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Fred Opperman — President.

The President's Message

This being my last President's message to you, there will be a number of unrelated subjects to cover. Many people are not aware of the lead time that these messages and articles are prepared for the "Bullsheet". Mr. Gerber needs to have all items for the "Bullsheet" on the 10th of the month preceding the issue of publication. Many times then you can't comment on an event because it hasn't happened yet and yet it happened two to three weeks before you received your "Bullsheet". This is the reason why there is sometimes no comment on certain events and then you wonder why it was brought up months later.

The Illinois Turfgrass Foundation event is one of those events that I had wanted to comment on but due to the time schedule and other items I haven't done so till now. I was personally disappointed in the attendance of the superintendents at this affair and their financial support of this very worthwhile organization. There was hardly twenty superintendents present. The participation in buying raffle tickets, golf day tickets and any donations to the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation has to be rated as terrible if you consider the number of golf course and superintendents in the Chicago area. I feel that Dr. Turgeon deserves more support than what was shown. Those superintendents that attended the October 4th meeting at Butler National and heard Dr. Turgeon's talk are well aware of the tremendous research projects that he is conducting. He needs our support. Next year don't let him down like you did this year.

On September 13th I was in Toledo representing the Midwest at the "Golden Anniversary" celebration at Sylvania Country Club. I was very impressed with the display of old equipment and the fine shape it was all in. The many old pictures of past conferences and leaders of our national association were displayed in the clubhouse, along with the many hand tools of that era. Our Midwest film that we added a sound track to this past year was a big hit with the audience.

Arnold Palmer's speech, "Fifty Years of Progress", I felt came directly from a very sincere person. One of the key points that he brought out was that he felt people were getting too lackadaisical. He said that once they reached a certain point in their life or job and everything was going along fine they seemed to just coast then. They were resting on their past accomplishments and endeavors and this is what he

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meant by lackadaisical. It is something that we cannot afford to do. He pointed out there are always new horizons and challenges to reach out and strive for.

A "Thank You" is due to the membership and my Board of Directors for the help you gave me this past year as your President. It has been an honor that I will always remember and cherish. Thank you.

MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS NOMINEES FOR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS - 1976-77

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The Nominating Committee presents the above slate. However, nominations will be accepted from the floor.

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GCSAA NAMES MAPLES DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Palmer Maples, Jr., Decatur, Georgia, will be the new Director of Education of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA), Conrad Scheetz, GCSAA executive director, has announced.

Maples will join the GCSAA Headquarters staff in Lawrence, Kansas in December, following his resignation as golf course superintendent of The Standard Club in Atlanta, Georgia. He succeeds William E. Knoop, who resigned in July to join the faculty of Iowa State University in Ames.

In making the announcement, Scheetz said, "After an extensive investigation of candidates from throughout the country, we are thoroughly satisfied that Palmer will enhance the Association's ability to provide meaningful educational opportunities for its members and the profession. He brings to the position a sound academic background, valuable practical knowledge and experience in the field of golf course management and a thorough understanding of the Association's structure and activities.

"We welcome Palmer to our staff and look forward to working with him to advance GCSAA's educational programs."

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'Eat, Sleep, Dream Grass', Mechling Advises Group Started Half Century Ago

The real secret in being a good greenkeeper, Paul Mechling, golf course superintendent at Sylvania Country Club, says, "is to sleep, eat, and dream grasses -- and to choose the kind of wife who'll bring you clean clothes to the office."

That is just one of the tips being bandied about this week at Mr. Mechling's home club on Monroe Street, which is the scene of the golden anniversary celebration of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

The organization was founded at Sylvania Country Club in 1926.

The observance began with displays and demonstrations of vintage turf and golfing equipment, including a horse-drawn mower. Photographs of early meetings and audio-visual presentations of the profession's early days were presented throughout the day-long event.

Palmer's Father Held Job

Arnold Palmer, whose father was a golf course superintendent, was the featured speaker at the evening banquet.

The 4,200-member international organization was originally known as the National Association of Greenkeepers of America.

Like Mr. Mechling, some superintendents still prefer to be called greenkeepers.

"It's a beautiful word and it tells it all," Mr. Mechling said.

The title is synonymous with superintendent; greenskeepers, on the other hand, are workers who oversee the greens.

Many Talents Required

A good superintendent today must be an agronomist, turf management specialist, scientific weather forecaster, operations planner, record keeper, budget expert, and be responsible for everything which grows or is attached to the ground. Sometimes, he must work around the clock.

And it helps to have a sense of humor. As GCSAA member Paul N. Voykin of Briarwood Country Club, Deerfield, Ill., said: "You can't get the thermometer for good grass-growing weather. Mother Nature is capricious and she'll hassle you every chance she gets."

First To Write Best Seller

Mr. Voykin, author of two how-to-grow-grass books, said that he is the first golf course superintendent to write a best seller on lawn care.

Chester Mendenhall, a past president and charter member of GCSAA, contrasted modern greenkeeping techniques with those used in post-World War I years when he was superintendent of Mission Hills Country Club, Kansas City, Kansas.

"We watered fairways with hoses, mowed with a horse-drawn mower, hand mowers were used on the greens", he said.

