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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Winter, here it is once again. A great time of the year for one to look back and make that stock statement, "how quickly this past growing season has come and gone". It's that time of the year when one can look back and more thoroughly analyze the moves and decisions that were made. The right ones you record on black and white to make sure they are repeated, the wrong ones you really pick apart to guarantee the fact they will not happen again. It's also the time to develop new ideas for the forth coming season that will physically as well as aesthetically enhance the golf course.

Winter, most naturally, tis the season to slip and slide, on foot or in vehicle. Shovel that walk, plow the drive and please don't forget to thaw that icy hill. A pleasant side to our freezing months comes in the form of a single but huge word, Education. Tons of extremely valuable Agronomic research data becomes available at this time of the year. A golf course Superintendent, or whatever, has only to open his eyes, ears and brain at the vastly marvelous Turf Clinics that are being conducted. From the 24th Annual Turf Clinic at Medinah Country Club to the 48th International Turfgrass Conference in Portland, Oregon, many learned people will add much to our turf profession.

Winter isn't only a time to pile snow, pile some knowledge, too!

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The sympathy of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents is extended to the **Ben Gee** family due to the death of Ben. Mr. Gee passed away on November 15 after a short illness.

Ben was a golf course Supt. for many years. He retired from Nordic Country Club several years ago. In recent years he has lived at Cavgar Rd., Rt. 2, Lockport, Ill. 60441. Ben was a member of the Midwest Assn. of Golf Course Supts. He will be missed by his many friends.

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This column will be written on monthly basis if the editor can find room and if the author can get enough information. One of my favorite columns in any publication has always been the gossip features. Let's see what happens.

—Flossmoor Country Club legend Wally Pieper was honored by some of his peers at a party in Frankfort. The "dean" of greenkeepers will certainly be missed at Flossmoor. Wally, good luck on your next endeavor.

—Word from Milwaukee has it that Bob Williams and Wally Fuchs, Jr. did a fine job representing the Midwest on their two day program, which was again a highly successful symposium. Next year's program, which is still on the drawing boards, might just cover "management".

—Cliff Behrendt and his wife, Judy, spent a short time in Florida the end of November. How was the weather, Cliff?

—Who's fooling who? The GCSAA Newsletter states the Association membership goes over 4,300 in spite of the dues increase. First, who is writing this newsletter? Our paid office help at headquarters, telling some of the superintendents they work for that they were off base when they said the membership would decline with the dues increase. Was it their business to tell these superintendents, "I told you so"? Secondly, the membership **should** increase when you open up four new membership classifications, one of these being Honorary classes (costing nothing) and two being Student classes (costing very little).

—Congratulations to the new Midwest board members Robert Siebert, Naperville C.C., and Donald Hoffman, Oak Hills C.C. They will need all the help you can give them, along with the rest of the board. With a membership that will hit 500 in the not too distant future, they certainly do need help and cooperation.

—Were you one of those that waited until that nice day in December to put your snow mold fungicides on and are still waiting? Well, don't feel too bad—you have company.

—Is Toro Manufacturing about to sell their distributorship here in Chicago? Let's hope they let someone take over that knows the area and the people.

—Guess who was in town to set up his famous cheese bar and endless rap session? Yes, our friend, Bill Lyons, was at Pheasant Run for the Golf Course Owners' meeting back in November.

—Congratulations to Richard Lamkey on being named the new president of the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation.

—The Midwest Clinic was a great success with Dr. Grau's participation. Our condolences go to Dr. Grau on the passing away of his wife. Also, a few new faces again surfaced that may prove to be some new blood for the Association in the future.

Check in next month to find out who toured a course in Nashville with only 32 putts.

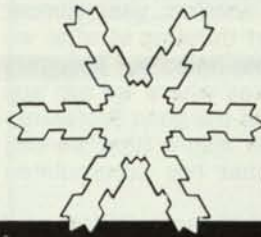
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Well, here it is December, another year almost gone. It's the time of year to start thinking of what we might do next year. One thing that helps our thoughts is the Turf Clinics and Conferences where we can see what other people did and what all the good Professors discovered this past season. It is also a time we can catch up on reading material that has accumulated through the summer.

There is something about most of these articles and conferences that bothers me. The majority of these articles and topics at clinics are geared toward private clubs. In most printed articles, whether it be USGA, GCSAA, CDGA, and even local association publications, it seems most are geared toward Green Chairmen, House Chairmen and members.

