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The President's Message

In the past, our association has voiced its feelings on the move the GCSAA made in regard to the new location of its headquarters building. I felt then and still feel that a local chapter has a right and a responsibility to voice its feelings through a publication such as the Bull Sheet on any matter that concerns them. This is one way that their opinions can be heard on a large scale.

With this in mind, I will point out another way we can express views and at the same time maintain some voice in National affairs. In June, I received a letter from the National in regard to nominations for GCSAA officers and directors. In the past, we have supported many candidates from the midwest area associations, but it has been a long time since our own association has put forth a candidate for any office or directorship.

I feel that now is the time for us to search our own membership for a suitable person to represent our area in National affairs. This may happen this year or next, but I think that each and every one of us should seriously consider the question and see if we can find in ourselves or among our members, a person suitable and willing to accept this responsibility.

Denis Straus

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Editorial

As an officer of our organization, this year has been quite an experience for me. One of the prime reasons for being an officer is to serve the membership. I have enjoyed being involved in the capacity but have also become aware of the difficulties of the arrangements chairman.

It has become increasingly difficult to secure clubs at which to hold our monthly meetings. It is hard for some of our former arrangements chairmen to understand this, so I would like to explain some of the causes and understandable reasons.

We are now having much larger meetings and are drawing 90 to over 120 persons for dinner. This rules out many clubs who do not have enough room to accommodate this many or do not have separate dining rooms for outside parties.

There are quite a few clubs who do not have any dining facilities at all, of which mine is one.

New O.S.H.A. and One Day in Seven regulations have made many clubs very hesitant about bringing their staff in on Mondays for groups like ours, and we would be competitive with their regular membership on other weekdays.

Some Superintendents are likely to balk or be hesitant to invite us as a group for fear of an incident during the meeting which might embarrass them or their club.

Many of the clubs which are good enough to act as host on a regular basis wonder why, with our large membership they are asked so often, this is an understandable complaint.

I feel that if we are to continue to hold meetings such as we do now, we may have to alter our present format in some way. I have found, by talking with quite a few Superintendents, that it would be much easier to secure clubs for golf if we could make our dinner and meeting arrangements elsewhere. I, and others, feel we would lose a number of persons due to the transportation between the golf course and restaurant. This method of providing the golf at one location and the dinner meeting at a nearby restaurant, could relieve a lot of pressure from the Superintendents in providing a golf and meeting place.

Another answer could be to hold all meeting at privately owned or public daily fee courses that welcome our business.

Arrangements have been a problem for me and I feel it may become worse for my successor, in fact at this writing we still need meeting places for July and August meetings.

Our organization is only as strong as the membership. Some of you fellas should make it a point to host a meeting in 1974, we need you. Sure that is a year away but it is always easier to get a board to act on an event planned for next year than one planned for next month or next week. Help your next arrangements chairman, whoever he may be, by planning now. If you have a month in mind let me know and I will be happy to pass on the information to my successor.

We have a great organization, let's keep it that way and not always depend on the other guy, do your part.

Keep those meeting cards coming.

Ed Smith
2nd Vice-President

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Ray Gerber, Editor
The Bull Sheet
865 Hillside Avenue
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Dear Ray:

This is to advise the Noer Foundation has just completed arrangements to award a grant of \$2,500.00 per year to Penn State University.

The monies will be used under the direction of Dr. Donald V. Waddington to investigate the many and varied facets of "Chemical Soil Testing for Turfgrass Growth".

This long overdue project, in my opinion, was of great concern to our beloved "O. J."

Our other research work is progressing well. At Texas A&M, Mr. Vaun Meinhold recently received an M.S. degree for work on "Thatch" partially supported by us. In all, the Noer Foundation will spend approximately \$12,000.00 on turfgrass research in 1973.

Incidentally, our Annual Golf Symposium, October 24 and 25, 1973, will feature "Thatch". As always, we welcome our Midwest Superintendents to attend.

