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### *The President's Message*

We are off to old Boston in January and the city sounds interesting and exciting. I must say I like this year's plan of going a month earlier. It's been a long and unusual summer for us . . . and it's time to get away from our normal routines, otherwise we become stale. An old greenkeeper once told me, "After the season is over, get away, go someplace for a week or two. Better still, take a long vacation. Get away from your work. Leave your club for awhile. It will do you a world of good—you'll come back refreshed and with a new outlook." I've taken his sage advice at the end of every season and I've never regretted it.

The educational program in Boston looks excellent. So does the equipment show, for it's always tops. But let's palaver a moment about our International organization. I am deeply concerned about the direction in which it is going and I think you should be, too. What is our paramount purpose; or rather, what should our objective be? In this mobile nation of ours, the GCSAA is no longer a ma-and-pa country store operation and we must not be run like one. We have reached the supermarket stage; therefore, we must conduct ourselves in that way. It is imperative that the direction we take includes these factors: great vision, insight, and, most of all, men of high calibre. In order to be run like the big business organization that we are, nothing less will do. Let us ask ourselves, Is this the direction the International organization is now taking us? Is the International the true voice of our vast membership—with all its desires, hopes, and need for better communication? Are we presently being run by strong and clear-thinking minds that are looking boldly into the exciting modern future? Or are we still run by minds and ideas of yesterday's ma-and-pa country store? Ask yourselves other questions: Have the GCSAA elections gone against superintendents? Are you satisfied with the elections of the past few years? Are you satisfied with the candidates who have been presented on the slates? Look at what has happened in the past few administrations. After all the talk of how strong we are, the managers effortlessly have become general managers—and many superintendents are under their thumbs today. Did our International organization take a bold stand on a coordinating but always

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separate identity in our trade publication, one which is read by green chairmen and club presidents? Or did we hide our heads in the sand? Look at the certification program. In my opinion it has not accomplished anything worthwhile—except to scare some superintendents into thinking they must have it to hold their jobs . . . and others who egotistically took it for prestige, for more paper to hang on the wall. I understand now that certification, which was supposed to have been “unadulterated” and only for superintendents—and was heralded as such—is presently available to managers and general managers. Who next?

In these days of America's great concern for the environment, and a time of hue and cry against pesticides that directly concern us and our profession, we have (regretfully) government people teaching us about pollution and about chemicals and giving us state examinations (so we can get a license or permit in order to do our jobs) while our International is running all over the country giving us seminars on bookkeeping.

By next June the GCSAA headquarters is going to be moved from the Chicago area, the mainstream of things, to Kansas City. We are deserting a city to which other organizations and businesses are flocking. We are leaving Chicago to build a new headquarters in another city. Building, yes, not leasing, when leasing has always proved to be fore economical. Why go into real estate management? What do we know about it? Even if I'm wrong and construction is feasible, why don't we move to a southern climate? Extra land could be purchased for possible future development of our own golf course, an experimental station, and so on. Why get permanently stuck in Kansas City?

What about more communication with the local chapters, plus a little more relevancy and involvement without a lot of red tape occurring every time you want somebody from International to show up for a meeting or a clinic? I'd like the Midwest to try to remember the last time someone from the International office dropped in for one of our monthly meetings . . . to say hello, to have a beer with us, to meet our chapter directors—and to find out what the little guy, the guy who is supporting the International, is doing and thinking. Why the detachment? Believe me, no matter what else, the International organization must never be above that.

In a way I hope I am proved wrong about the way things are now going. I may be off base, but I have an uneasy feeling that things in our International organization are not quite up to par. Perhaps we need bigger thinkers and a change in tradition and in our election set-up. We need better candidates on the slate to run for our board of directors. But how are we going to get them? Believe me, no one aspires to run for office anymore because they are fearful of getting involved in an operation that will take them away from their bread-and-butter job for so long a time. The three or more meetings a year take four or five days each. What outstanding or topnotch superintendent can be away for so long? No matter how good is his crew and how understanding is his club and how well he delegates at home, he just can't be away that long. The solution lies in the fact that the executive committee should set only policy—instead of directing every two-bit decision and getting involved in all minor details and discussions. That's what takes the time. And that's what is scaring off the younger

and more knowledgeable young men. The executive director and his office staff are hired for that. Why not delegate to them the authority to properly and professionally carry out their duties?

However, I want to say that I am in no way criticizing a few of the excellent directors we have now or those we have had in the past. My only concern is for the future, a future golden with promise—but only if we have the best possible men to lead our International Association of Superintendents. Let us reach for the stars and do what we can as individual members to make a better GCSAA.

For me the 1972 curtain is descending and it's time to step down. The picture show that has been mine to direct is over. Thanks for being a wonderful part of it. I'll never forget your support. May I say in this my final message to you that I am overwhelmed with the knowledge that nowhere in America exists a better, more dedicated, more fiercely loyal and gentlemanly organization than our Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents. Let's always keep it that way. Shalom.