"If we mowed once a week, we were doing good".

The only fungicide available was an all-purpose chemical which was mixed with wet sand and broadcast over diseased areas.



Seeing is believing. These two pictures show what can happen to a beautiful lush bent grass fairway at Glen Oak C.C., Glen Ellyn, Ill. Grub worms congregated in an area of their choice. Roaming animals such as skunks or raccoons came upon this area and sensed there was something in this area of their liking. They went to work. The pictures show you what happened. The end results, Supt. Fred Opperman found it necessary to replace several hundred square feet of sod and apply an application of pesticides. The turfgrass may have the look of being in excellent condition on the surface, but sometimes there is trouble brewing underneath.

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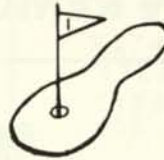
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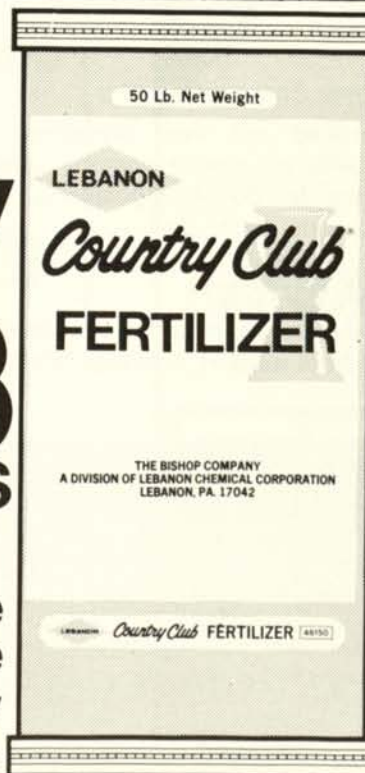
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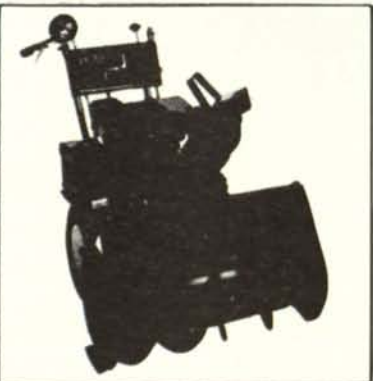
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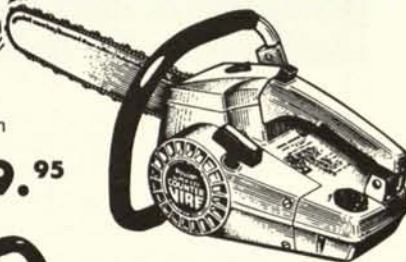
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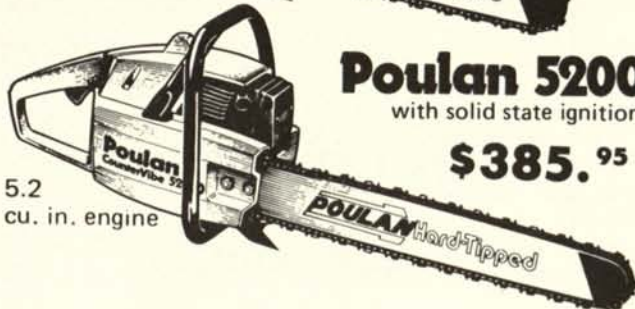


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 Wednesday Morning, December 1

- 8:30 Registration Howard Baerwald
- 9:30 Call to Order President MAGCS
- 9:35 Welcome Host Supt. John Jackman
- 9:40 **Session Moderator - Robert M. Williams**
Keynote Speaker.....Dr. Fred V. Grau
"Through 50 Years"
- 10:30 50 Years of Experience Panel
 (Frank Dinelli, Domenic Grotti, Charles Shiley
 Wally Piepers, Wm. Stuppel, Art Benson, Jr.)
- 11:00 Questions
- 11:15 Films (Two) "Conditions Years Ago"
 Narrated and Sound by Ray Gerber
- 12:00 Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon

Session Moderator - Mike Bavier
WATER AND EROSION CONTROL

- 1:30 Illinois State Water Survey
 Robert Sasman, Hydrologist
- 2:00 Questions
- 2:10 Erosion Control with Round Covers.....
 Jim Thompson
- 2:30 Questions
- 2:40 Controlling Algae and Aquatic Weeds
 John Debedevs
- 3:00 Questions
- 3:10 Erosion Control Along Pond and River Banks
 Robert G. Lukas, Vice President Soil Testing, Inc.
- 3:40 Questions
- 3:50 Lake Aeration . Dr. Mervin Browne, Kem-Bro Inc.
- 4:10 Questions
- 5:00 Cocktail Hour
- 6:30 Banquet Guest Speaker, Mr. Leo McNamara
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Thursday Morning - December 2, 1976

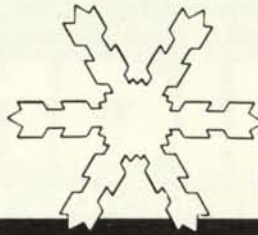
Session Moderator - Roger LaRoche
NATURAL BEAUTY IS REWARDING