Yours very truly,
Charles G. Wilson
Research Director

P.S. You might find use for this "squib" from Dr. Houston B. Couch at V.P.I., Blacksburg, Va.

"Do not experiment with exotic tank mixes, try new 'miracle' cures, or increase dosage levels beyond those recommended for the pesticide in question. If the grass must die, let it be from the cause and not the cure."

P.P.S. Keep up the good "Bull Sheet" work. It's great.

— Charlie.

Attention:

Mr. Ray Gerber
Golf Course Superintendent — Retired

Dear Ray:

My brief business exposure has brought me into contact with both the rich and the poor, and in evaluating their success, I found that it is not as one might expect: A function of their money. Rather, it's an outgrowth of their ability to Love — to Give of themselves.

And after having witnessed the way in which your fellow Superintendents recognized your activities, I thought to myself, there's a man who Loves much. One who Gives much.

You've got, then, to be a wealthy man — the reason that I, a youngster who's found renewed encouragement in witnessing the sphere of your influence, stand in awe of the tumult of your accomplishments.

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Midwest Breezes

Precipitation in the Chicago district up to this date, and the last half of 1972 has been above average. The golf course superintendents are finding it difficult to execute their work on the course. Don't sell your sprinklers, though, the next three or four months may be the opposite. Don Gerber, superintendent at Chicago Golf Club, reports using the sprinklers four times beginning with the first part of July, 1972. One extreme usually follows another.

The root system on turf grass plants could be very short this summer due to the excess moisture. Constant observation may be necessary during the high temperature days.

It has been reported that there are problems this season with certain species of trees. A reply from samples sent to the extension service has come back; the problem is physiological. This sure does not help one to overcome the problem.

I hope the members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents realize that the Bull Sheet publication belongs to them. It is their responsibility to help support it by sending in local news items, as well as news of educational value. This publication does not belong to the editor. How about some support.

On June 2, 1973, sixty relatives and friends of Helen and Oscar Borgmier joined with them in celebrating their 50th golden wedding anniversary at Inverness Country Club. They are both healthy and happy. The Midwest Golf Course Superintendents Association's members congratulate them and wish them many more years of happy married life.

On May 14th, the editor visited with Ray Schie, superintendent at Fox Lake Country Club. There has been a tremendous improvement in the golf course this past year. Several new greens, tees and sand-traps built, and a new irrigation system has been installed. A development company has purchased this property and is building a community for seniors, particularly a town of its own. Sometime, take a ride and drop in and let Ray give you a tour of the place; you will find it most interesting.

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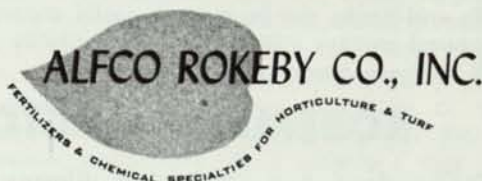
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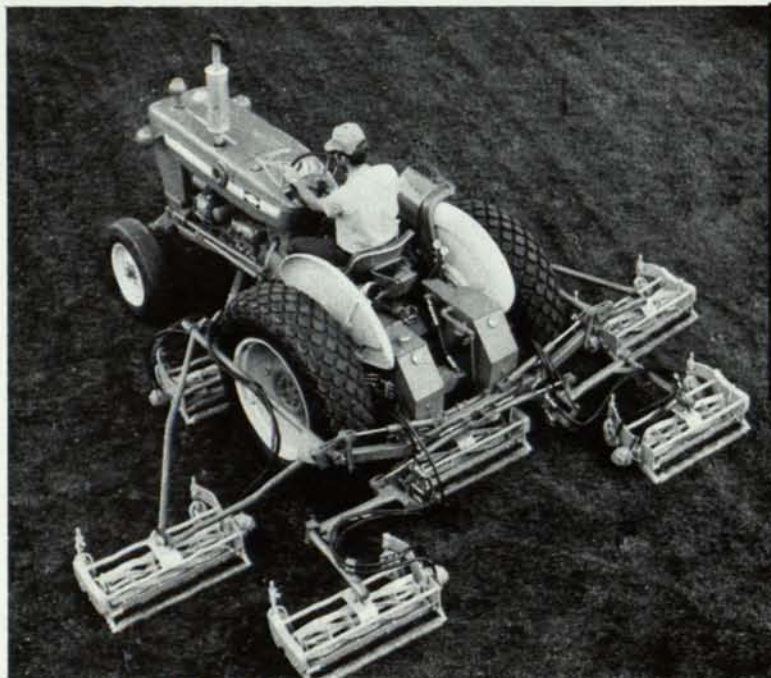
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John was a member of the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association, having joined in 1950. In 1960 he joined the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. His action brought our national membership to 1500 before the close of the 1960 annual Meeting at Houston, Texas.

