



Editor
MIDWEST BREEZES

The MAGCS 25th Annual Clinic, held on November 30th, was one of our best educational meetings. We are grateful that the Medinah Country Club provided their outstanding facilities for our use. Our first clinic, a two day event with outdoor temperatures of nine degrees below zero, was held at Medinah. All of us extend our appreciation to host Superintendent John Jackman and Manager Bob Nelson and his staff. Their efforts were a very significant part of the success of the clinic that was attended by one hundred forty. The moderators and speakers deserve special recognition. Although it was the first time for some of them, they demonstrated an ability to prepare and present their subject material in a very professional manner. They are to be commended.

Dave Fearis, CGCS at the Country Club of Peoria, gave a presentation at the National Institute of Parks and Grounds Management on "Modifying Equipment to Meet Your Needs".

Reports are that some people who will attend the GCSAA Conference and Show in San Antonio will be driving their car. This sounds like a good idea because there are many interesting places to see in the great state of Texas. To get a free book about these interesting places, write to "The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Travel and Information", P. O. Box 5064, Austin, Texas 78763.

The January 10th meeting will be held at the Arrowhead Golf Club. Supt. Robert Breen will be our host.

This is the time of the year that friends get together and wish each other Health and Happiness for the coming year. The **editor** joins in with the same wishes. The **Bull Sheet** had a very good year in 1977. This was made possible by our **advertisers** and **Ever-Redi Printing**. Our wish for a prosperous 1978 is extended to all of you.

Numerous Christmas party gatherings take place before the Holidays. **Walter** and **Bonnie Fuchs** of Turf Products held their annual Christmas party on December 2nd. The refreshments and food were beyond my capability of giving proper credit. There was one thing that was missing this writer looked for and could not find. It was the **mistletoe**.

On December 16th **Adolph Bertocci**, Supt. at Lake Shore C.C. was host to his annual Christmas party for many of his friends. It appears the number of friends grow each year. And Adolph being the type of man he is, it is understandable. The editor is happy to be one of them.

The food was more than ample and of the best and the number of varieties ran into numbers too high to remember.

Two of the young ladies in the picture acted as bartenders and what a remarkable job they performed. I am sure a percentage of male bartenders could get some good pointers in watching these ladies perform.

The lady with the dark glasses, furnished the entertainment and what a marvelous voice she has.

The sad part about a party of this nature - it will be twelve long months before another Bertocci Christmas party.



AERIFYING BLUE GRASS FAIRWAYS

Woodridge Golf Club, as well as many of the daily fee golf courses, allow golfers to play as long as weather conditions permit in the fall, as long as no damage is done to the ground. Therefore, we delay aerifying our blue grass fairways as long as possible before the ground freezes, due to the fact that the plugs from the aerified holes stick to the golfers shoes and hand cart wheels. Last year we were about half finished aerifying our two courses when a three inch snow fell. The ground underneath was not frozen, same as this year, so we continued aerifying to do an excellent job. This year on Nov. 28th we did likewise, and finished Dec. 1st. Weather permitting, within the next couple of weeks we will then apply 200 lbs. per acre of 5-20-30 fertilizer and this is the only treatment our fairways will get for the whole year. We have been doing this for the past eighteen years and results seem very gratifying.

Tony Meyer, Supt.