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Fred Opperman, newly elected President receives gavel from out-going President, Mike Bavier.

The President's Message

I would like to thank the membership of the Midwest A.G.C.S. for their vote of confidence in electing me President of one of the largest and finest associations in the country. Fifteen years ago when I stepped on my first golf course to work I would never have thought that one day I would be President of such an organization as the Midwest. At that time the men running the Midwest were Warren Bidwell, Al Johnson, Frank Dinelli, Bob Williams, Ray & Don Gerber and Roy Nelson. How could a 21 year old kid who never saw a green aerified or even mowed a green comprehend being President of an association with men of such experience and knowledge?

I think it is quite a tribute to the Midwest Association when you come to think about it, of all the fine Superintendents we have who are recognized all across the country for their fine work in maintaining golf courses and for the way so many of these Superintendents have taken the time to instruct younger men in the field and help them along the way.

I would like to thank three men who helped me thru the years and guided my foot-steps in learning to become a Golf Course Superintendent. The first being Bob Williams when I worked at Bob O'Link, Ed Burke at Elmhurst C.C. when I was his assistant and the third, Ray Gerber, who is still guiding my wayward steps and keeping me in line.

The true back-bone of our Association is not only the officers and directors running our organization but the fine experienced Superintendents who sit in the background and give us guidance. It is the total membership that makes the Midwest Association what it is today and our outstanding publication, **The Bull Sheet** which spreads our thinking throughout the country with it's wide distribution.

The sympathy of the members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents is extended to the entire Ben Warren family, due to the death of Ben's wife, Lila Ruth Warren, a devoted mother of two sons, James and Robert. The death of Lila leaves a sad heart with her many friends who have known her for the past forty-seven years. It has been said many times, God always picks the best flowers first. This certainly was true on November 8th, 1975.



Newly elected M.A.G.C.S. Officers and Directors.
Seated: Mike Bavier, Jo Grenko, Dorothy Carey.
Standing: Ed Fischer, Carl Grassl, Bruce Burchfield,
Fred Opperman, Peter Voykin, Cliff Behrendt, David Meyer.

From: Bob Williams, Bob O'Link G.C.

Art Snyder, retired super from the Paradise Valley Club in Phoenix, Arizona, stopped by recently to see a few courses. Art and Mrs. Snyder were on their way back to Penn. to visit friends and family.

Steve Stewart, son of Ed Stewart of River Forest, will graduate as a four year Turf Management Major at Michigan State University in December.

Bruce Williams has decided to follow in the footsteps of his father Bob Williams of Bob O'Link. Bruce is enrolled in the Michigan State University two year Turf Management Program. Previously, he graduated from Baldwin Wallace University in Ohio as an English Major.

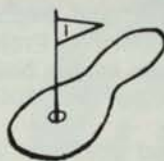
Joe Dinelli tells us he has completed 13 holes of his automatic irrigation system conversion at North Shore C.C. as of November 6th. A. J. Miller is the contractor. Joe will have some single row-fairways and some double-row.

Super Dick Lamkey, reports that his all new automatic irrigation system is functioning perfectly. Dick is really "Gung Ho" on the subject and says it's a whole new ballgame with automation. Anyone interested call on Dick for a guided tour.

Have "you-all" seen Paul Voykin lately? He has been sporting a southern accent since his recent talk to the Georgia Turf Conference. It is rumored that Paul has been doing a little bit of campaigning for Mike Bavier in Georgia as well as at the Wisconsin meeting.

The recent Wisconsin Turfgrass Symposium was again well attended with a real first class program. Surprisingly, the Midwest Association was represented with only about 20 supers. In fact, there were more men from Canada than from the Chicago area. Some of the highlights were Robert Trent Jones and Jack Allis telling of the Architectural changes to the Milwaukee Country Club. — Superintendent Bill Milne of Detroit reporting on his landscape planting program. — Jim Holmes did a fine job on Soil Mixes for putting greens. — And "Richie" Valentine did a great job telling of his auto-irrigation system at the Merion Country Club in Philadelphia.

