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The President's Message

Just having returned from Woodridge Country Club and our Midwest Superintendents' April meeting—much credit is due Chief Paul Boecker for the wonderful speech he gave. It was enlightening to see all the superintendents show so much interest in his talk. I feel free to say that everyone did benefit by it.

Dr. Bill Meyer also had everyone interested in his report on his findings on C 15 bent grass. Am assured that everybody agrees with me that the Educational Committee is doing a fine job.

By the time the Bull Sheet for the month of May arrives at your office all the scheduled programs will be over until fall. I suspect that the next Educational Committee is going to find it hard to compete with the 1973-74 programs.

Looks like spring has finally arrived—golfers are getting itchy to get out and test their swings—to see if they lost any of the zip over the winter that they found last summer.

Cut and rolled the Greens and found out the old legs are not what they used to be—guess I shall leave the mowing to the members of my ground crew. Mowing them sure was an improvement and the young High School members sure were happy because now the putts will roll true and lower their scores.

Suppose everyone is looking forward to the May meeting at Woodmar Country Club to look over the fine job Roger La Rochelle has done since the last meeting there.

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I WONDER

What would happen if each drop of rain refused to fall,
Or each sunbeam ceased to shine because it was so small?

What would happen if each day we choose to leave undone,
An act of kindness just because it was a little one?

Editorial

By Ed. Smith

Superintendent, City of Lake Forest

Here we are into spring and the golf season is in low gear ready to shift into high. For many of us, we have begun the new season with renewed vigor and with the determination to have our courses in super condition all season long.

We have attended turf courses, the National conference and show, products seminars and the likes, to expand our knowledge and ability. This is a good time of the year to deliberate over some of these good ideas and innovations that were acquired at these meetings. During these meetings and through our conversations with other superintendents we have also accumulated ideas and methods that would improve our operational efficiency.

What has happened to these ideas? Are you going to let yourself slide into the same pattern as last year? Are you going to let those ideas get sidetracked until they are forgotten? Now is the time to put these ideas or programs into action while they are still fresh in your mind. The idea is just the seed. It is up to us to provide the growing medium; water, air, etc. so it can grow and be of use to you. If everyone of us could put into practice just two or three of the many worthwhile ideas we have picked up our clubs could not help but benefit.

We must remember that in order to grow as a person, within our jobs, we must be ready to incorporate new ideas and methods into our proven management practices. Let us all progress in our jobs rather than be guilty of stagnation.

On the lighter side, I have had a good ice skating season.

I was privileged to take a course on Industrial Safety at Lake Forest College. I felt my time was well spent and the course was very enlightening. I felt it very worthwhile especially at this point in time.

I have also become a C.B. (citizens band radio) buff during the winter so if anyone else has caught the bug give the "Weed Farmer" a holler when you are up on the North side.



Robert Trent Jones

On March 28, 1974 the Chicago District Golf Association held their annual seminar at the Butterfield Country Club. There were two hundred eighty golf course superintendents and club members attended.

The two speakers were, Robert Trent Jones, world known golf course architect and Paul Voykin, Superintendent at Briarwood Country Club. Mr. Jones showed many interesting pictures of golf courses in various parts of the world. Also he explained how to make an interesting golf hole out of one that is very ordinary or to award a premium on a well hit ball.

One of the highlights of his presentation was the idea of a monorail on a golf course to take place of the present riding golf carts. He stated a golf course in Scottsdale, Arizona has installed a monorail. The cost is about the same as the present carts and the cost of the cart paths. His estimate was about \$8.00 per foot.

Paul Voykin's presentation was on how to cope with our economic crises. Paul mentioned many good points. I am sure that many of them will be used.



Roger LaRochelle

The May 6th meeting of the M.A.G.C.S. will be held at Woodmar Country Club. Roger LaRochelle, Superintendent, will be our host. Mr. Stan Frederiksen from Mallinckrodt Chemical Works, St. Louis, Missouri, will be the educational speaker. His topic will be disease control in spring and summer and will use slides along with his presentation.

The April 8th meeting of the M.A.G.C.S. held at Woodridge Golf Club was certainly well attended and one of our better meetings. Tony Meyer, Superintendent, was our host. The steak dinner was enjoyed by 109. The educational speakers did an outstanding job. The main speaker, Mr. Paul Boecker, held his audience for one hour. During this time Paul explained and gave a demonstration on first aid on golf course related accidents and also other areas other than golf courses.

Dr. William Meyer gave a good explanation on problems found on a few greens planted to C15 bent grass. **Editor's note:** It could be that all of the problems are not due to the strain of grass, sometimes the soil plays a big part in problems such as this as well as other instances.

