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It isn't that we don't need or want these college trained students, we just don't need the vast numbers that are being flooded on the job market. We do need people trained in turf, we do need the young people coming from college trained in all the latest in turf research. We do need specialists in our field. But we don't need so many that once they graduate they become disillusioned when they can't find a job and then they go off into another field. That means that research and scholarship money has been wasted. In this day and age with many state grants being cut off to the schools and the little there is to go around makes this into a double waste when the student that the school turns out does not produce.

In the January 1976 issue of "The Golf Course Superintendent" in their "Turf Talk" article it goes on to say: "A random check of the 1968 GCSAA scholarship recipients would indicate that a good percentage do continue in the field. Forty-one scholarships were awarded in 1968. Today, 18 recipients are active in the profession and are members of the GCSAA. Another is a turfgrass researcher. Seven of the 41 recipients were either sons or brothers of superintendents members of the GCSAA". In my opinion 46% is not a good percentage. I think something above 75% would be a good percentage.

In fields outside the turf industry the specialized schools start to cut back enrollment when the job market starts to dry up. I think that it is about time that our own turf schools should give a second look to what is happening once their students leave their campus. Just what is the percentage of students going into the

turf field? How many continue in what they were taught? How many go into unrelated jobs and waste all the research and scholarship money that is so hard to come by.

THE EDITOR SAYS

The 47th G.C.S.A.A. conference and show is in its past history. But our memory will linger on for a long time in the future. The exhibits get more interesting each year possibly because one can find some of our long time friends working in these booths. What more can one wish for, then setting on a chair having a friendly conversation with one of these men. It would be impossible to mention all of them. There are those that I have associated with at different times during my past thirty-eight years of attending and they have always been high quality men, no high pressure, and they probably are responsible for more sales than those that are the opposite. Just to mention a few; men like Bob Miller, Leo Cleary, Stan Frederiksen, Ben Warren, Jim Hoffman, Warren Roseman, Dr. Jim Watson, Russ Reed, Babe Brinkworth, Bob Johnson, Peter Vandercook, Charlie Wilson, Jim Latham, Harold Glissman, and I am sure there are many others. Also a few of my long-time Supt. friends such as Mike Sopko, John Spodnik, Larry Wolf, Sherwood Moore, Dr. Fred Grau, Clarence Wolfrom, Ted Roberts, Chet Mendenhall, Harold Stodola, Elmer Border, Jim Brandt, Charles Baskin and one of our past Bull Sheet editors who has discarded over one hundred lbs. of weight — "Douglas Jabaay".

It is always a pleasure for me to have a chat with personnel of the United States Golf Associations Green Section. It is certainly an honor to have men like Carl Schwartzhopf, Al Radko, W. H. Bangeyfield and James Moncrief attending our conference.

The M.A.G.C.S. members that devoted their time to the hospitality room are to be commended for taking care of the many details. A glass with liquid in it along with something to chew on is relaxing after a long day. We all thank you.

The G.C.S.A.A. turfgrass conference and show draws attendance from many different countries. This editor would like to see the flag of all nations that are being represented displayed during the conference.

The conference in Minneapolis gave this editor the feeling some one was missing. After a short reminiscence, I solved what was bothering me. The Graffis Bros. were not present. This left a vacant spot in the attendance. I hope this does not happen again and that they will be present at the 50th anniversary celebration on Sept. 13, 14, 15 at the Sylvania C.C. in Ohio.

On Sunday, Feb. 29th, during the Golf Tournament at Inverrary C.C., Lauderhill, Florida where Larry Weber is Supt., Chris Schenkel, A.B.C. Sports Commentator, had many kind words of praise for all the knowledge that is required to be a good golf course Supt. He named many of their required duties. It would be wonderful if all the golf course Supts. would send a letter of thanks to Mr. Schenkel. The **Bull Sheet** did just that. It does not happen very often that the golf course Supt. gets world wide praise for his work. Send it to Chris Schenkel, A.B.C. Sports, 1330 Avenue of the Americas, N.Y., N.Y. 10000.

