



MIDWEST BREEZES

Wedding bells will be ringing at the home of **Donald and Lynn Gerber**, Wheaton, Illinois the later part of June, when their daughter will become the bride of **James DeBoer**. Donna is the lady that counted the steps that it took her to mow number 7 green last year at Chicago Golf Club. It required 3,200 steps, or equivalent to 1¼ miles. I wonder if she will count her steps when walking down the church aisle.

Congratulations **Donna and Jim**. We all hope the wind will always be to your back.

On April 20, 1981 this editor stopped in for a short visit with **Oscar Miles**, Supt. at Butler National Golf Club, the home site of the Western Open Golf Tournament. I am sure you remember the unfavorable remarks made in regards to the playing condition of the turfgrass on the greens in 1980. My observation is that this is all past history. After considerable reconstruction, the greens, tees and fairways were seeded with Peneagle. With a few more weeks of good growing conditions, there should be more smiles than frowns. **Oscar Miles** reports that if you bring your 1981 golf course Supt. membership card to the entrance gate, you will be admitted.

Most everything or everyone has a birthday; even the **Bull Sheet** has a birthday. Starting with the June 1981 issue the **Bull Sheet** will be thirty-five years old. It started as a two page mimeographed publication and has grown to twenty pages. The companies that advertise in the **Bull Sheet** not only expose their product to the proper people, it also brings in revenue for the **Bull Sheet**. If it were not for them we could not put out a publication such as the **Bull Sheet** is. Many times I have been asked what the cost is to publish the **Bull Sheet**. The cost of the April issue was, to have it put in your mail box, two dollars and thirty-three cents each. When someone wants me to put so and so on the mailing list there are times it becomes necessary to say "no".

During these past thirty-five years there has been several editors, but only one printer, The Ever-Redi printer in La Grange, Illinois. We thank them for the good job they have done for us and I am sure there were times it required a little patience. I am happy to report that we have several advertisers that were in the first **Bull Sheet**.

A big thanks to all of you that helped make the **Bull Sheet** a popular publication. The next time you are ready to make a purchase remember the **Bull Sheet** advertisers. We need them and they need us.

On April 28 **Paul Voykin's** best friends met at Hackney's in Wheeling to help him celebrate his big 5-0-. Paul, however, is taking President Reagan's cut back program to heart and is chopping five years of his age down to 45 which he claims most girls think he is anyway.

Editor note - Better start dyeing your hair again, P.V.

No doubt you have noticed in the **Bull Sheet** that **Bob Williams** name is no longer listed as the associate editor. Bob suggested to remove it due to him living in Florida for six months of the year. I am sure everyone joins me in thanking him for his **Bull Sheet** support for all the many past years, and also in being responsible for its name.

Dear Ray,

Summer soon will be here and the caution call, "Ready on the left, Ready on the right, Ready on the firing line", will come into effect.

"EMOTION"

To face the turmoil of Summer's fling,

Superintendents are blessed with a special thing.

Ability to adjust to Summer's fickle ways,

Heed Golfer's desires and nurture overplay.

To encompass the problems Summer can spout,

Knowing the adversity they face in the bout.

To keep on smiling and be of good cheer,

In light of the problems they face every year.

How wonderful it is, when they can say,

Good morning! How are you? Have a good day!

Superintendently,

Kenneth R. Zanzig
Green Garden C.C.

DETERMINE TRACTOR SPEEDS

The speed at which tractors operate on golf course turf whether for grass cutting or spray applications are extremely important to an efficient maintenance operation. Here is an easy method of determining the correct speed as described by Dr. John Biemer, Area Weed Specialist, Corpus Christi, TX in the North Texas Turf Culture of January 1981.

To determine the correct MPH, set the throttle to give the desired field speed and make this setting. Set two stakes 88 feet apart. (88 feet is 1/60 of a mile or 88 ft./minute = 1 MPH.

With the throttle set, check the time in seconds it takes to drive the course. Repeat and get an average number of seconds to travel 88 feet. Divide 60 by the number of seconds to drive the course and this will give speed in MPH.

Example: It takes 12 seconds to drive 88 ft. — $60 \div 12 = 5$ MPH.

Dear Dave,

Thank you and the Midwest for honoring me with membership in your Association. I am most appreciative and grateful for this honor.

Recently I gave a paper on "Research Review of Sand" at the Midwest (Purdue). Am enclosing a copy for your (and Ray's) consideration. Should you choose to run it please note that it was presented at the Midwest Regional Conference.

Dave, thank you again for the membership. Enjoyed your company in Anaheim and shall hope to see you this coming summer.

James R. Watson
The Toro Company