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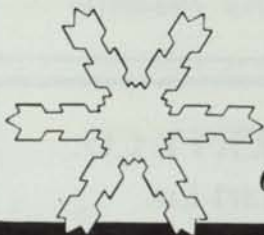
CHICAGO, August 8—Chlordane and heptachlor have not been banned by the Environmental Protection Agency as has been reported in news stories based on the EPA's news release announcing its "notice of intent" to suspend.

Robert M. Morris, president and chairman of the board of Velsicol Chemical Corporation, manufacturer of the two pesticides, pointed out that the action taken by the EPA was simply a notice of intent which would have become effective within five days of its announcement unless there was a request for a public hearing.

"This request has been made," Morris stated, "therefore, the notice of intent to suspend is of absolutely no significance until after the public hearing and final resolution by the federal courts, if that is necessary."

The erroneous report that the two pesticides were banned was based on the EPA's news release announcing the "notice of intent" to suspend. The headline and lead paragraph of the news release stated that EPA Administrator Russell E. Train stopped the manufacture of chlordane and heptachlor, but did not explain until page 2 that the action taken by the agency was a "notice of intent" to suspend.

Velsicol has been deluged with telephone calls and telegrams from throughout the world as a result of news stories which had repeated the misleading language of the EPA news release.



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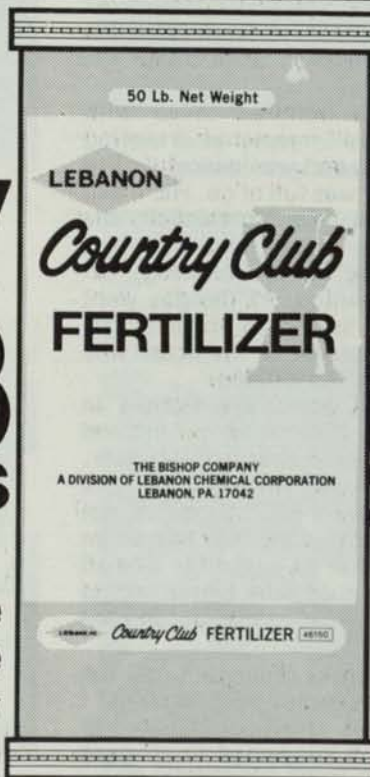
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Anthony A. Meyer
Golf Course Sup't.

IT'S A DOG'S LIFE

It's that time of year again when the blood in a hunter's veins changes its chemistry. It sort of turns into liquid gunpowder. His metabolism fires up his pulse, his step is quickened and his eyes are sharpened, his hearing becomes acute to the sound of feathers. He gets as twitchy as a bird dog. Speaking of dogs I'd like to relate a recent trip afield.

Normally I never hunt with a dog, but the fanfare of a certain canine called "Bumper" (the name has been changed to protect the innocent) persuaded me to accept him as part of a hunting party. A party made up of one old wood tick and two not so old wood ticks and myself.

Now I know it's treading on sacred ground when you comment on a man's hunting dog, especially an English hunting dog. A pointer I believe. You may question his profession, berate his gas machine, even criticize his spouse, but never, never a debasing word about his dog.

Well, after driving several hundred miles with Bumper he seemed like a well mannered traveling companion. He didn't eat much and was peaceful. The first day in the field ol' Bumper was full of go. HE'd sail off down the row looking for a bird. Occasionally his master would sound off with a "Come back here you Son-of-bitch". (a proper name for a male dog) Ol' Bumper would just keep on running. As the day went on he finally slowed down a bit and when the going got too rough he would simply come out of the brush and trot along a more well worn path. **Smart dog.**