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Mary and Charles Shiley

Dudly Smith, who recently gave his interesting talk, "Women I've Known", at the Penn State Conference and the National Conference in Minneapolis has also been teaching a turfgrass course at Joliet Junior College. His subjects were Golf Course Irrigation and Greens Construction. This is just another example of our midwest local Superintendents helping **Junior Colleges**.

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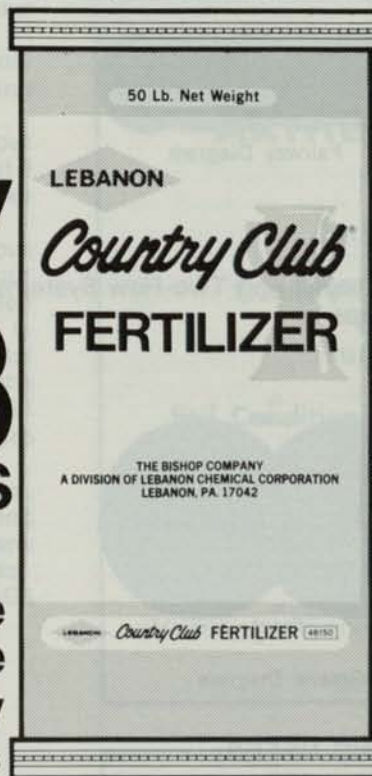


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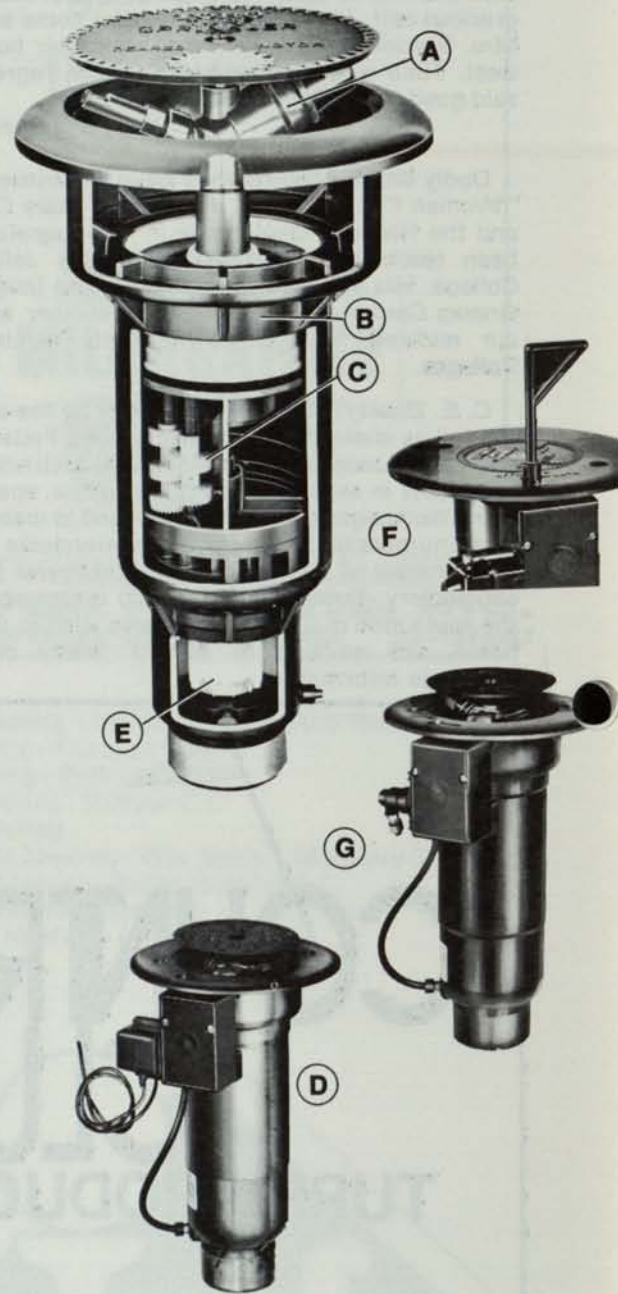
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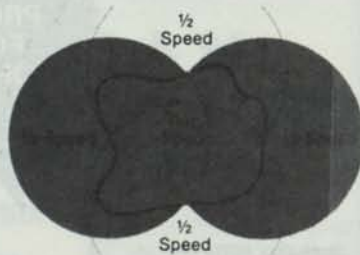


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To be part of a group of aggressive and progressive-thinking superintendents that show interest and put forth many good ideas that challenge our National organization is indeed a pleasure. We (I say we because I have had your support almost 100 per cent for three years) have been "shot down" more than any other group because of our desire to express ourselves, not to merely drift with the tide.

