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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, the flower show has come and gone and all the time put into it has been forgotten due to the preparation needed to get the golf courses open. I think we owe a very deserved thanks to the many people that worked in our booth this year. This outstanding job is due to the efficiency of Carl Hoppman and Fred Opperman, co-chairmen this year. They were the ones responsible for the planning and set up of the booth, not to leave out the fact that the space for our booth was donated by the flower show sponsors. I am sure we helped the many visitors to our booth with their turf problems.

Getting back to the business of our Association, we are having a problem getting courses to host our monthly meeting, without imposing on ones that have hosted us in the past. There are still several dates open this year. I realize some clubs cannot host a meeting due to club policies or they do not have the facilities to handle a group of our size. The board of the Midwest has decided to forgo our August meeting and ask that all of you that can, attend the Illinois Turf Foundation turf day in August.

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1978 FLOWER SHOW A SUCCESS

The Midwest booth at the 1978 Flower Show was a huge success due to the fine work of the many people who helped to staff the booth and answer all those questions on how to control "Creeping Charlie" or "Tall Fescue". Our booth was awarded a "Certificate of Appreciation" for the third time. This year the flower show was expanded from last year and the show people went out of their way to help you get set up and organized.

Special thanks is extended to Carl Hoppman and his crew at Aurora for setting up the display and taking care of all the painting and erecting of the split rail fence and the fine flag pole stands that Carl made for the booth. Mike Bavier and Paul Voykin are to be thanked for their work in getting us publicity for the booth thru Ginny Beatty who has a talk on WBBM show and thru Dick DeLano of the Sun-Times. Warren's Turf is to be thanked for supplying the fine looking flats of A-34 and C-7 sod that got so many raves of attention and loving strokes of the hand. Duane Hobbs of DuPont Company was very helpful in supplying pictures of various diseases that plague the homeowner, thank you. Dr. John Street, University of Illinois supplied the pots of turfgrasses and a couple pots of the weeds which made up our main display along with the sod flats and along with the literature we passed out. Joe Grenko and his crew from the Marriot is to be thanked for helping to tear down the booth and store it for next year.

To all the 45 members who staffed the booth and helped me to set up or take down and all those others who contributed some way not mentioned - THANK YOU.

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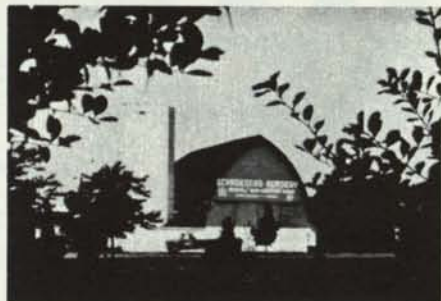
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I sincerely hope my schedule permits me to attend a meeting of two of the M.A.G.C.S. Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,
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The cost of the field day is \$30 again this year - hard to beat the bargain - so bring a foursome. For tickets, contact Dorothy Warren at 11020 S. Roberts Rd., Palos Hills, IL 60465. Phone 312-974-1121.

You may also get tickets from Mike Bavier, Dick Lamkey, Roger LaRochelle, Dave Meyer, Ken Quandt, Bruce Sering, Alby Staudt and Paul Voykin. The ITF needs and appreciates your support.

Roger LaRochelle
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FROM CHICK EVANS

(TO) Beloved Midwest Association of
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I greatly appreciated my 1978 membership card.

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I know I am inviting criticism, that I am prejudiced by being a thorough middle-westerner, but I nominate the midwest green superintendents, their greens gang and green chairman as the first of the world. I feel quite competent to stand off and view these splendid people in broad perspective.

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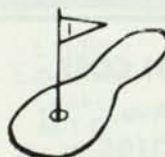
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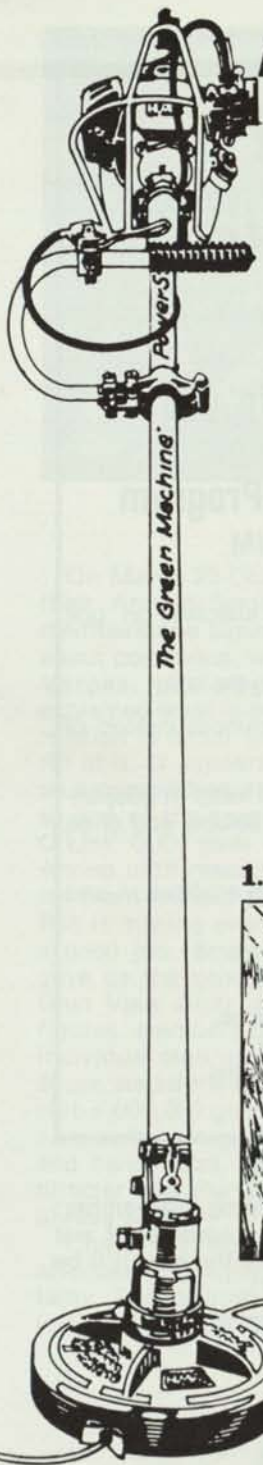
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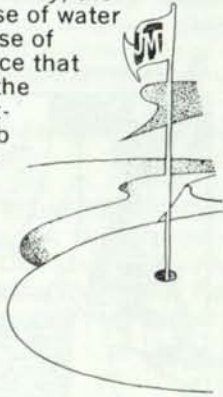
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MIDWEST BREEZES

On March 23 Chicago District Golf Association held their Annual Seminar at Butterfield C.C. 258 club members and superintendents attended to learn more about poa annua, which was the main subject. **Dr. Joe Vargas**, pathologist, Michigan State University explained what is being done by the way of research in relation to either living with the plant or trying to get rid of it. It appears there is considerable work left to be accomplished. It sure was great to have Dr. Vargas as one of the speakers. **Bob Williams**, Supt. at Bob O'Link G.C. gave a presentation on living with Poa Annua until research can prove a sure way of killing the plant without damaging the strains of grass plants. Bob is making every attempt to live with it, and doing a good job. **Bruce Sering**, Supt. at Glen View Club gave us the benefit of his operation at the beautiful Glen View Club. After hearing some of the budget figures, members from other clubs were thinking their individual club operation was on the economical side. Bruce stated his automatic irrigation system saved the club 4,000,000 gallons of water during the past season. I am sure to accomplish this, it required good planning and being alert. **Mr. Robert A. Van Nest**, C.D.G.A. director was the M.C. and did an excellent job as he always does.

I have the feeling I can speak for everyone who attended in thanking Butterfield C.C. for their hospitality. The facilities and service were just great and we hope they permit us to come back next year.



CDGA Seminar - R. A. Van Nest



Speaker - Bob Williams, CDGA Seminar



Speaker - Dr. Joseph Vargas, CDGA Seminar



Speaker - Bruce Sering, CDGA Seminar

 Our next M.A.G.C.S. meeting will be held at Woodridge C.C. on Monday, May 8, 1978. Golf will be available if weather permits.



Tony Meyer, our May 8 host.

The M.A.G.C.S. April 3rd meeting held at Silver Lake C.C. was attended by 56 members, several members gave the racquetball courts a try. Who won, the courts or the player, is debatable.

Stanley Rachesky, entomologist from the University of Ill. was the afternoon speaker. His talk and pictures were very educational. I am sure we all learned a lot from his presentation and we hope he will visit our meetings more often.



Stanley Rachesky

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