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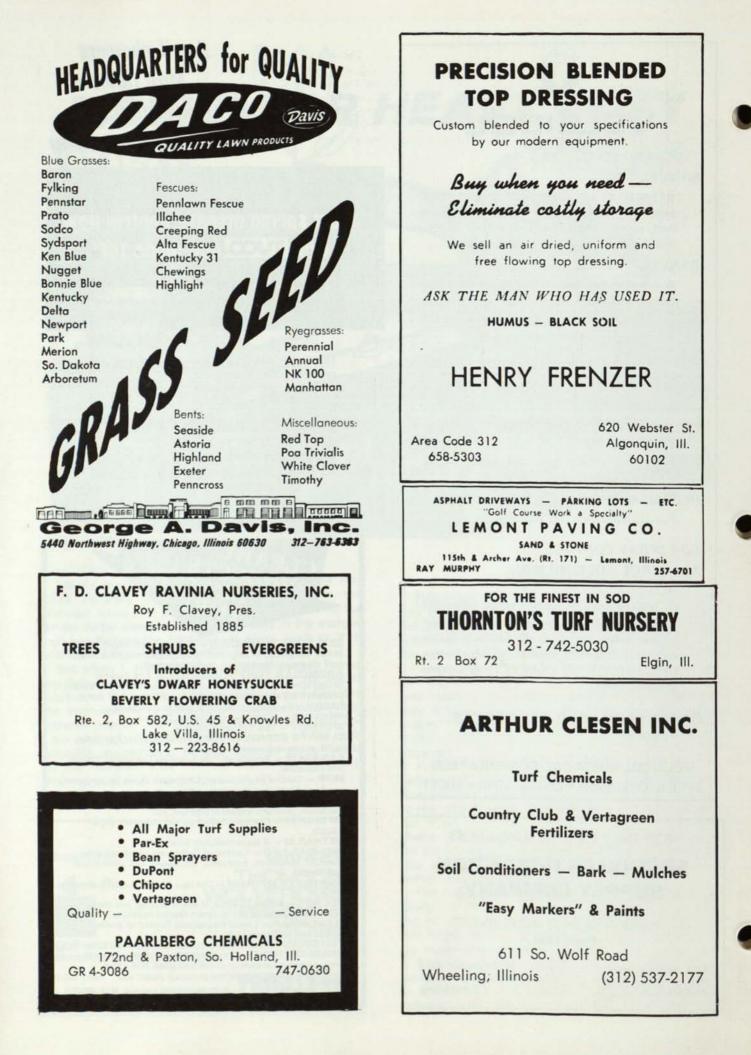
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IRRIGATION SETUP

Bill Krafft, Pro-Supt. at Valparaiso Golf Club, is shown at control board of new automatic irrigation setup which was recently installed at golf course. The \$160,000 unit automatically irrigates greens, tees, and fairways. It is operated by two 50-horsepower pumps using water from small lake located near 13th hole.

VALPARAISO GOLF CLUB, INC.

Bill Krafft, Professional and Superintendent

Ray Gerber, Editor Dear Ray:

I would like to inform you of new, exciting happenings at Valparaiso Golf Club, Valparaiso, Indiana.

First, a completely automatic irrigation system has been installed on all greens, tees, and fairways. Miller Sprinkling Systems, of Royal Oak, Michigan, started installation on June 1, 1973 and completed work on September 21, 1973.

The \$160,000 irrigation system is composed of 6 miles PVC rigid pipe (8 inch main down to 11/2 inch pipe) 275 miles of wire, 300 Moody valves, Moody-Miller Central Programmer (with automatic rain shutoff), and 550 Buckner heads. Gear driven rotary pop ups are used for greens, tees, and approaches. Rotary impact pop ups are used in the fairways. All sprinkler heads on the greens, tees, and fairways are operated by 24 volt Moody valves. Bell and ring type connections were used for the PVC pipe and transite couplings used for pipes 3 inches and larger. The system requires four controller locations installed at points of visibility on the golf course. These stations are equipped with controllers operated from a Moody Central Programmer, located in my office. The programmer is set up for a syringe (1.5 min. to 5.5 min.) and normal (10 min.) cycle. The entire irrigation system is fed by a small lake near #13 green. The lake, in turn, is supplied by a 150 ft. deep, 12 in. gravel packed well which was dug by Perless Midwest Well. The well supplies the lake with 600 GPM and the system uses water at a rate of 1000 GPM. The well automatically fills the lake when water is drawn. The well pump is powered by a 20 H.P. General Electric motor. Water is pumped from the lake by two 50 H.P. centrifugal pumps.

