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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
 BASIC ORGANIZATION EQUALS
 IMPROVEMENT**

Last summer, St. Charles Country Club experienced a devastating fire that completely destroyed the Halfway House. The fire spread that early morning and took out half the adjoining maintenance facility, causing various degrees of damage to the remaining half of the shop. We were forced to make-do for the remainder of the golf season, while plans for a new building were initiated. Construction has gone well this fall. And I will admit that we are better off with our recently completed structure. I would never wish an experience like ours on any golf course superintendent. Starting over has been an inconvenience to the enth degree. Plans, organization, coordination with contractors and architects have all made for extra work at the end of an already busy golf season. We were forced to reorganize.

I have developed a new appreciation for organization. Many superintendents have come up with some real nice improvements at their shops, and I think many of them are worth mentioning. Art Benson has come up with a beauty at the Butterfield Country Club. The new heating system for his machinery storage area takes advantage of the stored equipment for better heat transfer, with the use of infrared, indirect heater units. He installed these units himself at the ceiling level. Anything under or near these units picks up the heat and radiates the heat throughout the room. They are worth seeing in operation, and I am sure he would be glad to show them to anyone interested. Oscar Miles was faced with building a completely new facility in the middle of the Butler National Golf Course. His new building had some built-in problems because of its location. He handled this by building a large U-shaped, courtyard-style building. Birms grace the perimeter of the structure, rendering it to an almost unnoticed part of the golf course. It is modern, efficient, and quite unlike anything I have seen in this area. Oscar is very proud of this organization and would love to show it to anyone looking for new ideas. Hydraulic lift tables in the work areas have been used in many of the shops. Not only do they make nice work benches to perch light machinery on, but they really make for safe loading devices from the floor to the back of trucks and trailers. Bill Leith at the Elgin Country Club or John Ebel at Barrington Hills Country Club have very neat shops worth seeing. Both courses have adequate staff rooms for the working crew members. Both have exceptionally well-organized tool cribs. And both men keep their shops standing tall all of the time. If it is space you are looking for, go visit Bruce Sering at the Glenview Club or Julius Albaugh at Westmoreland

Country Club. Both of these long-time superintendents put up with old and tiny shops for years while trying to convince the "powers to be" that their clubs needed completely new buildings to house their equipment and work space. Their efforts were well worth the wait. Either shop has spaces big enough to drive entire sets of gang mowers in for work or storage. Their staff rooms and quarters provide neat places for key personnel to live in during the golf season. Either superintendent has welcomed me for a visit and I'm sure they would do the same for you if you gave them a call. These golf course friends have something worth talking about. I'm sure that there are many other ideas that have been put to use in our own area. Let us know what you have. A paragraph or two sent to the **Bull Sheet** editor would make good, useful information for anyone looking to improve their operation. We all need help in this area. A good shop makes for a good golf course. Good superintendents should see to it every effort is made to operate at top efficiency. Make some notes on your own deficiencies and ask around for some help. I'm sure you can get it right here in the Midwest area. I would love for someone to visit our new shop this winter. Besides, I enjoy the company!

**Peter Leuzinger, Pres.
MAGCS**

The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents and Central Illinois Golf Course Superintendents Association held a joint meeting and golf tournament that was sponsored by Mallinckrodt at the Kankakee Country Club on May 10, 1982. The purpose of the jointly sponsored golf tournament was to raise funds for the Turfgrass Foundation in support of a plant pathologist at the University of Illinois. Cecil Kerr of Mallinckrodt presented the \$1500.00 corporate donation to Dr. Henry Wilkinson, Research Pathologist, & Tom Fermanian. Mallinckrodt is a leading supplier of turf chemicals to the golf market.

Nick Clifford of Mallinckrodt also gave a presentation on the growth and development of turf chemicals, while Dr. C. Bardley reviewed the company's research on their new products, Vorlan™ and Dymet™.

Thomas H. Robems, Superintendent of Kankakee Country Club, summarized his results of chemical treatment demonstrations conducted throughout the season in cooperation with Mallinckrodt.

A good time was had by all while supporting our Turfgrass Foundation work.

Cecil Kerr

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- Pretends to be a businessman, but makes no effort to organize himself, his personnel or his business;
 - Is either in conference, at lunch, or out of town whenever you call;
 - Seldom returns your calls, but if he does, it's hours or days later;
 - Sits on your letters for days at a time;
 - Talks all around a subject without getting to the point;
 - Never gives you a straight answer;
 - Does everything to shift responsibility for things that are his fault;
 - Makes promises he has no intention of keeping;
 - Always has excuses on the tip of his tongue;
 - Forces the other guy to beg, plead, wheedle, threaten, repeat, and get a nervous stomach trying to get the job done.
- BUT** — this same man becomes the epitome of efficiency, is instantly available, promptly answers phone calls and letters, and acts like a changed person — **WHEN HE'S TRYING TO COLLECT MONEY YOU OWE HIM!**



Tom Fermanian - Hank Wilkinson - Cecil Kerr