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—Anonymous

FIRST CALL

Nominations for GCSAA Offices

It is time once again to consider your chapter's participation in the election of GCSAA officers and directors.

This is the first call to the chapters requesting nominations for the offices of President, Vice-President, and director of GCSAA.

At its spring meeting the GCSAA Executive Committee confirmed the appointment of Past-President Richard C. Blake as Nominating Committee Chairman for 1974. Other members of the Committee include Mr. Robert Williams, Illinois; Mr. Richard Valentine, Pennsylvania; Mr. Garold Murphy, Minnesota; and Mr. Roger Larson, California.

This committee is charged with the responsibility of preparing a slate of candidates for these offices by October 1, 1973. This slate will be filed by them at the next annual election. In order to accomplish this, the committee must have your nominations by September 1, 1973.

The attachment to this action request delineates the major roles and responsibilities of the Executive Committee and its members. Also, Article VI, Section 1 of the GCSAA Bylaws specifies the qualifications for office.

The GCSAA's success or failure is wholly dependent on its leadership. Let's seek out those qualified and talented members within the Association who can lead and contribute to the continued success of GCSAA. Let's encourage them to seriously consider candidacy for these offices. There is always a need for good men at the top. This is your opportunity to really participate in the future of the Association. Make yourself heard! You can be sure that each nomination will be given every consideration.

Remember! All nominations must be received by Past-President Blake by September 1, 1973. His address is:

Mr. Richard C. Blake
211 Sewall Street
Boylston, Maine 01505

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES REQUIRED OF A MEMBER OF THE GCSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee is responsible for mobilizing the resources of the Association to achieve Association objectives. It is the function of the Committee to see that the talents and energies of members are enlisted in association committees, that program objectives are assigned to committees and that the responsibility and authority of committees are clearly defined.

The Executive Committee is the policy-forming portion of the Association. It authorizes the organization's program of work, approves its budget, receives and passes on Committee recommendations, and directs the general operations of the Association.

Members of the Executive Committee must not only recognize the democratic character of the organization but also believe strongly in voluntary cooperative effort in solving Association problems. They must respect the collective judgement of interested members on Association problems. They must recognize the unique problem-solving power that is created when the time and talents of the members are mobilized to action through their Association.

Members of the Executive Committee are delegated the very real responsibility for representing the entire

Association's membership in advancing the cause of the golf course superintendent. While the Executive Committee is expected to be cognizant of regional problems or special interest groups within the Association, its prime responsibility is to the membership as a whole.

Members of the Executive Committee are not expected to "do all the thinking" for the organization, of course. It is their responsibility to maintain close contact with members and with other leaders in the industry. Such contacts provide a sound basis for identifying the most important needs of the golf turf maintenance profession, for determining the specific objectives toward which the Association should work and for developing a program of activities that will develop maximum progress in attaining the established goals of the membership.

The GCSAA Bylaws charge the Association President with the responsibility of appointing the various committees necessary to carry on the work of the Association with such appointments subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. Wherever possible, the President will appoint a member of the Executive Committee as chairman of an Association committee in order that close liaison between the committee and the Executive Committee be maintained. By the same token, this liaison works in the other direction, serving to stimulate and maintain the drive necessary to accomplish committee objectives.

