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**OLD FRIENDS**  
**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dog-gone-it, my friend Ray died. He will be eulogized by other people who knew him better than I did. He is very popular as Ray was always a Greenkeeper's friend, having been in the business for so many years. Word spread fast among the MAGCS members. He died on a very nice day, while all his friends were out taking care of their golf courses not knowing that Ray was probably looking down. Ray would know what really should be done to have those courses looking good. Ray was a conservative Greenkeeper that knew how to water; keep true, firm-fast greens. He had seen it all. Thanks for helping us younger guys, Ray. Thanks for doing such a thorough job on **The Bull Sheet** as Editor. Thanks for being a leader in the "Midwest" and the "National".

While I am talking about old friends, there is another fellow that I used to work for by the name of Walter Fuchs, Sr. He has been the Golf Course Superintendent at beautiful Evanston Golf Club for at least 10 years. Walt has decided to retire. I guess he figures he finished his job there. Walter has completely revamped the drainage system at Evanston. We used to do regular maintenance on the golf course during the morning hours then go on to drainage projects until dark. There is one thing that Walter knows how to do. He knows how to work. I can remember thinking to myself after a long haul out on the courses, "How much longer can we keep this kind of schedule up?" He could tell when I was pooped. That's when he'd take me into the clubhouse, give me a cup of coffee and a little pep-talk. "Pete", he'd say. "The golf course is our bread and butter. We have to keep pushing. It's hot and we have so much to do. We can't get any farther behind. You'll understand someday when you get your own golf course." He knows what he was talking about. Last year Walter and his crew completely rebuilt the Evanston Golf Club's course. The job was monumental. He did a great job at Evanston. The next guy to work there is really gonna have his hands full, because he'll be following one of the hardest working and knowledgeable Superintendents that ever was. Good Luck Walter and enjoy your retirement.

We all have our own way of doing things. Ray and Walt did things the way they knew best. They are both men to emulate as they have wonderful families, they kept good golf courses, they helped fellow superintendents out whenever called on. Thanks a million!

**Pete Leuzinger, Pres., MAGCS**

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