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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was a pleasure indeed, to attend the first session of "The Basic Golf Course Maintenance Practices" course being offered by the C.D.G.A. I was very much impressed by both the way it was presented by Bob Williams and Dick Nugent, as well as by the manner it was received by those in attendance. The C.D.G.A. deserve the admiration of everyone in the association for the inception of this program.

One point that bothers me, however, is I think that the task of educating a golf course crew is the job of the superintendent as well as the MAGCS and relinquishing that responsibility does little for the prestige or stature of the superintendent.

I am inclined to believe that we have drifted from the course laid out by the founders and expressed in our Purpose in the By Laws. I believe that the Education and Research Committee must become more vigorous and innovative in the future. They alone, however, are not responsible for the present attitude.

It is an obvious fact that we have twice as many members at a meeting where there is golf, as we do when the "feature attraction" is a speaker. There are all too many faces seen only at the Hospitality Room at the conferences.

I am not inferring that Golf or the Hospitality Room are wrong, but if the association is to survive it must be more than a social club. We must not forget the intent and purpose of the founders.

Bob Breen

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This is a private club. Present Supt. Carl Grassl has resigned and taken Supt. position at Blue Mound C.C. near Milwaukee.

There was a social event which took place on October 6, 1978, which I didn't think should be overlooked. The crew at Medinah Country Club held a surprise birthday party for our boss, John Jackman. We thought you should be notified since the crew gave John a set of clubs we knew he didn't have, to add to his other clubs. He is extremely adept with these clubs, as you can see him demonstrating with one that Frank, our mechanic, styled for him. A total view of John and his clubs is also impressive. We all thought this picture was quite "outstanding". Someone asked if the dark mycelial growth on John's face had been identified yet, but we're waiting to hear from the lab. We did notice however, that it did disappear with the onset of cooler fall weather.

As many of you may have heard, I will be heading South in January. I have received a graduate research assistantship to work with Dr. James B. Beard at Texas A&M and earn my Masters degree. My thanks goes to all of you for all your support and everything you've done for me in these past two years. A special thanks should go to Mike Bavier, who gave me my start at Inverness Golf Club, and especially to John Jackman, for whom I've had the pleasure of working as foreman of the #2 Course at Medinah for the past two golf seasons. I have learned alot, and I don't think I could have asked for a finer superintendent or boss. A special thanks should also be extended to John and Ken Quandt for the commemorative luncheon plate I received at the Midwest's Clinic at Medinah. I do intend to retain my membership in the MAGCS and keep in touch with what's happening in the Midwest. My best to you all in the upcoming season.

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Editor's Note - Medinah's loss - Texas A&M gain



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FROM: Michael R. Bavier, CGCS
Tournament Committee Chairman

RE: 1979 Golf Tournament

There has been a series of questions being asked about the chapter team event at the tournament and about housing. There was a mistake made in the flight information and on the tournament registration form under Chapter Team Championship-Qualifications. This should have read:

Team members must be A, AA, or B members of GCSAA for over six (6) months prior to tournament. Team members must be designated in advance of the tournament by the chapter secretary or team captain. An alternate can be accepted no later than 6:30 p.m. on Registration Day (contestants may check-in by telephone). One team member may be a Superintendent-Golf Professional. Team members can enter the tournament as a representative of one chapter only. Each chapter may enter only one team. Teams will consist of three (3) or four (4) players. In the case of a four-man team, the three (3) best scores each day will be used.

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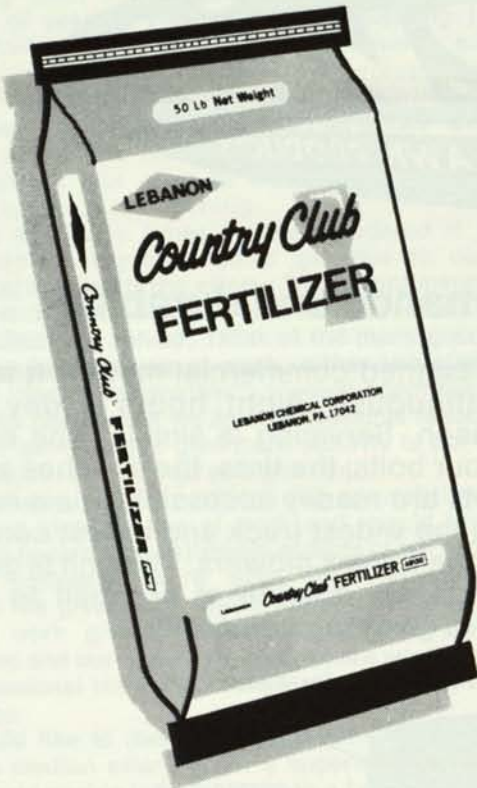
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After very careful evaluation of each prospective nominee's background, character, references and qualifications, it was unanimously decided to place the following candidates on the slate for election at the 1979 Annual Membership Meeting in Atlanta, GA.

