

Midwest Breezes



The deepest sympathy of the members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents is extended to the Dearie family due to the death of Gerald Dearie, Sr. Mr. Dearie passed away on February 6th, 1985.

Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

- March 4-5-6** — Purdue Conference. This will be Dr. Daniel's last conference before he retires.
- March 11th** — Monthly meeting of MAGCS at Nordic Hills C.C. - Evening meeting.
- March 12th** — LESCO & Stauffer Chemical seminar at Elmhurst C.C. Speakers: Duich & Randell
- March 28th** — CGSA Green Seminar at Butterfield.
- May 20th** — MAGCS monthly meeting at Silver Lake C.C.
- June 17th** — MAGCS monthly meeting at Sunset Ridge (tentative)
- June 24th** — ITF Golf Day at Glen Oak C.C.
- November 12** — Midwest Clinic at Medinah C.C.

For those of you who missed the Washington, D.C. conference, it was a good one. The conference hall for the equipment was huge, it seems to be getting bigger every year (and is). There were good wide aisles to walk thru but unfortunately the floor layout I feel was taken from the street layout and that made it confusing with all of the diagonal aisles. It was difficult to systematically cover the floor.

The educational sessions sometimes left something to be desired, I feel that "The Thinking Superintendent" sessions are carried along too far with some speakers not having enough time and of course some speakers have nothing to say really. The seminars put on before and after the conference were again well attended and quite educational.

The hotels were on the most part a long way off from the Convention Center and the buses didn't go from hotel to hotel. If you had friends in another hotel you would have to take a taxi most times.

Washington was/is a tourist delight with so much to see and do. It was very educational for everyone who took the time to see the nations capital, especially for the families with school age children.

"Tug of War"

March Winds blow in many ways,
Fearless Winter can count It's Days.
Springtime will It-self evolve,
When Winter/Spring priority is solved.
For a while They'll fight and struggle,
Persistent Spring will burst the bubble.
And while Winter will withdraw,
In face of Spring's overwhelming thaw.
It will stall, play tricks and sputter,
But Spring will prevail, one way or another.

Kenneth R. Zanzig

Marvin H. Ferguson — 1918-1985

Dr. Marvin H. Ferguson, internationally-recognized turfgrass researcher and prominent golf course architect, died suddenly in Bryan, Texas on Jan. 10. He was 66.

Marv received his undergraduate degree from Texas A&M and his Ph.D. in plant sciences from the University of Maryland. He engaged in turfgrass research for both the USGA Green Section Award for distinguished service to golf through turfgrass research. His work was critical to the evolvement of the USGA specifications for putting green construction.

As a golf course architect, Marv concentrated his efforts in the Southwest. Among his courses are Wolf Creek Golf Club, Olathe, Kan.; Country Club of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.; LeVieux Chenes De Lafayette, Lafayette, La.; Cielo Vista Municipal Golf Course, El Paso, Tex.; and Ben Geren Regional Park Golf Course, Ft. Smith, Ark.

Marv served on the ASGCA Board of Governors from 1972-74. He also served as Research Director of the ASGCA Foundation since 1973.



Who are these guys? Dennis Wilson gave me the picture and wants to have the fellows identified.



Who ever said Dudley doesn't make friends?