Daily Fee and municipal courses encounter turf wise many of the same problems that private clubs do but there are many things totally different. One is that daily fee courses never have a day that the course is closed so that they may fertilize, spray or manicure without interruption. Another is the many company outings and tournament play which is very heavy through the warmest months. These are many times, golfers that play your course just once a year, and if you have a problem that is solved two days later, they do not understand it, and may not return.

Budgeting is also different in that if revenue is down expenses are also expected to be down because there is no one to assess for excess expenses.

Considering the above, maybe in the future hopefully daily fee and municipal operations may get a little more consideration in some of these clinics and publications.

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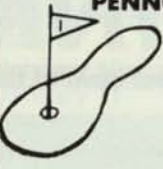
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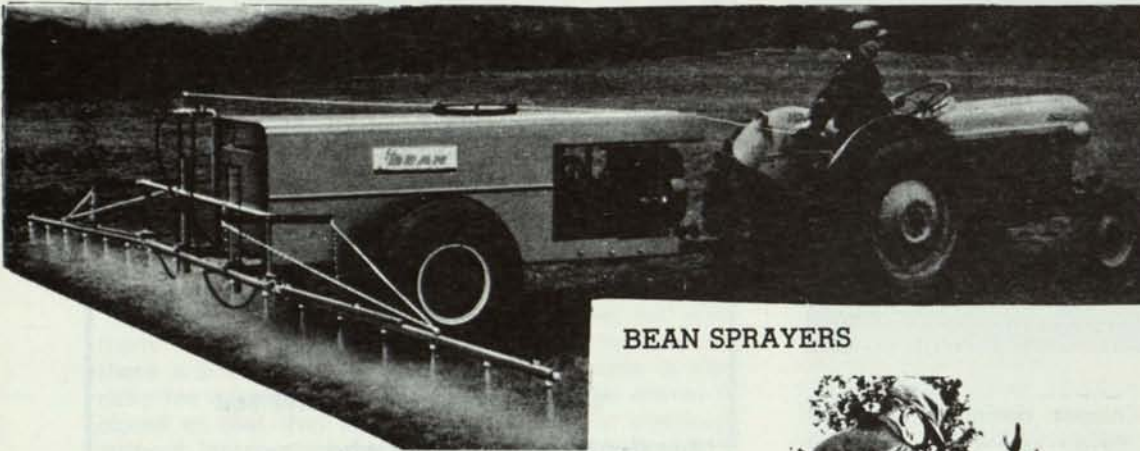
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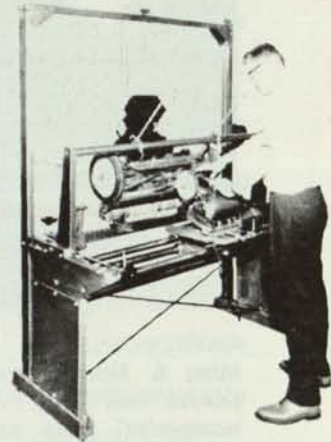
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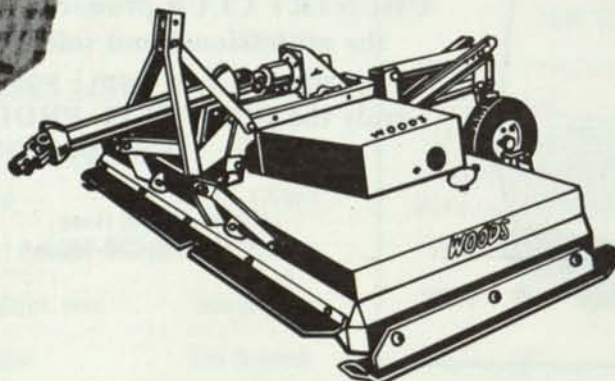


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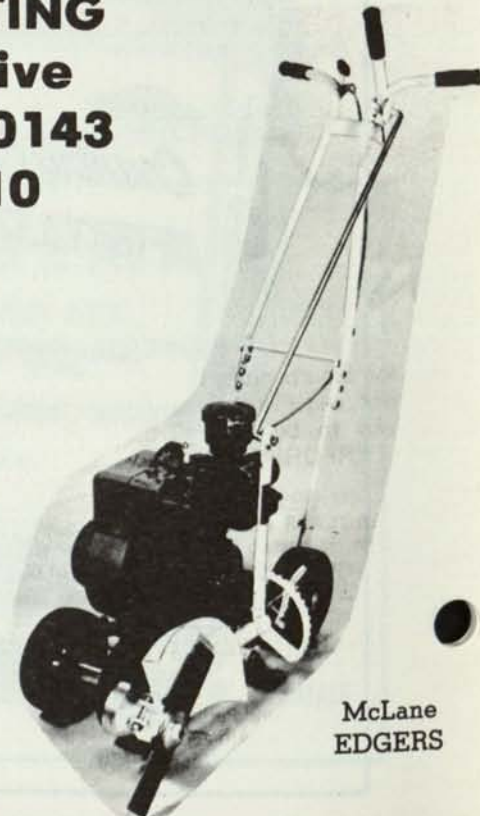
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5. Soil _____ are the primary agents responsible for the decomposition of plant residues. For correct answer, turn the pages.

