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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The M.A.G.C.S. will be in the sophomore class this year at the Annual Flower Show that will thrill and awe countless thousands of "Green Thumbs". March 26th thru April 3rd will be the length of the semester and McCormick Place will be the campus. Our allotted booth area will be but a minute speck laid out on a floor plan within one of the world's most phenomenal architectural creations of concrete and steel. The role we play is only a bit part within a cast of many hundreds. It's our own part, our opportunity to use our professional knowledge of turf, to expose our Association to Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen.

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The next morning the doors are opened and here they come, the "Green Thumbs". The questions that some of these people come up with in regards to their lawns vary so greatly one has a tendency to shudder at times, but throughout it all these are their problems. They are totally concerned and sincere and when you can give them a way to hopefully solve these problems our whole involvement becomes very much worthwhile. Try it sometime - "You'll Like It".

DAVE MEYER, SUPT. SAYS

Indian Lakes C.C. has won a Merit Award in the 1976 Environmental Improvement Awards Program. It is sponsored by Associated Landscape Contractors of America. The contractor involved was the D.R. Church Landscape Co. of Addison, Ill. and the Indian Lakes Grounds Crew.

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WINTER'S WIFE

Hi. I'm a winter wife. To some people they may wonder domestically what's so different. But changes are in the making, when summer leaves us and winter approaches. As we leave dinner conversations of wet spots and pythium behind us, I must freshen up on, over budgeting and snow mold. At dinner I must ask hubbie not to refer to the broth in my Voykin chicken soup as mycelium and inform him it's salt and pepper he wants added, not the S.P. Our children will be so happy when daddy leaves his duty on the board because they are so tired of everytime they want a second piece of meat, it has to be voted on and seconded and then passed. I've asked our children not to spread our family conversations around our neighborhood, because last time it caused quite a commotion. Our small daughter told her friend "my daddy has fairy ring". Why, I received a call the instant her little friend got home. It was quickly dispensed, but things like this are quite embarrassing unless someone is familiar with the terminology of a golf superintendent. My son is a fast talker and misses words at times, so as most lay people believe, Supt's have all winter off, when snow arrives. What I'm getting to is this, on many inquiries as where his father was when it was snowing, instead of coming across with "he's plowing", he'd shorten it and say "he's plowed". We wouldn't trade the darlings in for the world. In retrospect our husbands wouldn't change what they have.

For me I see much correlation of fall and being a mother. As the leaves change, my little children are changing. Trees grow almost as fast as the innocent minds of my children grow. Is there really a difference between mother nature and mother. Everything must grow and be nurtured, but for all, we must learn when to let go. Mother nature lets go of her productions every fall, mine is yet to come. May I surrender what I think is so rightly mine, not to a winter, spring, summer or fall, but a respectful, loving, Christian human being, who will know his or her identity and be as proud as I am of it.

As for being a Winter's Wife, it's marvelous. Who knows, come May, I just might keep my mittens and scarf on.

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PAUL N. VOYKIN'S VISIT TO A RURAL COLLEGE

With his usual wry sense of humor, Voykin related that Kishwaukee will never claim to university status. The nickname "Kish U" would kill it. But, surprisingly enough, after a day's lecturing and visiting at this out state school, he says the school is a real sleeper--a find--for employers and serious students alike.

After comparing the little rural college with some of the big university campuses, he found, for example, that the costs for students were only about a third those at the "big" schools.

The equipment and grounds were also impressive. Two indoor barn-size shops trained students on tractor and small engine repair, while several greenhouses and domes were devoted to teaching grass and plant care.

Outside he noted orchards, extensive turf plots testing bluegrass, rye, and bents, plus nurseries and acres of garden.

Students, interestingly enough, were running tractors, backhoes, gang mowers; sod cutters, thatchers and even more important, keeping them in adjustment and repair.

The students were also an interesting group themselves. During lunch he reported getting a tip or two about trapping muskrats out of ponds and woodchucks from landscaped areas. Seems many of the fellows and girls, too, come from farms throughout the state.

According to one of the instructors (no pomp and titles like professor), many of the students run trap lines during winter to make expenses. As a matter of fact, by 8:00 A.M. when classes start, some of the fellows have already put in a half day's work.

About a third of the students also come from Chicago. These were, as you would expect, wirey, gaunt outdoor types, just as handy with a wrench as a pencil.

Voykin asked Larry Marty, one of the six full-time instructors, how they handle the hundred and thirty full-time horticulture students. Well, he says, when a student considers enrolling, we sit down with a coke or coffee and put our feet on the table and rap a while--get to know each other. Sometimes though, both student and instructor alike find that the unique "hands on" program at Kishwaukee is not for them.

But those that do survive the informal screening respond tremendously. One teaching method is the use of foreman and crews. Second year students are often foremen and freshmen learn with the foreman.

Voykin says that Golf Course Superintendents, who are acquainted with sound-headed practical fellows (gals too) may want to contact Larry Marty about their practical approach.