Finally came Bumper's first point. We worked in cautiously, slowly ready for the flush when out jumped a rabbit. Oh well, birds were certainly scarce this year. Ol' Bumper then proceeded to point two sparrows, one butterfly, treed a squirrel, chased a deer two miles, got lost and had to almost be carried out. He also backed an old tom cat into a corner, but after an eyeball to eyeball confrontation decided discretion was the better part of valor and backed off with both eyes in tact. **Intelligent dog.**

After about four days Ol' Bumper finally got into the deep brush and would you believe he got on a point? I mean he really turned to stone, petrified. His master was very excited about this and suggested to all guns present to shoot no matter what he had on point. Hen or rooster or whatever. Well, I was a little reluctant about that. I didn't want to blast somebodys' pet goat, steer or what ever it was that Ol' Bumper had on point. In a burst up jumped, of all things a cock pheasant. Wham! Dead bird. **Happy dog.**

By gosh Ol' Bumper did have ability, he could point a pheasant. They were just not plentiful enough for him to display his fine breeding and training. The day was at a close and Ol' Bumper was really hungry and thirsty after his work out. His master dished up his evening meal, one of those things that is supposed to make it's own gravy. He gulped it all down with gusto, every last bit. Whereupon, I heard the loudest most profound belch I've ever heard. Some of my hunting companions are rather hard on the grub and my first thought was they are at the chow bag again. But no, it was Ol' Bumper out with a second booming belch! Would you believe a burping dog?

Now it occurred to me that Ol' Bumper was wasting his time chasing around out there after sparrows, rabbits, pheasants, cats and things. Here was a **talented dog**. Can you imagine the commercial value of a dog on T.V. after having downed a couple of mouth fulls of "Krafts Kanine Crackers" sending forth a resounding burp into living rooms all over America.

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L. to R.-Mrs. Norman Levy, Mr. Norman Levy, Green Chairmen and Paul Voykin, Supt. at Brairwood C.C. Mexican Gala Fiesta.



L. to R. - Louis Moraly, Gil Sanchez, Frank Reyna.
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L. to R. - W. Trometer, Art Clesen, W. Saielli, A. Weiler, W. Stupple, Ad. Bertucci.



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L. to R. - Frank Reyna, Ad. Bertucci, in background Tony, mechanic and chef 15 years.



The November issue of the BULL SHEET showed a picture of a dredge or mud-cat working in Gerber's pond at Glen Oak C.C. The above picture 1/3 mile away shows where the mud from the bottom of the pond is being discharged. A neat operation. A good way to clean out the old lake.

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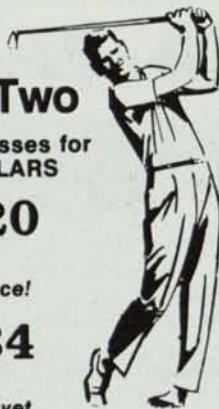
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Editor, starts to prepare for a cold winter.

Mike Bavier, Supt. at Inverness C.C. reports he is building a new #1 tee and also rebuilding two other tees. He is also doing some necessary seeding on the course. The creek that wanders thru the grounds will have a new look in 1976. Mike has been busy on this project and the weather has cooperated in making the job more pleasant.

Mike says part of his fall work will consist of planting several 5" and 6" trees on various parts of the club grounds. This should keep him busy until the snow and cold weather puts a halt to this kind of work.

On October 20th Paul Voykin, Superintendent at Briarwood C.C., played host to his annual wild Mexican Golf Open and Gala Fiesta. This editor was invited and being one that likes to be where the action is, I attended. The Gala Fiesta was exactly what the words mean. The barbecue ribs were super along with all the extras plus the refreshments. I did not have the time to tour the golf course. If Paul's hospitality was any indication of the condition of the golf course, it must be excellent.

On this same day the editor accepted an invitation from Bob Williams, Supt. at Bob O'Link G.C. Bob gave me a complete tour. The golf course and club grounds were in magnificent condition. Bob has built three new lakes on the golf course, rebuilt tees and is in the process of building a complete new tee. It will be far beyond tees we usually find on a golf course. He is working with several different strains of grass and certainly has accomplished and received tremendous results. Bob is in the process of doing some professional landscaping around certain tees, along golf cart paths and other club grounds areas.