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Special to Selected Publications Sensible Management of Pests Is Theme For Pesticide Clinics

URBANA--"Sensible Pest Management of Pests of Ornamentals, Turfgrass, and Non-crop Areas" is the theme for the 1977 Urban Pesticide Dealers and Applicators Clinics to be held during January in Illinois. The clinics are sponsored jointly by the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service; Illinois Natural History Survey; and the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Industries.

Topics discussed will be of primary interest to dealers or applicators who sell or apply home, yard, or garden pesticides. Custom applicators and operators who apply pesticides to nonagricultural areas such as parks, highways, golf courses, and similar areas should also attend the clinic.

Some of the topics to be discussed include: knowing what is pesticide safety; the most important pest problems of 1976 and some research results; pesticides available to dealers and applicators and recommendations for 1977; and the current status of federal and state pesticide acts.

There will be a special training session for those persons wanting to be licensed under the category, Industrial Weed Control. This session will cover the topic of non-crop weed control as commonly used along highway right-of-way.

A representative of the Illinois State Department of Agriculture will administer examinations for custom spray applicator and operator licenses at the end of each clinic for those wishing to take the exam. The exams will be in the categories of industrial weed control and landscape and turf. Tests in other categories will also be available.

Commercial applicators who last took the examination prior to 1972 must take a new examination this year to renew their license.

Additional information about the clinics may be obtained from any University of Illinois County Extension office or from Roscoe Randell; 164 Natural Resources Building, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois 61801.

There will be a \$3.00 charge for a manual containing educational materials and information discussed at the clinics.

Because of the anticipated large enrollment, advance registration is required for the clinic at Rosemont. Dealers and applicators who plan to attend this clinic should contact Ferdinand Arndt, 1475 Oakwood, Des Plaines, Illinois 60016. Registration and meal charge for this meeting is \$13.

Following are the dates and locations of the 1977 clinics. All will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Date	City	Location
January 10	Urbana	Travelodge, Rt. 45&I-74
January 11	Peoria	Heritage House, Rt. 88 North
January 12	Springfield	Dept. of Agriculture Bldg. (4-H Building), State Fairgrounds
January 13	Belleville	Augustines, Rt. 460&Rt. 159
January 14	Marion	Holiday Inn, I-57&Rt. 13
January 17	Macomb	4-H Cntr., 1 mile west on Rt. 136
January 18	Moline	Deere & Co. Admin. Cntr. Coaltown Road
January 19	Rockford	Rock Valley Comm. College 301 Mulford Road
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On Dec. 16 this editor along with over 250 of Adolph Bertucci's friends was invited to his famous Christmas party at Lake Shore C.C. Using the word famous is using it mildly. I am not capable of explaining the many different dishes of food and ample for everyone. In fact, it was so delicious the following day my food budget got a break.

The ladies serving the liquid refreshments were kept busy and did a marvelous job. In fact, they could teach some of the male bartenders a few tricks of the profession.



Adolph Bertucci, Ed Kirchheimer, Chairman

What would a party be without music, furnished by an attractive young lady, "Linda Iovino".



Usually when retired Supts. get together, a card game is in order, occasionally one of the younger Supers will join and make a contribution.

Left to right: Ben Kronn, Art Clesen, Frank Dinelli, Wm. Stupple, Joe Canale.

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Dear Ray:

The photo of the tractor and sand rake in the current Bull Sheet brought back old memories. I operated this type rake for my dad at the Evanston Golf Club and, coincidentally, used the same model tractor. The tractor is a Worthington, powered by a Ford Model B engine. The three section rake was controlled on the tractor by a steel cable which raised and lowered the rakes together. You will notice on the left side of the photo there is apparently a man holding a hand rake. In most cases, this was a two man job as we weren't able to get completely to the top of severely inclined traps and it was well to have an extra man along to finish up the high edges by hand. I do not recall the manufacturer of the rake. Hopefully, someone will be able to forward this information to you.