- For President.....Charles H. Tadge, CGCS
 For Vice President.....Louis D. Haines, CGCS
Melvin B. Lucas, Jr., CGCS
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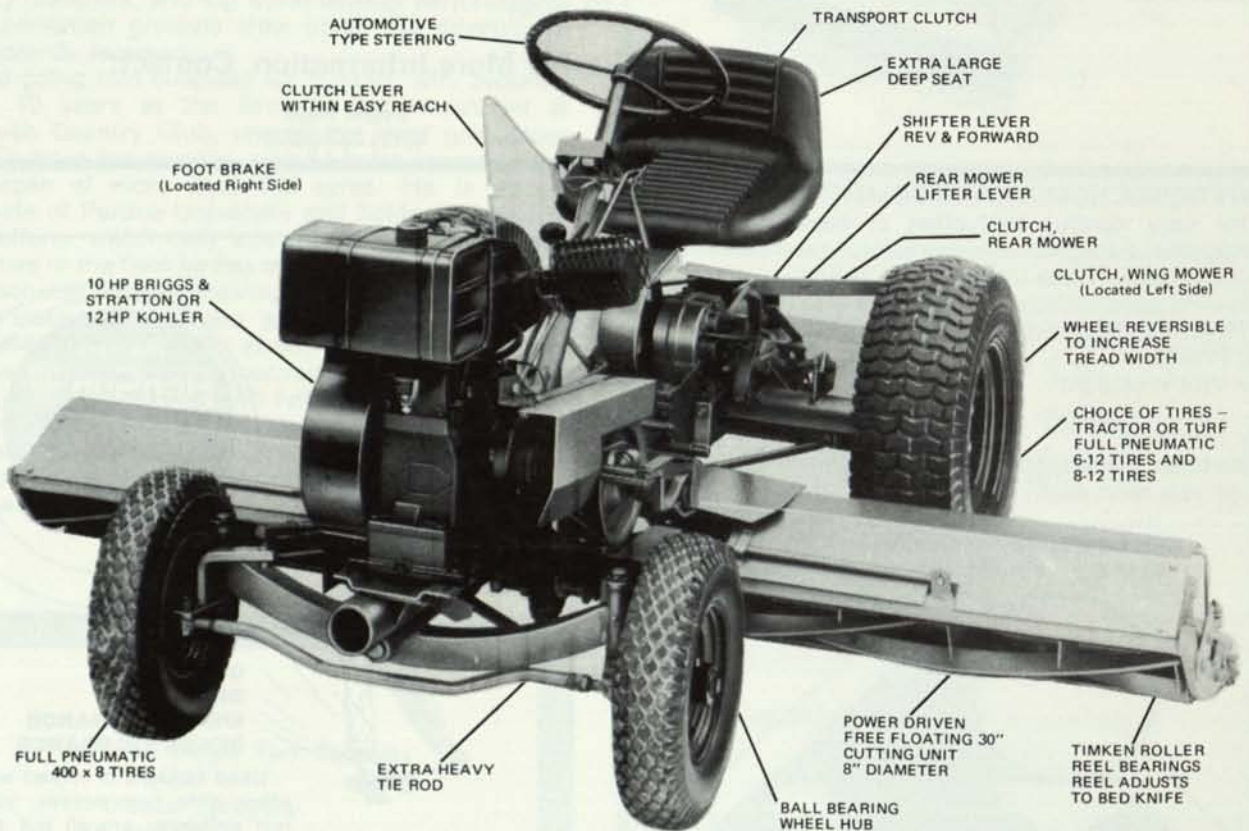
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OPTIMISM

Having been a member of our association for a number of years, I really enjoy participating in the camaraderie at the various M.A.G.C.S. events, such as the turf clinic held at Medinah. We as professionals are helping each other out through the sharing of our problems. We hope that our experiences will aid others, as well as ourselves, in solving the various complications that arise as we achieve our goal of optimal turfgrass conditioning.

There are many times I have wondered if these headaches we superintendents get due to our job demands, are worth the effort. This complimented by the sometimes lack of appreciation for our efforts when the problems are solved. Think of the many good men who have left our line of work, either voluntarily or through "forced resignation". I would hope that some day in the near future we as a professional association could do something to give more security to our peers when placed in this vulnerable position.

As precarious as our positions may seem at times, we do have a pleasant line of work and should turn our thoughts towards the optimistic aspects of our jobs. If a job or profession were easy, then anyone could perform the given task. Those stress situations in our line of work give us the opportunity to prove to ourselves and our superiors, that we are worth the title of professional through problem solving by using our expertise.

I would like to make more money. Who wouldn't? But the median salary given a superintendent in our area would enable him to purchase a home and raise a family without sacrificing the essentials in life. It really amazes me when I read in the paper how a family is sacrificing some things on an annual income of \$40,000. No matter how much one is making he would always want more.