The irrigation system was fully tested by October 1, and turned on in perfect working order.

The second project at the Golf Club was constructing 40 green area sand traps and 4 bunkers located in the roughs. Areas around greens and on fairways were first stripped to shape and then bulldozed. The ground-crew cleared and shaped the edges of the sand traps. The traps were then filled and leveled with sand from Lake Michigan. This now brings the total number of traps on the course to 65.

Rennovation of old tees and addition of new tees has been our third major project. In the late summer and fall of 1972, 7 tees were enlarged. After completion, the tees were rectangular in shape and 4000-6000 sq. ft. in size. A-20 Bluegrass sod was used for the teeing area and 721 Bluegrass sod for the sides. These tees have withstood golfer traffic well, and we are very proud of them. Currently a ladies tees are under construction. These are being built in front of old tees and raised slightly. 721 Bluegrass sod is being used to top them.

I might also bring to your attention that two new equipment sheds have been built and 60 trees added to the course. One shed is used to house the irrigation pumps plus has additional room for miscellaneous equipment. It is 20×32 in size. The second shed is used for heavy equipment and is 30×64 in size.

Valparaiso Golf Club has progressed a long way in the past few years. All new additions have been highly successful and I am looking forward to the future of our course with much enthusiasm.

Yours Sincerely, Bill Krafft, Pro-Supt.

Dear Ray:

I enjoyed the chat that I had with you while having lunch at the Turf Show. Your talk and slides that you presented was one of the highlights of the conference for me.

I do know for sure that I worked very hard for Mike Bavier, I really wanted him on the National Board to help guide our association into the future. That's the faith and trust that I have for Mike. Mike is a dedicated man for Turf, Golf, our Association and our Image.

I will begin to work in Mike's behalf now and be ready for 1975.







From left to right: Don Boes, Superintendent St. Boniface Golf Club; Dr. Houston B. Couch, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; Paul Voykin, Superintendent of Briarwood Country Club; Mike Bavier, Superintendent of Inverness Golf Club. Picture was taken at the Royal Canadian Golf Conference at Winnipeg.

THE CONFERENCE TOUR ENDED IN SPLENDID STYLE by Mike R. Bavier

Attending seven conferences the past six months gives me a feeling of being a conference "carpetbagger". The last conference I attended was with Paul Voykin—the Royal Canadian Turfgrass Conference and Exposition, March 19th - 21st, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Paul was on the program and I had the honor of gathering material for an article to be used in the **Golf Course Superintendent** magazine.

We arrived in Winnipeg along with an early spring snow and cold spell. The weather bureau recorded a record cold of **minus** 20 degrees and wind up to 30 m.p.h one day during our stay. Our friends across the border tried to tell us that last year at the same time they were playing golf in Winnipeg!

The weather may have been cold but the warm feeling of friendship that was extended to us seemed to warm up the "cool" outdoors. The Royal Canadian hospitality room was open Monday and Tuesday evenings for conference attendies, and they had plenty of firewater to warm up the people that may have ventured out into the cold Can-nuck night. John Steele Sr., along with many other local superintendents, greeted the people as they arrived. Any of you who have had the good fortune of meeting John

GOLF COURSE DRAINAGE

By GEORGE'S LUMBER COMPANY Downers Grove, Illinois 60515 312 - 968-4071 or 312 - 969-4937 knows the evening seemed to pass quickly nd the next morning sessions seemed only a few hours away.

The sessions were well attended and the program was excellent with many outstanding speakers. Paul Voykin was the highlight speaker the first day. He gave his "Overgrooming is Overspending" talk, which was well received and was the coffeehouse and pub room conversation for the remainder of the meeting. As much snow as there was, one wondered if they would ever play golf this summer let alone be able to groom their courses!