Tom Byrne, Supt. at Addison G.C. who usually goes hunting for small target, fast flying game has changed his procedure and has decided to look for larger and slower moving targets. Could it be _____? Think nothing of it, Tom. The editor sympathizes with you. He has had the same experience years ago.

It is not too early to start making plans for the M.A.G.C.S. 50th anniversary in 1976. It also is the G.C.S.A.A. 50th anniversary, the 30th year for the Bull Sheet, and our U.S.A. Bicentennial. This sure will be a great year to celebrate our achievements.

Charles Wilson, Director of Research for the Noer Foundation has informed me that they have contributed to the Illinois Turfgrass research department the sum of \$2,000.00 for each of the next three years. This is to be used to study "The Impact of Tatch on Herbicide Persistence, Mobility and Efficiency". This sounds like an excellent project. I am sure all of us will be interested in the end results.

It appears the older some Supts. get the better golfers they become. Ben Kronn scored a 69 having seven birdies on his home course, Twin Orchard C.C. Bob Williams kept the pressure on Ben by posting a sub-par round.

On November 6, 1975 the duPont Chemical Co. sponsored a meeting at Midwest G.C. Several golf course Supts. attended this worthy meeting. Dr. Varges from Michigan State did an excellent job in explaining the work being done on turfgrass problems. Bob Miller, whom I am sure all of us in the golf course maintenance profession know, gave an outstanding presentation on research work being carried out by the duPont Co.

Many of us have received the sad news that Bob Miller will be retiring in the early part of 1976. This editor has known Bob for many years and burned a little midnight oil with him. No one could wish for a better friend. So Mr. Turf, as Bob is many times called, the golf course Supts. will miss your visits and duPont Co. is one of the losers.

A CORRECTION

In regards to the M.A.G.C.S. golf tournament - the Bull Sheet reported for the seniors: A. Staudt 1st, Ben Kronn 2nd. It should of stated: A. Staudt 1st, Anthony Sella 2nd and Ben Kronn 3rd. The editor is happy to know there are some people that read the Bull Sheet.

Paul Voykin just returned from giving a talk down in Athens, Georgia and said he was greatly impressed by the Georgia Golf Course Supts. Association and the outstanding work they are doing. Paul also recently gave a talk at Michigan State University and a lawn and garden presentation to the Evanston Kiwanis Club.

The annual meeting of the M.A.G.C.S. held on November 12 was well attended, and usually gives members a chance to express their way of thinking or their feeling as to how the association should be run. This is always their privilege, but there are occasions when one gets carried away and can not stop.

This editor has attended all annual meetings for the past forty years. Only one other occasion, to the best of my memory, has a situation taken place along the same lines as at this annual meeting. Maybe I am old fashioned and have not been accustom to the present generation way of doing things.

The results of the election:
President - Fred Opperman, Glen Oak C.C.
2nd V. President - Carl Grassl, Park Ridge C.C.
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ILLINOIS TURFGRASS CONFERENCE TURFGRASS WORKSHOP

Wednesday, December 10, 1975

First Session 10:00 a - 12:00 p

- A. Aquatic Weeds and Control
Dr. R. C. Hiltibran, Aquatic Biology Section,
Illinois Natural History Survey
- B. Tree Selection and Care
Dr. David Williams, Department of Horticulture,
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Second Session 1:00 - 3:00 p

- A. Turfgrass Disease Identification and Control
Dr. M. C. Shurtleff, Department of Plant Pathology,
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- B. Mower Sharpening and Adjustment
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Third Session 3:00 - 5:00 p

- A. Turfgrass Insect Identification and Control
Dr. Roscoe Randell, Agricultural Entomology,
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- B. Turfgrass Weeds and Control
Dr. A. J. Turgeon, Department of Horticulture,
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SPECIAL SYMPOSIUM ON FUSARIUM BLIGHT