This photo was not taken at Evanston, as I do not recognize the operator and also the hub caps are slightly different. I compared this with old photos of mine.

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MIDWEST BREEZES

Our Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents 24th Annual Midwest Turf Clinic is now past history. It will be one that those of us present will never forget. The sudden death of Mrs. Fred V. Grau during the lunch hour on Dec. 2nd was tragic. It will remain with those of us present for the remainder of our lives. Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Dr. Fred Grau** who is a good friend and loved by all of the golf course superintendents with whom he has been associated.

Dr. Fred Grau has asked that in lieu of flowers, all expressions of sympathy be made in the form of contributions to the Musser Turfgrass Foundation directed to "Francis Holykoe Grau Fund". Send checks to:

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Dr. Grau was the keynote speaker on the opening session in the morning of Dec. 1. The theme was "50 Years of Beautiful Golf Courses".

The moderator, **Robert Williams**, as usual did a marvelous job. "The 50 Years of Experience Panel", consisting of **Bill Stuppel**, **Charles Shiley**, **Dr. Fred Grau** and editor **Ray Gerber** with a combination of approximately 300 years in golf course and turfgrass work, explained what conditions were like going back as far as 1908. We could have carried on for a couple more hours but the moderator, having a taste for food, cut us off because it was time for lunch.

The two films taken 50 years ago showing what golf course maintenance was like at that time created considerable interest. The afternoon session, "Water and Erosion Control" with **Mike Bavier** as moderator, was very interesting. **Robert Sasman**, "Illinois State Water Survey", **Dr. Grau**, "Erosion Control with Ground Covers", **John Lebedevs**, "Controlling Algae and Aquatic Weeds", **Robert G. Lukas**, "Erosion Control Along Pond and River Banks", and **Dr. Mervin Browne**, "Lake Aeration".

The guest speaker at the banquet was **Leo E. McNamara** who represents Wilson & Walter Hagen Co. Mr. McNamara had with him a collection of golf clubs going back to the beginning of golf, a worthy collection and most interesting.

Thursday morning moderator **Roger LaRochelle**, with an excellent clear voice, was on the ball introducing the speakers for the morning session. **Carl Schwartzkof**, "50 Years of Golf in Scotland"; **Fred Opperman**, "Award Winning Landscape at Glen Oak C.C."; **Art Benson, Jr.**, "Trees, Their Trimming and Care"; **Dick Nugent**, "Proper Planting of Trees, Types, Loca-

tions"; **Tom Morrison**, "Controlling Ornamental Insects and Disease, New Dutch Elm Control"; **Richard Lamkey** was the moderator for the final session. **Dennis Fulton**, "Irrigation Installation Vibratory Plow"; **Dr. Fosler**, "Annual Flower Planting"; **Ted Mochel**, "Creative Flower Planting". Those of you who were not present missed a top educational program. This did not just happen by itself, it required considerable planning, many telephone calls and writing letters by the Educational Committee under the guidance of Carl Grassl, chairman. We all thank you, Carl.

Twenty-four years ago, Medinah C.C. was host to our first clinic and have been host for many of them during these past years. The Midwest Association is very lucky to have a club like **Medinah** with wonderful facilities, perfect location, exceptionally good food and our super host Superintendent **John Jackman** who takes care of most everything - even the weather. We thank you and the best of everything for the coming year.

Congratulations to **Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Voykin**. Mrs. Voykin gave birth to a lovely 7 lb. girl at Highland Park Hospital.

It is not too early to start making plans for the G.C.S.A.A. conference in Portland, Oregon. A large group traveling together can get lower rates. Certainly worth checking out to determine the difference in cost.

The photographer is sorry he did not get a picture of moderators **Bob Williams** and **Mike Bavier**.

The **Editor** thanks every one that contributed to the success of **The Bull Sheet** during 1976 and a special thanks to the advertisers for their very important part.

The members of the M.A.G.C.S. sends their Holiday Greetings to all and wishing you a prosperous New Year.

Golf course Supt. **Peter Bild** has accepted the position at Plum Tree National G.C. due to the retirement of **Charles Shiley**. Good Luck, Peter.

Congratulations are in order to three super Golf Course Superintendents who will receive the Golf Course Supts. Association of America distinguished service award at the annual conference in Portland, Oregon.

Robert Williams, Bob O Link G.C., Highland Park, Ill. **Harold Stodola**, Mendokota C.C., St. Paul, Minnesota. **Paul E. Weiss**, retired, Emmaus, Pennsylvania. All past G.C.S.A.A. presidents have earned this award many times over in the past years.

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