



EDITORIAL

DISASTER - "D" stands for the **disease** which seemed to be present throughout this year. "I" stands for **instantly**, which best describes how fast the **Poa** seemed to die during the hot, dry weather of July. "S" stands for the **storms** which swept through many parts of central Illinois in early July, uprooting large trees and causing extensive damage. "A" stands for **Ataenius** which appeared this summer to further compound everyone's problems. "S" stands for the 6" of **snow** which hit central Illinois in mid-April and was the "kickoff" for such a memorable season. "T" stands for the constant high **temperatures** which characterized this summer. "E" stands for the **evaluation** which many of us will be making in reference to our maintenance programs as crabgrass control, disease prevention, irrigation, etc. Lastly, "R" stands for the **rest** which all golf course supts. now need after this testing summer.

Disaster would be an adequate description for the summer of 1980. This issue of the Newsletter was supposed to contain articles describing the floods which hit the southern California courses in February; the heat wave in Oklahoma and the tornadoes in Baltimore and their effects on the courses in those regions. However, I did not receive replies from the superintendents which I contacted in those areas. One reply, which I did receive, was from Dick Malpass, GCGC describing the effect the volcano (Mt. St. Helens) had on the courses in the Northwest. Dick, a past president of the GCSAA, wrote a very interesting article on the subject. I certainly appreciate his article and thank him for it.

Rich Hoadley, superintendent of Kaufman Park G.C., Eureka, IL also wrote a very good article on the flood damage to his course in June. This was Rich's first year at Kaufman Park, and with the floods in June and the hot summer, it was not an easy first season for him. However, Rich did an excellent job and his hard work is showing up on the course.

As bad as this summer has been, it has accomplished

one thing for us. It has opened many golfer's eyes to the realization that improvements must be constantly made to a golf course in order to keep it in good shape. Now is the time for the golf course superintendent to sell a renovation program or to stress a long range planning program for his course. It is the perfect opportunity for us to exhibit our salesmanship abilities. Also, it is an excellent educational opportunity for us to organize our CIGCSA January meeting on the subject of renovation. As Marvin said in his President's Message, a lot of grass was lost this past summer. What is everyone doing to renovate their courses so that a repeat of this past summer will not happen again? Hopefully, the Board can **organize** the January meeting so that we will have speakers, certain subjects to discuss, and a coherent, educational program. Let's not have one of those "everyone bring your slides and show them" type meetings. I know that I would certainly appreciate the opportunity to see what other superintendents in the area did to improve their course's conditions after this summer.

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