Wednesday, December 10, 1975

Moderator: Ben Warren, President, Warren's Turf Nursery, Palos Park, Illinois

- 7:00p - 7:20p—Fusarium blight disease in turf - Dr. H. B. Couch, Department of Plant Pathology, Virginia Polytechnic Institute
- 7:20p - 7:40p—Factors affecting Fusarium blight incidence in Kentucky bluegrass turf - Dr. Herbert Cole, Jr., Department of Plant Pathology, Pennsylvania State Univ.
- 7:40p - 8:00p—Effects of culture practices of Fusarium blight incidence in Kentucky bluegrass - Dr. A. J. Turgeon, Department of Horticulture, University of Illinois
- 8:00p - 8:15p—Break
- 8:15p - 8:35p—Fusarium blight-nematode interaction in turf - Dr. J. M. Vargas, Jr., Department of Botany and Plant Pathology, Michigan State University
- 8:35p - 8:55p—Developing genetic resistance to Fusarium blight - Dr. C. R. Funk, Department of Soils and Crops, Rutgers University
- 8:55p - 9:15p—Techniques for rapid determination of Fusarium blight susceptibility in Kentucky bluegrass selections - Dr. W. A. Meyer, Research Director, Turf Seeds, Inc., Hubbard, Oregon
- 9:15p - 9:45p—Panel Discussion - all speakers

ILLINOIS TURFGRASS CONFERENCE TURFGRASS CONFERENCE RESEARCH SESSION

Thursday a.m., December 11, 1975

Moderator: Richard Lamkey, Superintendent, Bryn Mawr Country Club, Lincolnwood, Illinois

- 9:00a - 9:15a—**Turfgrass Variety Evaluation Results** - Dr. A. J. Turgeon, Department of Horticulture, University of Illinois
- 9:15a - 9:30a—**Pesticide Effects on Soil Physical Properties** - Dr. Ivan Jansen, Department of Agronomy, University of Ill.
- 9:30a - 9:45a—**Pesticide Effects on Soil Microflora** - Dr. Mike Cole, Department of Agronomy, University of Illinois
- 9:45a - 10:00a—**Evaluation of Pre-emergence Herbicides for Crabgrass Control in Turf** - Bruce Fritz, Department of Horticulture, University of Illinois
- 10:00a - 10:15a—**Welcoming Address** - Dr. Morton W. Weir, Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Illinois
- 10:15a - 10:30a—Break
- 10:30a - 10:45a—**Studies on Soil-Less Sod for Turfgrass Establishment** - Janet Renaud, Department of Horticulture, Univ. of Ill.
- 10:45a - 11:00a—**Yield, Protein and Xanthophyll Content of Turfgrass Clippings** - Dr. A. J. Turgeon, Department of Horticulture, University of Illinois
- 11:00a - 11:15a—**Vegetative Establishment of Cool-Season Turf from Plugs** - E. G. Solon, Department of Agriculture, McHenry County College
- 11:15a - 11:30a—**Turfgrass Renovation with Glyphosate** - K. A. Hurto, Department of Horticulture, University of Illinois
- 11:30a - 11:45a—**A Progress Report on the SIU Turf Program** - Dr. Herb Portz, Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, Southern Illinois University

GOLF TURF SESSION

Thursday pm, December 11, 1975

Moderator: Roger LaRochelle, Superintendent, Woodmar Country Club, Hammond, Indiana

- 1:30p - 2:00p—**Programmed Maintenance of Bentgrass Greens** - Carl Grassl, Superintendent, Park Ridge Country Club, Park Ridge, Illinois
- 2:00p - 2:30p—**Zoysia Establishment and Culture in the Transition Zone** - Jim Manka, Superintendent, Old Warson Country Club, St. Louis, Missouri
- 2:30p - 3:00p—**Soil Moisture - Its Importance in Turfgrass Culture** - Dr. Paul Rieke, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, Michigan State University
- 3:00p - 3:15p—Break