In the April issue of the Bull Sheet there was a slight mistake in the printing on the inside of the front cover page and also the inside of the back page. This did not take place in all April issues. If you received one of these please let the editor know.



Editor

Midwest Breezes

Marvin Gruening, Superintendent at Midwest Country Club, has completed the installation of a new sewer line at his club. Eighteen hundred feet in length and some areas seventeen feet in depth.

Mike Bavier and Paul Voykin attended a turfgrass conference at Winnipeg, Canada. Paul was one of the speakers. Mike did his part by keeping his eye on Paul to keep him from over-doing it with his Canadian friends.

Dom Grotti, Superintendent at Sunset Ridge Country Club and his wife Betty have returned home after a well-deserved vacation in Hawaii. Dom says the island of Maui is his choice, this island also gets the editor's vote.

It was good to see Dudley Smith, Superintendent at Silver Lake Golf Club, at our last meeting. He looks healthy and happy after a stay in the hospital. Keep it this way, Dudley.

Paul N. Voykin whose hobby is "green keeping" is busy writing a book, (his second one), this time for the Macmillan Pub. Co. in New York. He also has articles appearing this month in May in Golf-dom and Golf Digest.

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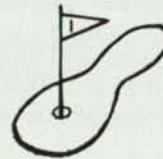
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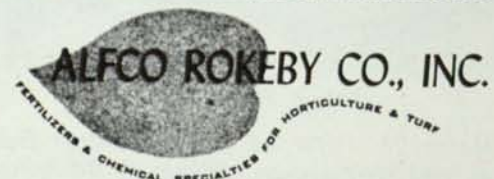
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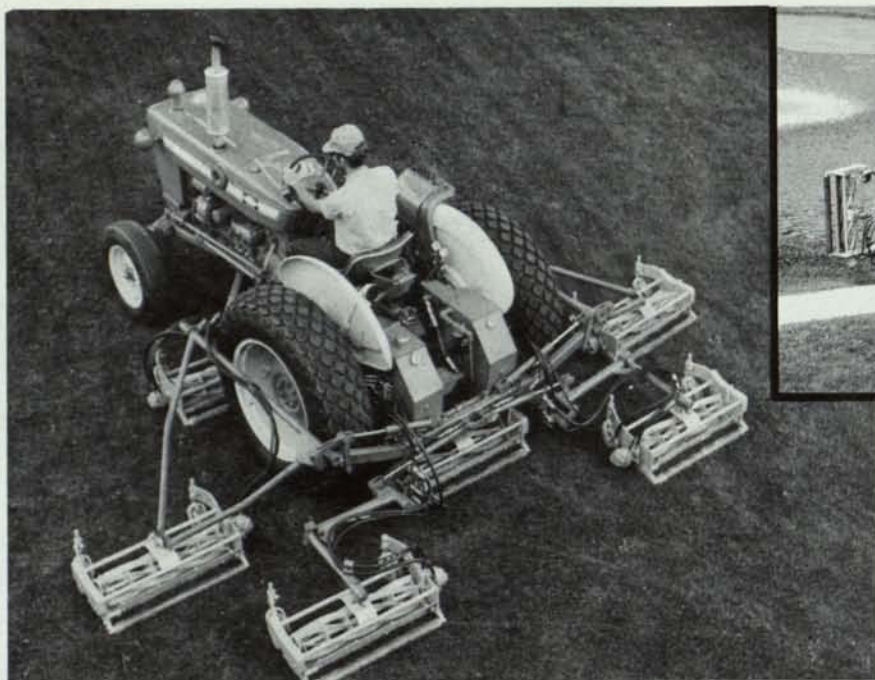
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Dear Ray,

I would like to share with you and your readers a wonderful experience that God provided for my wife, Juanita, and me.

A couple of weeks ago we were given an unexpected opportunity to go to Spain on a tour due to some last minute cancellations. Well, having just returned from California, one trip a year seemed enough. However, at the encouragement of our daughter, Cathy, who works for the travel agency that arranged the tour, we began to seriously consider it and at this point asked the Lord about it. Within 30 minutes from the time I asked Him, He closed the door. The very next day He opened the door again. Now what to do? Did He want us to go for His reasons? Again we asked for confirmation, and opening the Bible, these words in Acts 23 spoke to us:

"Be of good cheer, Paul, for as you have testified of me in Jerusalem, so you **must** also bear witness in Rome."

