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One of the presentations given at the G.C.S.A.A. Conference in St. Louis was of considerable interest to this editor. The talk given by **Dr. Jim Watson**, Vice President of the Toro Mfg. Co., was very important. I hope everyone present took plenty of notes and will reread them and not forget what he said, they are valuable. Don't brush them off as just ordinary talk, because in the future you may find yourself or your children without water. As **Dr. Watson** said, start to conserve on water now or you may end up being sorry.

Another part of the afternoon program was a talk given by **Roger Thomas** from the Jacobsen Mfg. Co., it pertained to over grooming the club grounds. This could save the club a considerable sum of money on labor, cost of gas, and oil, and unnecessary wear on the equipment. **Mr. Thomas** stated the cost of maintaining a golf course is increasing each year and this could be one way of holding down the rising cost. I am sure there are other remedies that could also be added. One way could be to give a project a second thought before starting.

I am sorry to inform you of the death of **George A. Davis**. Mr. Davis passed away the last week of February, 1980 in Hawaii. He was the founder of the George A. Davis Co. many years ago and was always a great booster for the golf course superintendent. **Mr. Davis** was a member of the M.A.G.C.S and the G.C.S.A.A. He will be missed by his many, many friends.

Now for some good news! Our good friend, **Bill Nadler**, President of Nadler Harley-Davidson Sales in Aurora, IL is back home and feeling fine after a stay in the hospital. Take it easy, Bill. We all want to continue to see you around our M.A.G.C.S. meetings. They would not be the same without you.

On Wednesday, February 7 **Mike Bavier** and **Paul Voykin** traveled to Kishwaukee College to give a presentation about, on the job experience and a preparation of a resume to Richard DeLano's 8 a.m. class. Mike and Paul were very impressed with Professor DeLano's work and the enthusiasm of the students. The unique solar energy greenhouse built by the students was particularly worthy of recognition.

The M.A.G.C.S. March 10th meeting held at Nordic Hills C.C. was a very successful and a most educational one. 87 members and guests enjoyed the afternoon of bowling and swimming, also some racquetball. A delicious dinner was served at 7 p.m., followed by an educational program presented by Mesomet Inc. on the amount of work that is required to determine what the weather will be in the near future. Very interesting.



Dr. Bill George

Dr. George from the University of IL explained to us what has taken place at the University after the resignation of Dr. Turgeon and Dr. Street. It appears everything is moving along very well. Keep your support moving in the U. of I. direction.

The M.A.G.C.S Monday, April 7 meeting will be held at Woodridge G.C. **Anthony Meyer**, Supt. will be our host. Golf will be available if the weather and conditions permit. See you there.

A new turf managers' handbook is now available to those of you who are interested in turfgrass and soils, and also many other operations. This is a recent book of over 400 pages. Written and edited by **Dr. William H. Daniels**, Turf Specialist and **Dr. R. P. Freeborg**, Professional Turf Technician from Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.

Ray & Julia Gerber celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on February 18, 1980. A lot of water has gone over the dam in that length of time, and it was good water. No contamination.

Ben Warren:

Mr. Ben Warren received an award for his many contributions to the turf grass and sod growers industries. Ben was honored at the Midwest Regional Turf Conference Banquet - Purdue University. This Banquet was held Tuesday, March 4, 1980.

Ben received a plaque to honor him as Mr. Turf in 1980. Ben's wife **Dorothy Warren** was present as he received this award. The plaque was inscribed, "Ben Warren A Grass Salute to Mr. Turf", **Midwest Regional Turf Foundation**.

Ben was also a speaker for 2 lectures during the Midwest Regional Turf Conference. The talks Ben presented were: Research and the Sod Industry, and Sodding America.

Dr. Bill Daniels:

Dr. Daniels received an award for his 30 years of outstanding service at Purdue University. **Dr. Daniels** received his award at the Midwest Regional Turf Conference Banquet, after he was roasted by some of his proteges. **Dr. Daniels** received a beautiful walnut bridge table and 4 matching chairs. The plaque honoring him was flush mounted in the center of the bridge table.