Paul N. Voykin, President.



President, Paul Voykin attends Educational Conference? At Annual Meeting this man has to go. OUT.

## ANNUAL MEETING

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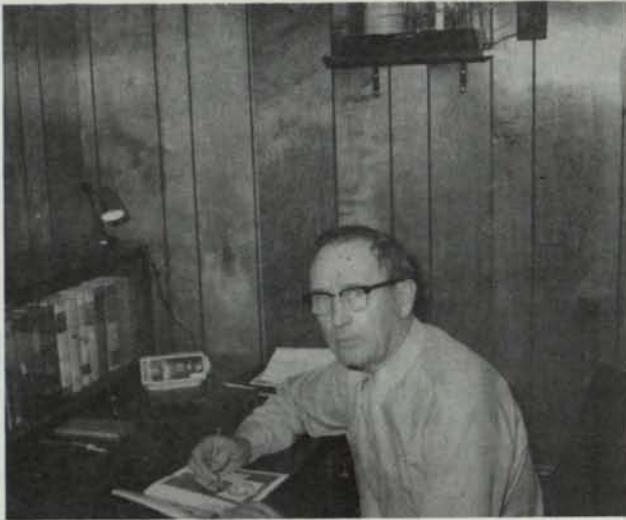
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Editor

## Editorial

### WHY?

Why is the G.C.S.A.A. office to be moved to Kansas City? Because the membership has received no information pertaining to this, I have been forced to try to figure it out for myself.

The present office is centrally located, both geographically and in relation to population. Chicago is the hub of this country's transportation system and is, therefore, very convenient for arrivals and departures either by air, rail or automobile. The largest number of our members live in an area east of the Mississippi River and north of the Mason-Dixon Line. I can see nothing wrong with the present geographic location of the G.C.S.A.A. office.

Perhaps the Executive Committee feels that it is costing too much money to rent their office space. If that is the problem, it would be a simple matter to move just a few miles to lower rent facilities. If it is a question of to rent or not to rent, consider this: A few years ago a committee, consisting of three long time G.C.S.A.A. members, was appointed to investigate the purchase of land upon which the G.C.S.A.A. could build and own their own building. A site was found within a few miles from the present office. The price was reasonable. The Executive Committee declined to purchase this land. Today it is worth more than three times what it would have cost then.

Perhaps the cost of land is less in another area. Would the reduction in price compensate for the large expense that would be involved in moving equipment, records, furniture and **personnel**? In fact, would the present employees remain with the G.C.S.A.A. If not, are capable replacements available?

Therefore, G.C.S.A.A. Executive Committee, weigh the evidence before you make a final decision. And for gosh sakes, let us hear from you. "Why?"

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## Midwest Breezes

Response to the article authored by Bob Williams—"Greens Mowing is Not as Easy as It Looks"—has been very gratifying. Requests for copies have come from all parts of the United States.

John Jackman has completed a new #14 green on #3 course at Medinah. Also some drainage worn.

Fred Opperman has rebuilt two tees and made some improvements in the drainage system at Glen Oak.

The new automatic two line irrigation system at Glen View Club has been completed. Bruce Sering is all smiles. Can you blame him?

Evanston Golf Club has also installed a new automatic system. This should make Bill Douglas very happy.

Robert Siebert, former employee at Glen Oak, has accepted the position of golf course and grounds superintendent at Naperville Country Club.

The editor apologizes for omitting Charles Shiley's name from the precipitation chart of Plum Tree National Golf Club in the November issue of the Bull Sheet.

The squirrels at Glen Oak have done considerable damage to honey locust trees by chewing the bark around the entire tree. These are large trees planted ten years ago. The top half will not recover next spring.

A complaint I have heard many times from a golfer who has putted on a green that has been aerified: "Had it not been for the holes, the ball would have rolled in." Why are the holes or some other small object to blame? To me, it should work both ways.

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The 1972 golfing season has made it's final appearance. It has left scars that will be remembered for a long time, some that will never heal. There were no lives lost due to weather conditions, but the appetites of many golf course superintendents sure were below normal for several months this past season. However, I suppose everything could have been much worse.

By this date the new budgets for 1973 have been presented to the green committee and approved. Were you lucky enough to have your last year's green chairman reappointed for another year, or is the new one the one you were hoping would be appointed? The old saying is there is always a silver lining. Some times it becomes hard to find.

With all the moisture this past summer and fall most of the turf grass roots are on the shallow side. This condition could call for some extra observation before the spring mowing season starts. Perhaps early aerifying this fall would give the grass plant a chance to produce some new roots before the cold weather stopped the growth of the plant.

Conditions were not good for construction work this fall. Clubs were fortunate in getting some greens, tees and sand traps built. One thing the wet season did was to show where it was necessary to install additional drainage tile or to indicate that the present tile needs cleaning because it was not working properly.