It was 11:00 A.M. Friday when the decision was made to go. Take-off time was 4:00 P.M. Sunday. One small detail — passports! I rushed to the safe deposit box for our birth certificates. It was 11:57 and the train to Chicago left at 12:16. Half-way to town the Lord said "Look in your coat pocket." To my surprise I discovered the birth certificates I had were our daughters', not ours. In my haste I had grabbed the wrong ones. Quick back to the bank for the proper documents. As we ran across the street to the railroad station, the train just pulled in. Passports usually take several days to process, but we got ours by 4:30 Friday. The timing on everything was down to the minute, and we didn't feel any pressure — more assurance that God wanted us to go.

The 4500 mile non-stop flight on a 747 took 7 hours. We landed in Malaga, Spain, at dawn, temperature a chilly 46°. But spring arrived in Spain that week and the temperature ranged in mid-70's. During the week we took some tours, one to Tangiers, Morocco via the Straits of Gibraltar. In Tangiers we visited the Casbah where they have the wildest peddlers in the world. Another day we rented a car about the size of a 4-wheel Cushman. Better than a camel. It did get us out to look at some golf courses; Nueva Andalusia, (an R.T.J. course) and Rio Real Country Club, both nice clubs. Most greens and tee equipment was American made, tractors and fairway mowers were mostly Spanish make.

After 5 days we still looked for the work God had planned for us. At dinner that evening we joined a young couple from Elmhurst. We had not met before. As we praised God for the good life He has given us through Jesus Christ, they wanted to hear more. By the end of dinner, these two people prayed right at the dining room table with us to invite Jesus into their lives. **Now** we knew why He had sent us!

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Scotty suggests that any superintendent who wishes to settle on the south side of the city contact him if he wishes to purchase a home.

WHISKEY

While C. E. "Scotty" Stewart was on a trip to Scotland recently he was given the following advice by a native which he takes pleasure in passing on for the benefit of readers of the Bull Sheet.

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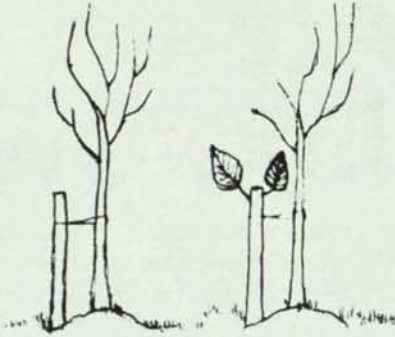
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by Stanley Rachesky
Entomologist — University of Illinois

WASPS ARE NOT the most popular of insects, probably because they are so well equipped to defend themselves.

Interestingly enough, it has been hypothesized that without the insect order Hymenoptera, to which wasps belong (there are 4,000 species in the U.S. alone and over 100,000 species in the world), man could scarcely survive.

The vast majority of wasps normally develop as parasites or predators on other species of arthropods (the vast phylum of animals that includes insects, spiders millipedes, mites, centipedes, etc.), including those plant feeding insects that threaten man's food supply. Also, wasps pollinate many of our plants.

In fact, most wasps are no threat at all to man. About 90 per cent of all wasps are solitary wasps and their venom does not bother humans. Other wasps, while potentially troublesome, are so small they are not able to pierce human skin.

As you might imagine, the 100,000 species of wasp are quite diverse. They range in size from an eighth of an inch long to more than 3 inches. Some wasps are wingless while others have wingspreads ranging up to 4 inches. Collectively wasps prey upon almost every type of insect and spider.

Nonetheless, some species of wasps are strong, fast fliers and do sting humans with uncomfortable results. Most persons stung by a wasp, yellow jacket, or hornet have only mild, local pain. However, about 2 per cent of the population is allergic to such stings, and this group should exercise caution.

A study by the United States Public Health Service covering a 10 year period from 1950 thru 1959 reports that 22 per cent (110 cases) of all human fatalities caused by venomous animals were caused by the stings of wasps, hornets, and yellow jackets.

So while it is quite unusual for such a sting to prove dangerous, anyone not feeling or acting normally after being stung by an arthropod should be seen by a doctor as quickly as possible.

When you finally can afford to lose a ball, you can't hit it that far.



These construction pictures taken at Bob-O-Link Golf Club, Highland Park, Ill., are the result of condemnation in a growing community. The six foot six inch sewer tile, total length 1,500 feet, is being installed across the golf course at a depth of seventeen feet. The two men standing in the tile are Bob Williams, Superintendent at Bob-O-Link on the left and Fred Opperman, Superintendent at Glen Oak Country Club. By the expression on Bob's face it looks like he lives up to his philosophy, "Why Worry?"



