 9 inches of water. This leaves only about 1% of the earth's water for use by mankind. The rest ends up in the ocean and is too salty to use or it becomes locked in the polar ice caps. One third of our country's land is forested. However, 20% of the forested land is of no commercial value. More than 5,000 types of products are made every day from forest trees. On the average, every person uses 200 board feet of lumber, 480 pounds of paper and numerous other wood products every year. Luckily wood is a renewable resource. Let's keep it that way. Avoid forest fires and pollution through litter.

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