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PRESIDENT' MESSAGE

The heat is off, the Pro Golf has left Butler National and in its wake still many questions need to be answered, but I'm tired of talking about my greens and the disease problems. I never knew that there were so many experts out there - I must average five calls a day from people who have the answers. In asking what their qualifications are, they range from a retired caddy master from upper Wisconsin to a car salesman.

Our next meeting is an event that we all should be proud of and take part in, our annual tribute to our fellow Superintendents who have retired. These men are the ones who probably taught a lot of us the art of golf course management. They are gentlemen who were and still are leaders in the profession. I hope that all our AA members will attend this meeting as guests of the Midwest; a small way of saying "Thank You" for the many years of dedicated service.

This should be a great outing with a great cook-out planned for dinner. I remember last year's and it was great! I hope that we have as good a turn-out as we did for last month's meeting. See you at **Randall Oaks!**

Edward W. Fischer

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Medical researchers have long suspected that asbestos contributes to cancer in the human body. This is somewhat borne out by the fact that workers in factories, and other places, where asbestos is used in the manufacture of products seem to have a somewhat higher rate of cancer.

Walter Cronkite in a TV news cast stated that some researchers are now looking upon asbestos-cement pipe with suspicion where it carries domestic water. It is presumed that the velocity of water in flowing through the pipe might tear off some of the asbestor fibers and carry them into the drinking water. The manufacturers of cement-asbestos pipe state this cannot happen. Superintendents who have irrigation systems to which is attached one, or more, drinking fountains might give the above matter considerable thought.

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The Robert A. Black Golf Course, named for a late engineer who worked for the Chicago Park District for 51 years, was opened formally April 14. It is the focal point of Laurence C. Warren Park in Northwest Chicago, a 94-acre area which came into city possession through a combination of real estate zoning problems, bribery scandals, citizen protest and finally state and park district purchases.

Created by the firm of Killian and Nugent, golf course architects from suburban Long Grove, the course is a classic executive-length at 2,600 yards, par-33, covering 59 acres with its nine holes. Otherwise, it is simply a classic golf course.

The architects blended a combination of genius, imagination and sand — heavy on the sand — to provide Chicago public golfers with an exceptional challenge and experience. Among the features:

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3. Add recommended amount of heavy-duty phosphate-based detergent.
4. Dry the clothes thoroughly in an automatic dryer at the regular fabric setting.
5. Make sure no pesticides are left in the washer by running the empty machine through the complete laundering cycle, using detergent.

Fore Front

All was not quite as rosy as it first appeared for a country club superintendent whose employer provided him with a rent-free house across the road from the golf club and also paid his utility bills. The U.S. Internal Revenue Service said that since the superintendent's residence on golf club grounds was not required as a **condition of his employment**, he must include the fair rental value of the house along with the cost of his utilities in his **gross taxable income**.

Charles E. [Scotty] Stewart

THE MOLE

The mole was told that **Dudley Smith** was talking about having a flea market at Silver Lake in mid-September. Any member of the MAGCS could bring a truck loaded with his excess material or machines to a central spot and see if another superintendent needed the excess. This would be mostly true of discontinued materials such as long shank keys for sprinkler systems and sod cups. It is rumored also that Dudley has even apprehended some of the suppliers to provide a corn boil and other refreshments. When Mama Mole heard about the flea market, she got the wrong idea. After I had calmed her down, she even volunteered to hunt up her garage sale signs.

During vacation time, many superintendents travel around the country. **Ray Gerber** is thinking about compiling a listing of retired members who would enjoy seeing friends at any time. Anyone having contact with any retired member, please send his address to Ray Gerber.



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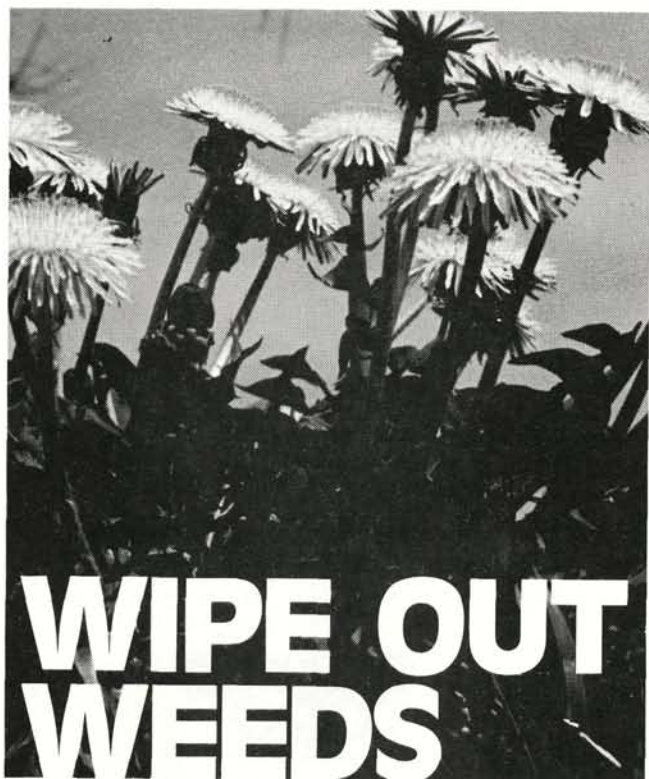
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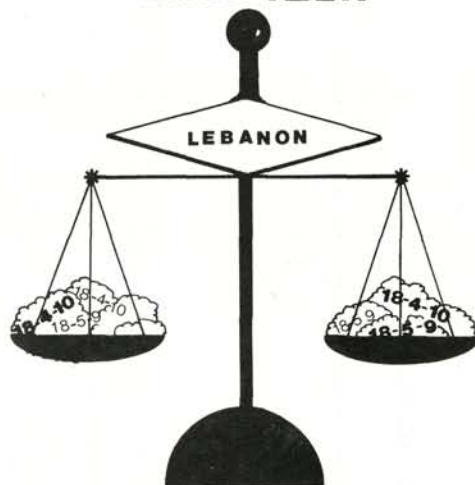
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EDITORIAL