Many occasions arise when a member of the Executive Committee must serve as official or unofficial spokesman. This responsibility requires the exercise of careful judgement for a director's own personal views sometimes differ from policies or official positions adopted by the Association. In such cases, of course, the director must use great care not to express his personal views as representing the views of the Association or in a manner in which his views might be misinterpreted as representing the views of the Association.

During his term of office, each Executive Committee member may expect to encounter criticism of the Executive Committee or the Association. He has an obligation to the Association, of course, to defend it against such criticism or, if the criticism is justified, to initiate action that may eliminate the cause of the criticism. An Executive Committee member can frequently make a distinct contribution to the well-being of his Association by bringing to the attention of the Executive Committee both the critical and constructive suggestions he receives from members in local chapters. By doing so, he enables his Association to become an even more useful and effective organization in making his profession a more attractive and more meaningful function in golf.

Members of the Executive Committee serve their Association without pay although expenses incurred while engaged in Executive Committee activities are fully reimbursed. They also are required to attend four Executive Committee meetings and the annual GCSAA Turfgrass Conference and Show each year. This will necessitate being absent from their place of employment an average of eighteen days. Other Executive Committee involvement which would require travel is largely voluntary and can be tailored to suit the member.

In summary, the function of the Executive Committee and its members is to represent the interest of the Association members as well as the interest of golf in general in a positive program of professional development.

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GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

June 7, 1973

Mr. Ray H. Gerber, Editor
THE BULL SHEET
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Dear Ray:

This is in response to your letter of May 22, 1973 in which you requested information regarding the progress made to date with respect to the headquarters relocation.

As one of our reasons for being here is to disseminate information regarding Association activities, we are extremely pleased to respond to you. This is our first such request, and we hope that it will spark a long series of inquiries from interested members, not only on the relocation, but other activities as well. Maybe in this way each member can have all his individual questions answered, and thereby have a better understanding of his Association and its activities.

One of President Wagoner's main thrusts this year is to **immediately** inform all members when something significant happens which affects the Association. The series of events which have unfolded in his recent letters to the members have, to be sure, engendered some further questions. However, they were timely and based on the facts as known to him at the time. We are certain that he will continue to inform the members as new events occur.

You requested information on the progress which has been made. The word "progress" is a subjective term because one's opinion whether or not progress has been made depends, in a large measure, on one's acceptance or rejection of the action taken.

Our intent here is to present the chronological order of events as objectively as possible. We would hope that the membership would conclude that progress is being made.

As you know, President Emeritus Mitchell presented the facts which lead up to the decision to relocate at the Boston Conference. These facts were presented to the APC, Chapter Representatives, and the annual meeting. They were presented in a great deal of detail. Both the decisions and the reasoning behind them were presented. The actions taken since those meetings have been directed toward the implementation of these decisions.

On January 23, 1973 final approval by City Council was granted on our request for a zoning change. On February 17, 1973 the Headquarters Building Committee met in Lawrence to approve the working drawing on the building.

Bid openings were scheduled for March 15, 1973, and Harris Construction Company, Inc. was chosen as our contractor.

We anticipated that the office would be relocated into temporary quarters in Lawrence on June 30, 1973. Our personnel situation was both good and bad. Dr. Paul Alexander recently (January 3, 1973) renewed his agreement with GCSAA knowing that we were going to relocate. Mr. Morissette, our Business Manager, had agreed to relocate. Our plan was to leave THE GOLF SUPERINTENDENT and its staff behind until a later date. However, our clerical staff proceeded to find new jobs and as they left, we replaced them with temporary help. In order to assist in the relocation, we hired on our clerical staff Mrs. Morissette

and Mrs. Sheetz as they would be going to Lawrence with us. This left only my secretary, Dr. Alexander's secretary, and a receptionist to hire in Lawrence.