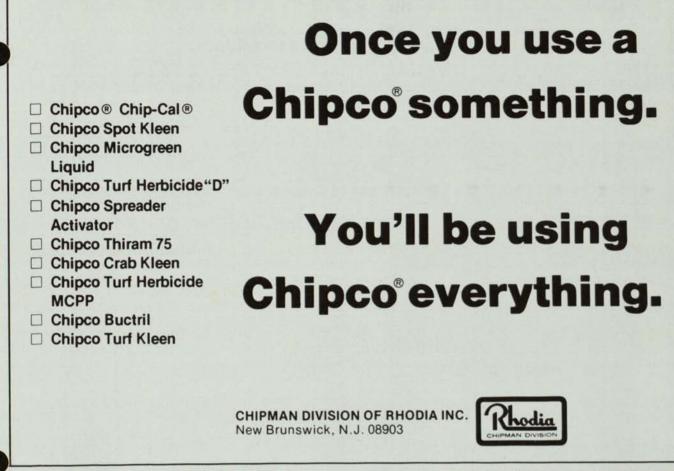
The second day Dr. Houston B. Couch gave an interesting and informative talk on systemic fungicides. He spoke of the "Golden Era" of the early sixties when we had a panacea of fungicides. Then we came into the systemic era of the late sixties. We are presently in that era but by far not in an era of cure-alls. We must use systemic fungicides, Dr. Couch explained, as just another one of the many "tools" we have for maintaining our turf today.

The last day of the conference was a day for many of the Canadian superintendents to speak, as well as GCSAA President Charlie Baskin. Charlie gave a detailed talk on his home course upkeep and his daily routine. The Canadian super Gordon Wittiveen and superintendent manager Don Campbell gave interesting talks on their golf course operations. The conference came to an end with the Royal Canadian Golf Association reception and dinner. Sid Puddicombe officially assumed the duties of the new president of RCGA from the outgoing president David S. Gourlay.

The final day of the conference passed and we were scheduled to fly home the next day. However, to our surprise, we were unable to make airline connections. We had told Paul's sportswriter friend, Dallas Beck, we could not stay to see the Winnipeg Jets and Houston Aeros play hockey. Guess who was on the phone looking for tickets Friday morning! We were fortunate to get two tickets next to a couple of pigeons in the rafters. To a couple of guys that don't attend too many hockey games, the location of our seats didn't matter. We were happy to see the game and be able to watch Bobby Hull and Gordie Howe play hockey. After the game, Mr. Beck arranged for us to attend a small 1976 Winter Olympic promotional party put on by Postmaster General Andre Ouelett with special guests Bobby Hull and Gordie Howe. Well, to say the least, I was impressed, especially at having them autograph a special commemorative stamped envelope given out by the Postmaster General. Paul had played softball with Gordie and Andy Voykin had played hockey with Bobby, so, needless to say, Paul was not quite as exhuberant over our good fortune. One would imagine that we would have talked hockey. Actually, Gordie wanted to know what grass to plant on his yard in Texas and Bobby was worried about his grass and cattle on his farm north of Winnipeg. To close the evening out, Paul convinced both Bobby and Gordie they should read his book, The Perfect Lawn the Easy Way and, of course, Gordie Howe insisted Paul autograph the book before mailing.

What was left but to pack our bags the next morning and leave for good ol' Chicago. Along with our bags, we had an extra package under our armssmoked Winnipeg goldeye, which to you fish-loving Chicagoans is a gourmet's delight. All in all-a splendid conference not soon to be forgotten.





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- 15 July, 1974 Host Carl Hopphan Aurora Country Club Prairie and Western, Aurora, III. 60507
- August, 1974 Host: Leonard Berg Village Greens of Woodridge Country Club 1575 W. 75th Street, Woodridge, Ill. 60515
- September, 1074 Host: David Meyer Indian Lake Country Club
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- October, 1974 Host: Robert Siebert Naperville Country Club 25 W. 570 Chicago Ave., Naperville, III.
- 2 November, 1974 FALL DINNER DANCE Host: Dudley Smith Silver Lake Country Club 147th St. & 82nd Ave., Orland Park, III.
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