- 9:00 50 Years of Golf Courses in Scotland.....
 Carl Schwartzkopf, USGA Green Section
- 9:30 Questions
- 9:40 1975 Award Winning Landscape
 (Glen Oak Country Club..... Fred Opperman
- 10:00 Questions
- 10:10 Trees, their Trimming and Care.. Art Benson Jr.
- 10:30 Questions
- 10:40 Proper Planting of Trees, Types, Locations
 Dick Nugent, Architect
- 11:00 Questions
- 11:10 Controlling Ornamental Insects and Diseases -
 New Dutch Elm Control.....
 Tom Morrison, Arborist
- 11:30 Questions
- 12:00 Noon Lunch

Thursday Afternoon

Session Moderator - Richard Lamkey
FLOWERS - THEIR IMPORTANCE

- 1:30 Flowers, Irrigation, Installation by vibratory plow
 Dennis Fulton
- 1:50 Questions
- 2:00 Annual Flower Planting..... Dr. Fosler, U of I
- 2:20 Questions
- 2:30 Creative Flower Planting Ted Mochel
- 2:50 Questions
- 3:00 Summary of Clinic and Closing Remarks
 Dr. Grau
- 3:30 Close of Clinic



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MIDWEST BREEZES

Charlie Schultz, former supt. at Hinsdale G.C. and now a gentleman farmer at Almond, Wisc., sends his greetings by the way of Art Clesen to his supt. friends in the Chicago area. Charlie says that if you are in the vicinity of Almond, stop in and he will show you around and maybe teach you how to milk a cow.

Our October 4th meeting was held at the Butler National G.C. Oakbrook, Illinois on a beautiful day and a great golf course, in excellent condition made possible by Supt. **Ed Fischer**. Those that played golf reported an enjoyable round. Their scores and the number of golf balls that found their way into the water was of a different nature. Dr. Al Turgeon from the University of Illinois was the guest speaker and, as usual, did an outstanding job. After entertaining the audience for over an hour with truly an educational program and after listening to the work that Dr. Turgeon is doing in turfgrass, I am confident that the results of his research program will continue to help us. So forget a couple of extra strokes or a few balls in the water. We were honored to have present **Mr. Paul Butler**, the owner of Butler National G.C. It was Mr. Butler's idea to build a golf course that was a challenge to the golfer and this he did.

Mr. I. C. Harbour, who is in a position to call the shots at Butler National was also present at the dinner hour and one of the best meals it was.

At the Oct. 4th meeting President **Fred Opperman** presented Dr. Al Turgeon with a check of \$1,000.00 to be used for turfgrass research.

The annual meeting of the M.A.G.C.S. will be held at Butterfield Country Club on November 11, 1976. **Art Benson, Jr.** will be our host. Come and vote for the candidate of your choice.

The deepest sympathy of the members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Supts. is extended to the Bernard Kazich family due to the death of Bernard. He was known to his many friends by the name "Whitey". He leaves a wife and three children. He was a dedicated man in the field of turfgrass management. Whitey started on a golf course at Gleneagles G.C., moved from there to Riverside C.C. as supt. After leaving Riverside C.C. he became supt. of grounds at Riverside-Brookfield High School. He was a former member of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Supts. and also a member of the G.C.S.A.A.



Dr. Al Turgeon, speaker at Butler National G.C.



President **Fred Opperman** presents GCSAA certificate of certification to **Ed Fischer**. Other two gentlemen are **I.C. Harbour** on the left and **Mr. Paul Butler** on the right.

Mr. Ray H. Gerber
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Dear Ray:

I want to thank you for the great job you did in helping to make our Golden Anniversary Celebration a success. We also appreciate your contribution to the GCSAA equipment collection at Michigan State.

The films were very good. They were as educational as they were entertaining. Everyone who had a part in putting the event together should feel proud of a job well done. It was truly a day that all GCSAA members can look back upon with pride.

Keep up the good work with the **Bull Sheet**. It is one of my favorite newsletters.

Sincerely,
Charles H. Tadge, CGCS
Chairman
Golden Anniversary Committee

October 4, 1976

Dear Mr. Gerber:

I want to thank you and also the condolence which was put in the Bull Sheet for my husband, Elmer.

Thanks again for the flowers which were sent to him in the hospital and also at his death. Sure wish I could of kept him a little longer with me. I sure miss him, but it isn't our will.

Mrs. Elmer G. Lemke



Marlene and Dudley Smith

On November 12, 1976 the Midwest Golf Course Superintendents Association will hold their annual dinner and dance at Silver Lake Country Club, Orland Park, Ill. Our host and hostess will be Marlene and Dudley Smith, Kay and John Coghill, Jr. With four nice people like this how can one afford to stay away. Bring along your appetite and your dancing shoes and have a ball.



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Dear Members and Friends:

We would like to welcome you to Silver Lake Country Club for the annual dinner-dance on Friday night, November 12, 1976.

Let's forget the dry bi-centennial year and the elections, and have a night of gaiety and merriment. Call some of your friends and arrange to have a table full. Hope to see you all then.

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