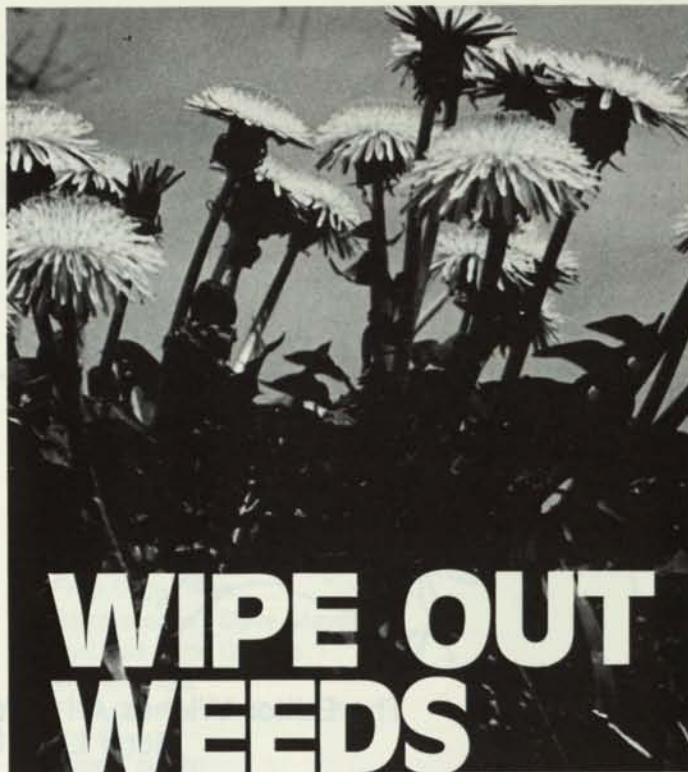
An integral part of our jobs is working outside. I wouldn't care to have a job working within four walls, five days a week. Even if one of the walls does have a window. The fresh air is certainly an attractive aspect of our jobs.

Figuratively speaking we have a boss, the green chairman. But it is we who control the technical aspects of the turfgrass growing program. The golfers only see the result and comment upon that. It is we who know what and how it got that way. A good superintendent is his own best critic. If we please ourselves then it is likely our "superiors" will appreciate our efforts. If conditions are such that the turf will perform short of optimum, then it is our responsibility to communicate that to our golfers. This ultimate responsibility of the turfgrass is a true test of expression of our talents. The technical know-how stands with us alone.

When one is dealing with Nature day in and day out, he can appreciate, or feel lack of appreciation, the changeability our jobs expose us to. To see a glowing sunrise or a drenching rain would lead us to appreciate the power of Mother Nature. We are dealing directly with a living organism and those elements which creates an environment for it. We are not dealing with man made directives, such as a lawyer who deals with a man made judicial system or accountants who police corporate finances and deal in governmental taxes. To deal directly with Nature is rewarding in itself.

Let's be optimistic and enjoy our work. Think of the alternatives. What else would you be doing now? If you want to get rich, then don't become a golf course superintendent. Live a decent lifestyle, enjoy the out of doors, appreciate Nature, express your talents, and do your best.

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Editor
MIDWEST BREEZES

The editor hopes all snow mold treatments have been applied. Conditions as of this date, Dec. 5, are ideal for development - no frost in the ground, green lush turfgrass and covered with nine inches of wet snow. A perfect setup! Are the hole cups all moved toward the front of the greens on the side that the golfer walks off going to the next tee? Many golf clubs use temporary greens during the winter months and early spring. This idea is worth the effort. Providing a temporary on the approach protects the regular greens and provides a green for the golfer who likes to get out in the fresh air. It sure protects the Super from unnecessary static.

The M.A.G.C.S. 26th Annual Turf Clinic held at Medinah C.C. on Nov. 29th and 30th was attended by 115. Many good subjects were presented by many top speakers. It was sure good to have **Dr. Jim Watson**, Vice-President of Toro, as one of them. Some of the older Supts. will remember twenty-five years ago **Dr. Watson** was our only speaker and he occupied the podium for two full days. His subject was soils. One has to know soils in order to spend two full days talking about it. His subject at this clinic was on water and how important it is to conserve on it. Hold back on irrigation and have turfgrass plants with a deeper root system.

The Midwest Association is very fortunate to have a club such as Medinah C.C. to hold their yearly clinic. The location and facilities are the best.

Paul Voykin, Superintendent at Brairwood C.C., will be the Midwest Association delegate at the G.C.S.A.A. Conference in Atlanta, Ga. on Feb. 4-9, 1979.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the **William Stuppel** family, due to the death of "Bill". Mr. Stuppel was employed at the Exmoor C.C. for over 50 years. He was the Superintendent of the grounds dept. for many of these years. Bill was a past president of the M.A.G.C.S., a past editor of the **Bull Sheet** and also a member of the G.C.S.A.A. He passed away on November 28, 1978.

Mr. Malpede, travel agent will be at our January 9 meeting and answer your questions in regard to a vacation trip from Atlanta, GA following the GCSAA conference.

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The annual dinner dance was held at Indian Lakes, November 18th. 97 people attended. The door prizes were donated by:

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GCSAA, which has a membership of more than 4,300 throughout the world, is headquartered in Lawrence, KS. The primary objective of the association is to enhance the professionalism of its members through continuing education programs.

Election of officers will take place Feb. 7, in Atlanta, GA, during GCSAA's 50th International Turfgrass Conference and Show. More than 6,000 people,

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