Phone 815/825-2086 or write Kishwaukee College, Malta, Ill. 60150. (Near DeKalb, Ill. -- one hour away from Chicago). They have quite a detailed packet of interesting free material they've prepared on all aspects of horticultural training, greenkeeping, greenhouse, tree experts, landscaping, nursery work, park management, etc.

As for Paul, he says he's going back to Kishwaukee to help lay out the first Easter indoor closed golf tournament in those barn-like mechanical shops.

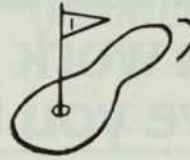
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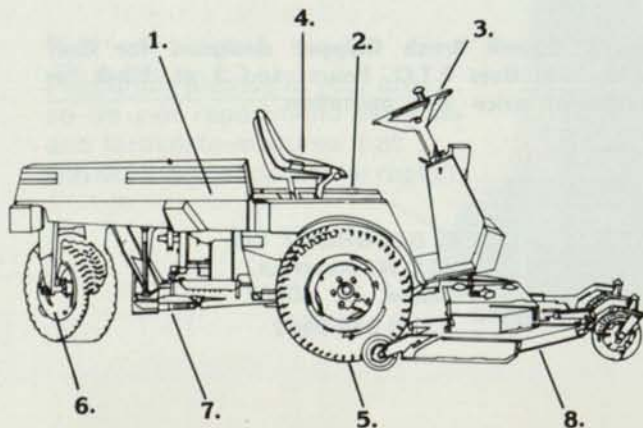
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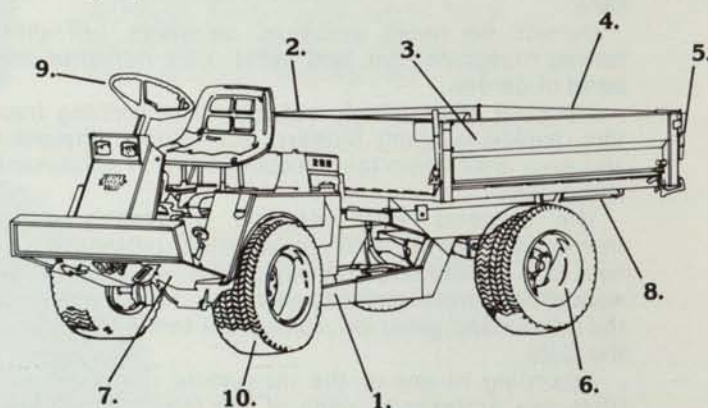
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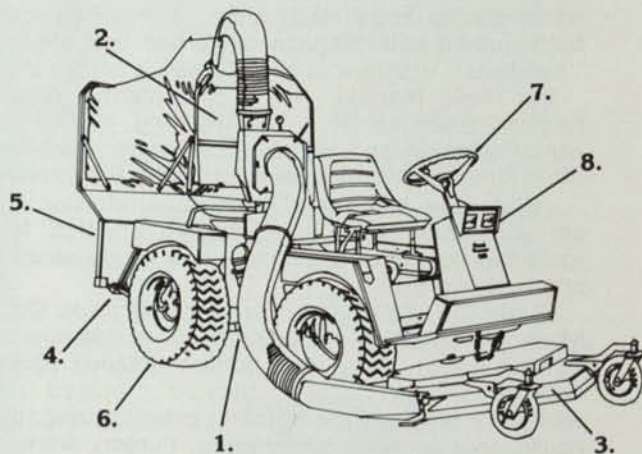
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The delivery of the morning paper about 5 A.M. indicated that the streets have been rolled out after having been carefully rolled up at ten last night. There is no official "lights out" here. There is no need for one. With the present cost of electricity why waste it after nine. The guy across the arroyo who retired from the military service and who apparently never really retired, lights his Arizona room at six every morning which sends a beam of light on the wall which I see when I first open my eyes, so I never need an alarm clock.

The rumble of the trucks on I 19, back from Nogalas loaded with Mexican produce for Eastern markets assures us the interstate has been open thru the night and the siren of the patrolmen stopping suspected narcotics and wet back runners adds interest.

It is almost light now, the south eastern sky is gorgeous, the weather calm, the Tucson radio promises above 75 degrees today, partly cloudy, occasionally windy, a good day. I can see the vineyard and peach orchard now, soon I will have to prune them, our five clocks just chimed seven.

Yesterday I picked radishes - the onions, spinach, beets, and carrots are up but the beans planted two weeks ago have not yet shown.

The two big crows that inspect the arroyo each dawn just came by, looking for breakfast; last night the desert coyotes put on a delightful symphony.

It is time to get the paper, read the market reports, breakfast, get ready to garden a little, get the mail, swim a little, eat a little lunch, siesta a little, (a delightful custom), grind a rock at the lapidary, and pretty soon, bedtime again.

The beautiful Aloe Plant and the "Desert Coyote" send you greetings.

