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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The longer one endures on this earth the more one is apt to be plagued by failing eyesight, thinning hair, arthritis, and "the heartbreak" of psoriasis. Nature, to compensate for this, collects in the world's finest computer, the human brain all the knowledge and bits of information gathered in that life time and stores it until needed. This accumulation of information is called experience.

Experience is but one of the qualities that **Bob Williams** will take into retirement with him. Ingenuity, creativity, and leadership have all been demonstrated by Bob over the past forty years. His farsighted approach and high degree of perfection have become a Bob Williams trademark. There are many accomplishments that will be discussed at the Bob Williams dinner that will highlight M.A.G.C.S. Turf Clinic to be held at Medinah on November 27 and 28.

I am sure that those more knowledgeable than I will have much to say about the practices and procedures that were developed by Bob Williams. I feel that as we honor Bob we also honor our profession, and while he has had outstanding success as a Golf Course Superintendent, his goals are the same goals we all strive to attain.

As might be suspected in an association the size of ours, there are some who think it improper to single out an individual for recognition. This is not and never has been the opinion of the Board of Directors or the majority of the membership. That Bob was asked to be the keynote speaker at the Midwest Clinic is evidence of the respect the Education Committee and the Board have of him.

If you will go back and re-read Bob's credentials you will find that they can be applied to another who is to be feted this month--**Carol McCue**, who on November 13 will receive the "National Golf Foundation's Herb Graffis Award". Carol, who has been a friend of the Golf Course Superintendent's for more years than a gentleman would mention, is more than worthy of the honor she will receive.

November is the month that concludes my term as President. I would like to express my thanks to all who have hosted our monthly meetings; to **Ray Gerber**, for his fine job "as usual" as Editor of the **Bull Sheet**; to **Paul Voykin** for his P.R. work, and to the Board for their efforts and cooperation.

So much for the niceties! It is becoming quite apparent that the Association has come to a crossroads, and in the not too distant future, a decision must be made as to the role it is to play.

There is the possibility that with the "Midwest

Regional Turf" and the "Illinois Turf Foundation", there is need for the M.A.G.C.S. to play little more than a sponsor role in solving turf grass problems. Perhaps that is why we have become more interested in the social aspects--the golf outings, the dinner dance, the hospitality room!!

I personally feel that the association should do whatever is necessary to continue to exist.

The worldly changes that have occurred since the formation of the M.A.G.C.S. are almost beyond comprehension, and to expect M.A.G.C.S. to doggedly stick to its original concept is unrealistic. It might not be necessary to make any radical changes, but rather to remain flexible and bend with the wind.

Dear Mr. Gerber,

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners and staff of the Wheeling Park District, we are pleased to announce the recent hiring of two new members to our Chevy Chase Golf Course staff.

Mr. Brian Feldhaus has been hired as the full time Golf Course Mechanic. Brian is a young person that shows good interest and potential for his future.

Mr. Leonard Schnepf has been hired as Golf Course Superintendent. Mr. Schnepf has been employed for turf maintenance and related fields for over 20 years with the Itasca Public Schools buildings and grounds maintenance, George A. Davis Inc., Brookwood Golf Course and Chicago Toro.

Len is a member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Class A, and a member of the Midwest G.C.S.A. Class A. He has a certification with the National Landscape Institute and has a Applicator License with the State of Illinois.

This letter will serve to also identify our staff to your organization, company and members.

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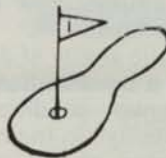
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