The thought of not winning is certainly overshadowed by the meaning of running and expressing the views that are of importance. Some of these views were:

1.) Our certification program is adequate but would carry much more meaning if the pesticide seminar was handled in conjunction with it, which, in turn, might be valid for state pesticide licensing.

2.) The conference split-sessions divide everyone up so that only a limited number of people attend each session. With so many speakers, one becomes frustrated trying to decide which one to attend. The cost of bringing so many **out-of-town speakers** to the conference is quite enormous, as you can well imagine. Are we missing the point of having some of our best people give talks and also of leaving a little time for the equipment show and for turf talk with fellow superintendents?

3.) My concerns for our **Golf Course Superintendent** magazine were: the need for upgrading the binding used, the need for the use of more superintendent authors or related articles selling ourselves (public relations), and the possibility of discontinuing the use of conference talks in the magazine.

4.) The elimination of the Conference Proceedings, due in part to the multi-sessions, was unfortunate. To me, these are, or were, a very valuable part of our education and Association history.

These, and many more ideas, were expressed, only to be branded at the time as "bombs" or aggravating accusations toward the Association.

-GCSAA Management Seminar in Chicago was put on with short notice and ends up short of people—just 4 attended, that's right, 4! Thanks to the new dues increase, we can easily afford blunders like this.

Questioning the dues increase was called ridiculous by some mesmerized people that never challenge our leaders. However, word has it that a quick tabulation was taken after the past National Conference, only to find that, in reality, we were in **sound** financial condition! These same people might deny the possibility that one of our top Association personnel will be leaving headquarters in the near future. Could there be more?

Gentlemen, when more people share our feelings, I'm sure some worthwhile goals will be in the offering and will, in return, be the best for all of us. To my many friends of the Midwest and other supporters—thanks.

Mike R. Bavier, CGCS

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MIDWEST BREEZES

At the M.A.G.C.S. January meeting it was reported that Richard Kensinger, Supt. at Ken-Lock G.C. had injured his eye while hunting. A thorn from a tree entered his eye ball. After considerable time in the hospital and more days in bed at home he is recovering and reports are he will have 20-20 vision in the injured eye with contact lenses. We are all glad to receive the good news of Richard's recovery.

Don Johnson, chairman of the green committee for the past twelve years at Medinah C.C., gave a presentation at the M.A.G.C.S. clinic in Dec. 1975. The topic was: A Green Chairman's View Point. The article was in the Jan. 1976 issue of the **Bull Sheet**. It has as of this date been picked up by several other chapter publications. The **Bull Sheet** is always glad to share with others.

The old saying that a person who makes no mistakes is one that never does anything. Well, the editor made a mistake in the identification of a certain person in one of the pictures, "Not intentionally". The man in the picture with Dr. Fred Grau is Dr. Joe Duich, not Mike Bavier as stated. MY APOLOGY.

Jerry Mach and wife left for a short vacation in Florida after the National Conference. Just one last fling before the season starts, Jerry said.

The John Ebel family spent some time in the Florida Keys during the month of Feb.

Midwest director, Clif Behrendt, and family were in Florida the last part of February and first of March.

Dr. Daniel held another one of his outstanding conferences with a couple of local supers, Dick Trevarthan and Roger LaRochelle, giving speeches — nice job, guys.

Wolfgang Mueller is installing quite a drainage system in at Owentsia Club. He also is constructing some very sturdy bridges for player and cart traffic.

John Beraducci at Ravinia Green hired a Penn State graduate for his assistant this summer. Ted Frey comes from Twin Orchard, and before that from Inverness. Johnnie wants him to know what a class place is really like!

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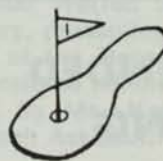
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