I hope every superintendent was in a position to get his irrigation system drained successfully this fall. With the high water table the drains may not function properly. I am sure all of you in the Chicago district have not forgotten what happened two years ago. It may be a good idea to check all the drains and valves before the frost gets too deep.

Surely your fall application of snow mold treatment has been applied. A later application may be necessary. That Bentgrass plant is really soft and may need a little extra attention before the next growing season starts. I presume at this date the new tree planting has been completed; that tree trimming and all dead tree removal has been removed from the agenda.

The payroll is down to the winter crew, working in the shop getting ready for the next season. When this time of year rolls around it gives the superintendent some time to spend with his wife and family. Treat them to dinner and a good show. I am sure the Mrs. will appreciate it.

The Editor



**Dr. Al. J. Turgeon, University of Illinois, at Midwest Association Annual Clinic.**

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- Material Service Corp—photo album, won by Mrs. John Kiraly.
- Art Clesen Co.—two gift certificates, won by Roger LaRoche and Mrs. Reed.
- Koos Co.—center piece, won by Mrs. Murphy.
- Ray Murphy—liquor, won by Bob Kron.
- Henry Frenzer—Chanel perfume, won by Mrs. Wayne Trumpets.
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Chicago golf club has had big crowds all summer not only for golf (the course has been maintained in top-notch condition), but also for other activities, notably the swimming pool.

#### BARRINGTON HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

The cost of maintenance of Barrington Hills Country Club for the past six years is as follows:

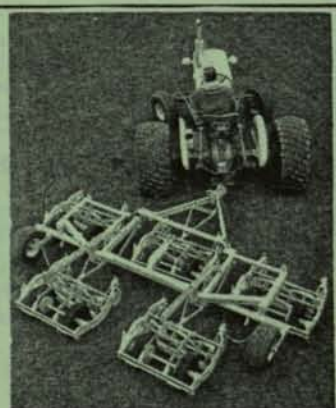
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**Editor's Note:** Mr. Ebel, how about this?

#### BRIARGATE DECIDES ON LANDSCAPE WORK.

A large number of trees and shrubs will be planted as part of a landscape program at Briargate. Tentative plans also are being made for the installation of a fairway watering system—According to R. P. Humfer, president, a number of applications for membership have been received under a plan which reduces the transfer fee to \$1.00 and allows the payment of dues in monthly installments beginning in April.

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It has been nearly a year now since Ben Chlevin offered his resignation as Executive Director of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. Ben was a very close friend of the Chicago area Superintendents and therefore many of us have expressed concern over Ben's whereabouts.

Ben is presently working with the National Golf Foundation serving as the Public Relations Director. Ben will be based in the Chicago area and is temporarily doing extensive traveling on behalf of the foundation.

According to Ben, during the past ten years, the Federal Housing Administration (F.H.A.) has guaranteed loans for 597 golf courses in rural areas. These courses are built in areas where communities can't afford to raise conventional financing but Congress felt should have equal opportunities for recreational facilities. It seems, however, that 25% of these courses are faltering due to inadequate planning, and inadequate help.

At present, The National Golf Foundation is under contract by the F.H.A. to investigate the problems and to supply the much needed planning and help to put these courses back on the right track. Although it is presently premature, Ben feels that in about two years these small operations may be ideal locations for young superintendents to "get their feet wet" and therefore be a great help to both our profession as well as these clubs.

Shortly after the first of the year, Ben hopes to spend all of his time in the office working on promotional programs on behalf of The National Golf Foundation. He hopes to be able to find time in his busy schedule to attend some of our Midwest meetings. I am sure all of us are happy to learn that Ben says that he "feels just great" and is very happy in his new position.

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Chicago golf club has had big crowds all summer not only for golf (the course has been maintained in top-notch condition), but also for other activities, notably the swimming pool.

### BARRINGTON HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

The cost of maintenance of Barrington Hills Country Club for the past six years is as follows:

1929 .....	\$19,885.00
1930 .....	18,200.00
1931 .....	16,113.00
1932 .....	11,165.00
1933 .....	8,976.00

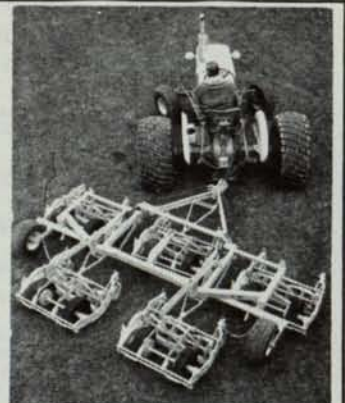
**Editor's Note:** Mr. Ebel, how about this?

### BRIARGATE DECIDES ON LANDSCAPE WORK.

A large number of trees and shrubs will be planted as part of a landscape program at Briargate. Tentative plans also are being made for the installation of a fairway watering system—According to R. P. Humfer, president, a number of applications for membership have been received under a plan which reduces the transfer fee to \$1.00 and allows the payment of dues in monthly installments beginning in April.

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