On March 2, 1973 Mr. Morissette reluctantly resigned. He informed us that his wife was pregnant with their first child, and he had accepted a position as assistant to the internal auditor with Fastener Corporation in Des Plaines. This position afforded him an increase in salary and a professional advancement. Thus we not only lost our Business Manager, but one of our key staff members as well.

An analysis of our situation revealed that if we were to move earlier, the advantages which would accrue to the Association because of the relocation could be realized sooner.

Mrs. Sheetz and I agreed to remove our children from school during Easter Vacation, and Dr. Alexander agreed to live in Lawrence without his family until school was out at which time they would join him in Lawrence.

The Executive Committee was apprised of the situation, and after taking all the facts under consideration, approved the relocation for the week of April 15, 1973. Of paramount importance to this decision was the fact that once here we could hire our **permanent** staff and proceed on the road to producing meaningful membership services. On March 26, 1973 President Wagoner sent a letter to the membership explaining all the facts surrounding the decisions. Prior to President Wagoner's letter (March 22-24, 1973) Dr. Alexander and his wife visited Lawrence to seek housing and become familiar with the area. At that time they entered into negotiations with a local realtor with a view toward possibly constructing a new home here. On March 31, 1973 he received a call from Sea Pines Corporation on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. This call, apparently the result of long standing and long term negotiations, resulted in his being offered a position as Associate Vice President for Golf Operations at a considerable increase in salary and professional stature. On April 2, 1973 he submitted his resignation to me. He indicated his continued willingness to assist us in our relocation and to live up to the terms of his agreement with us. We agreed that his last day of employment would be June 29, 1973 or sooner depending on our situation in Lawrence. Once here, he concentrated on training his secretary on those routine, ongoing activities of the educational department. Arrangements were made with Director Gordon Witteveen, Chairman of the Certification Committee to correct all Certification Examinations. His last day in our employ was May 25, 1973. This date was mutually acceptable to Dr. Alexander and myself as we were convinced that all those activities could be handled with no interruption in membership services.

We are happy to report that the relocation was affected with a minimum of delay and confusion. We closed the office in Des Plaines on Monday, April 16, and it was in operation here on Friday, April 20. We had hired our staff prior to the relocation, and three of them actually worked in Des Plaines before we moved. They are all working out nicely, and we look forward to a significant reduction in our turnover rate. All of our materials arrived safely, and we are in business. Our earlier investigations regarding salary scales for clerical personnel proved to be accurate. Our highest paid clerical employee here makes less than our lowest paid one in Des Plaines, while the level of capability is consistent with our needs.

During Easter Vacation, Nick Geannopoulos and his wife visited Lawrence. He has subsequently indicated their decision to relocate here. We have ascertained that the most appropriate time for him to do so will be in the Fall of 1974. I have recommended to the Executive Committee that we incur this delay in the best interest of all concerned. They have concurred with my recommendation with the proviso that the quality of the magazine does not deteriorate in the meantime. Mr. Geannopoulos has assured us that it will not.

As you know, it has been an inordinately wet spring in certain parts of the country. Unfortunately, Kansas is one of these areas. We anticipated an April 1, 1973 construction start for our building. However, we had 13 days of rain in April, 17 days in May, and 4 thus far in June. This, for Kansas, is 9.50 inches over its normal rainfall for the year. The weather seems to be drying up, and our contractor will start in earnest this week.


Meanwhile we are situated in spacious temporary quarters in a suburban apartment complex with a three month lease with an automatic extension clause.

We have received resumes from and interviewed several outstanding candidates for the position of Director of Education. The same is true for our Public Relations/Staff Writer position. We anticipate making a decision on the successful candidates for these positions soon.

We are on our way. There is an aura of permanency beginning to form. We will soon have a permanent home for GCSAA with a competent staff serving the needs of the membership.

Again, thank you for your letter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Very cordially yours,
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Executive Director



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