***Editor's Note - From "Mole to Coyote". Many of you will remember the Mole was the author of a column that appeared in each issue of the Bull Sheet several years ago.**

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by

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R.W.B.

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The annual Chicago Flower and Garden Show will be held at McCormick Place in Chicago from March 26 thru April 3, this year.

As usual the show will feature many interesting and educational exhibits, both commercial and non-commercial. Among these according to James A. Fizzell, University of Illinois Horticulturist in Cook County are the Garden Club of Illinois, Inc.; Standard Flower Show; Outstanding Gardens by well known designers; Flower Arrangements by the Garden Club of America; Bonsai Exhibitor; Japanese Flower Arrangements by Ikebana International; Horticulture Exhibits; Landscape Plots; Individual Garden Plots; and many interesting commercial exhibits.

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MIDWEST BREEZES

The winter of 1976 and 1977 is one that will long be remembered by the golf course Superintendents. The low temperatures for the long period of time has broken all records. The turfgrass may have suffered from desiccation due to the high winds which left many areas without any cover. The depth of the frost may be responsible for some irrigation equipment problems. Water pipes not properly drained last fall could be among the most severe components damaged. If there are no broken pipes in the spring the Supers can be very proud of their water pipe draining work last fall. It may be wise to turn the water on in the spring as soon as conditions permit work of this nature to take place. Should there be some problems one would have time to repair the damaged part before the busy season starts.

We are sorry to be informed that **Roy Nelson**, Superintendent at Ravisloe C.C. is under the doctor's care. We all hope it is for only a short period of time. Roy is a past president of the GCSAA.

The Chicago District Golf Association has moved their office from Chicago to 2100 Clearwater Dr., Suite 300, Oak Brook, IL 60521. Phone: 312-920-0130.

The GCSAA 48th annual turfgrass conference and show is now past history. All attendance records were broken - 5,297. This is remarkable. The local chapter in Portland, Oregon are to be congratulated on a magnificent job they did to help make this possible. We also say thanks to the executive committee and all the GCSAA employees. Without their sincere interest it could never have happened.

The results of the election for officers and directors were: President, **Theodore W. Woehrle**; Vice President, **George W. Cleaver**. Directors, **Louis Haines**, **Hobart Burgan**, & **Mike Bavier**. Congratulations.

The M.A.G.C.S. hit the jack pot in Portland, Oregon at the G.C.S.A.A. Conference. **Bob Williams**, Supt. at Bob O' Link G.C. received the G.C.S.A.A. distinguished service award, the highest award bestowed by the G.C.S.A.A.

Mike Bavier, Supt. at Inverness C.C. was elected to the Board of Directors. Really a great achievement. You are congratulated.

The Editor and Mrs. Gerber celebrated their fifty-second wedding anniversary on February 18th, 1977.

This writer has attended 39 GCSAA consecutive conferences. Hotel rooms always acceptable, some a little better than others. In Portland, Oregon I had an experience that never happened in the past years. Arriving on Saturday P.M. I checked into my room and found everything OK. On Sunday A.M. there was a change. My past experience had been to try and get a room away from a hospitality room. Being a member of our local chapter for nearly 50 years, I had all the confidence in the world relating to the operation of this association. But on Sunday A.M. as I was in the hall locking my door, who should come by but our president and a couple of his lieutenants and I was informed they had rented the room next door for their hospitality room. I knew at that moment I was in trouble. There was only one thing left for me to do. So I went down to the hotel lobby and pleaded my case to the good hearted lady at the desk. She sympathized with me and handed me a key for a room on a different floor. My experience in Portland was with some nice people and you fill in the remainder of this report.

"SCRAMBLING RAMBLING"

Who toured a course in Nashville with only 32 putts? A man by the name of Charley Boswell, which maybe doesn't ring a bell or mean anything to you. But his name or where he lives is not as important as what happened to him or what he has done.

Boswell, a Captain during World War II, lost his sight while rescuing an 18 year old G.I. from a burning tank. Before he could get off the tank, a direct hit exploded and his face and eyes were hit by fragments. Charley will never see another snowflake fall, a tree turn color, a beautiful sunset, or the grass turn green. He wants no pity, but instead tried golf. We many times forget the "little things", like being able to line up a putt. Charley paces off the length of his putts and hits them toward the hole with an amazing amount of accuracy. He and his blind playing partners putt everything out. Try closing your eyes sometime and see how you do. Be thankful you can open your eyes--maybe you won't complain so much when you miss a putt next time.

Were you one of the lucky ones to be in Florida over Christmas? Just to mention a few names that were--Baviers, Fuchs, Serings, and the Wolfgang Mueller family. The weather must not have been too great--they don't look very tan!

Paul Voykin made another trip to the east coast, this time to be Master of Ceremonies at the MidAtlantic Annual Meeting, January 10th. Paul, are you selling books or running for office?

Bob Miller, better known as Mr. DuPont to his many, many friends in the Chicago area, is now affiliated with the Lake Shore Equipment and Supply Co. on the east coast.

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