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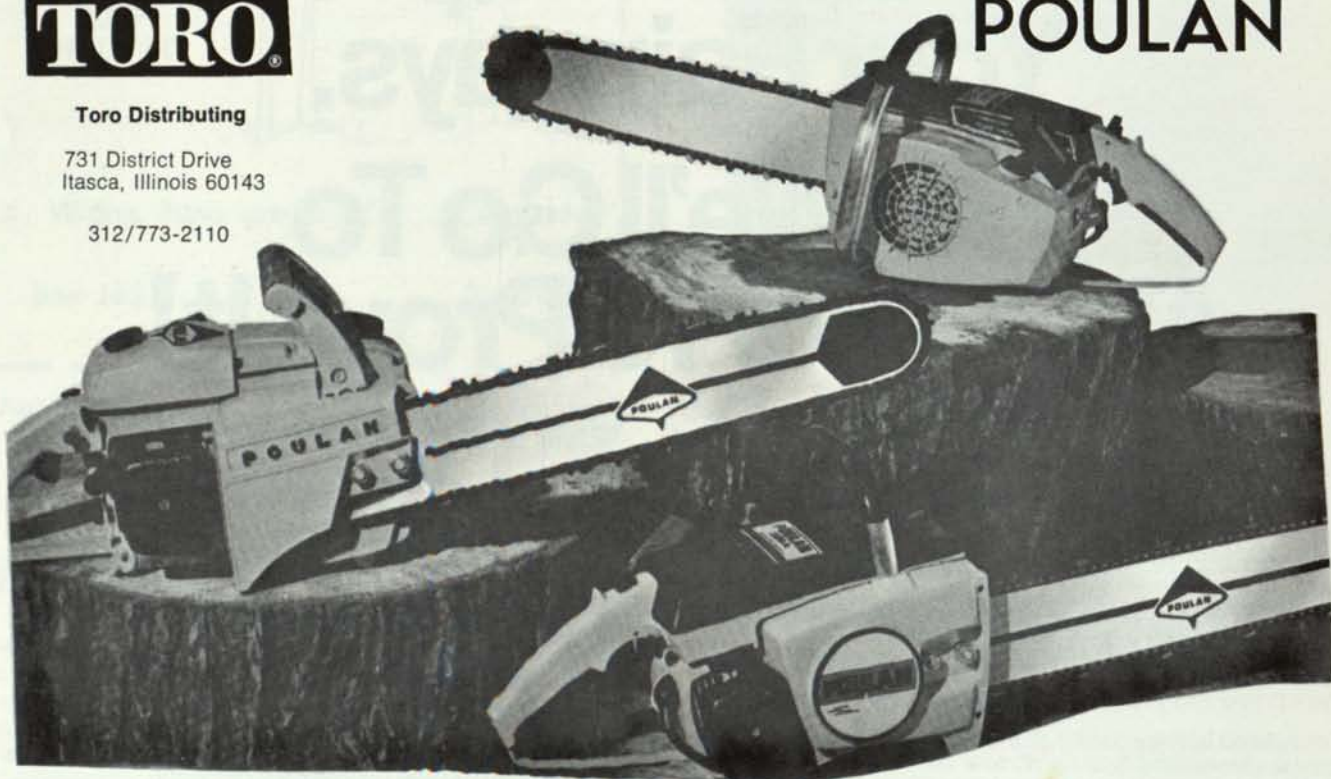
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But when I think of what the greenkeeper founding fathers of the Midwest have done for the beautification of the country, the creation of pollution and the improvement of environment before these things became popular and the subjects of cloudy Bull S—I am really glowing with pride to be one of the mob. Scientific maintenance of golf courses really began in the Midwest area ... but that's another story. Best to you and the gang.

Yours,
Herb Graffis

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FATHER'S DAY

Fatherhood has been so esteemed throughout history that "father" has always been one of the favorite honorary titles. Senators in ancient Rome were called fathers or **Patres**—and it's from this word that we get the terms "patrician" and "patriotic."

"Honor thy father and thy mother" is one of the Ten Commandments in the Old Testament. Reference was made to the Biblical command in the fifth century B.C. by the Greek playwright Aeschylus who wrote, "'Honor thy father and thy mother' stands written among the three laws of most revered righteousness."

Ancient Greeks honored their fathers by always serving the head of the house first at mealtime. In Homer's time, dad was given the most choice morsels at the dinner table. Some fathers of ancient Greece sat down to meals in their own special throne-like chairs, and at banquets it was considered respectful for sons to anoint their fathers with oils and perfumes. The ancient Egyptians believed that disrespect to a father was one of the seven deadly sins.

The happy occasion of Father's Day was first celebrated in 1910 in Spokane, Washington, at the urging of a Mrs. John Bruce Dodd. She wished to honor her father, William Smart, for his devotion in rearing six motherless children.

From this modest beginning, Father's Day is now with such importance that Americans are expected to spend well over a billion dollars on books and bowling balls, new ties, and other gifts for dad.