As I sit here on this Tuesday morning after the July MAGCS monthly meeting wondering how much wilt, pythium, "red leaf spot", or whatever is in store in the coming days, my mind still wanders back to the thoughts concerning our "red leaf dilemma".

During the meeting many possible solutions were discussed. Professors, nurserymen, seed company representatives, and superintendents all had an opportunity to express their views. Following an excellent slide presentation by Dr. Bill Daniel, many agreed they had, in fact, seen what was called "red leaf spot". The remaining questions focused on the relationship of "red leaf" to stripe smut, pythium, and soil related problems. All areas seemed to be covered including fungicide applications, cultural practices, height of cut, and where the grass originated. Still, the question remains, "What do we do about it?"

Are golf courses, public or private, willing to let researchers set up plots on all or some of their greens to constantly test different approaches to the problem? What about the golfers? What about the paying member? Is it possible to come up with a solution and still not interfere with play? Probably not.

Obviously the most devastating aspect of the entire dilemma is the cost factor some clubs are considering to resurface all of their golf greens, not to mention the anxiety suffered by the club members and the superintendents of the courses with the "red leaf" problem.

Well then, what can we do or what should we be doing? One superintendent suggested forming a committee to try to raise funds, employ researchers, and try to test for the solution to the disease under golf course play conditions. Once again, someone has to allow the use of their course, or at least part of it. Possibly the sod people, or chemical distributors would kick in with financial support. All in all, I think we are now starting on the right approach toward binding together for a common cause. Ultimately it is the golfer who will be the beneficiary of our combined efforts. This is our goal.

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FROM: Melvin B. Lucas, Jr., CGCS

GCSAA President

RE: New Executive Director

I am pleased to announce that a thorough search for a new Executive Director has culminated with the hiring of Mr. **James E. McLoughlin**. The enclosed news release gives details of the appointment and information on Mr. McLoughlin's background. It is being distributed to the national media and golfing community.

The GCSAA Executive Committee sincerely appreciates the excellent job that Palmer Maples, Jr., CGCS, has accomplished in serving as Acting Executive Director since November, and in the work of the capable and dedicated headquarters staff in carrying on the activities of the Association during this period.

We are sure you join the Executive Committee in welcoming **James E. McLoughlin** as Executive Director of GCSAA.

McLoughlin is a graduate of Holy Cross College. He holds a law degree from Fordham University and a Master's in physics from Syracuse University. He was a high school physics teacher and coach for six years before taking over as Executive Director for the Metropolitan Golf Association in 1966.

The club industry has benefited from McLoughlin's active involvement. He has served on the board of governors and is currently a member of the National Club Association's long range planning committee. He is a past president of the International Association of Golf Administrators and is chairman of its national liaison planning committee. He co-founded and served on the faculty of the Manhattanville College Club Management Program, a continuing education program designed specifically for the golf club community, which has been attended by many golf course superintendents. He is an honorary member of the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association and also serves on the handicap procedure committee of the United States Golf Association. He is an active member of the Whippoorwill Club in Armonk, NY.

Additionally, through the 1970's, the new GCSAA Executive Director has been asked to lead several significant research and development projects designed to serve individual golf clubs, as well as national and regional golf associations.

President Lucas added, "GCSAA is confident that the choice of Jim McLoughlin as Executive Director is one that will bring new dimension to GCSAA and the golf world. He brings extensive golf association management and administrative experience with him. He has a keen respect for our profession and this association. McLoughlin is sensitive to what needs to be done in order for the golf course superintendent to meet his responsibility to himself, his club, and his industry. His feel for the new technology of the 1980's, communications, educational program development, membership development, and fiscal management, will benefit all of us."

In accepting the position, McLoughlin stated, "It is important to recognize that the superintendent works within a challenging club environment where the game of golf is intended to be played in a very special way. Accordingly, the superintendent will be faced with new responsibility and abundant opportunity in the years ahead. It is the GCSAA's role to prepare its members for these eventualities and to support the game of golf and the industry within which it exists."

Mr. McLoughlin and his wife, Mary Ellen have been married for 20 years. They presently live in Pleasant-

ville, NY with their three children, Laura, age 19, Jim, age 17, and Ken, age 14.

GCSAA is a professional association of golf course superintendents founded in 1926 to promote the art and science of golf course management. Its 4,700 members are located in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and 17 other countries. Headquarters for the association is located in Lawrence, KS.

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and then wait for the mob.
Now golfers are peculiar guys,
it seems they do no wrong.
It's always cause the green's not right,
that makes their putt too long.
The green's too soft, the tee's too hard.
That's always what they say.
No matter what you do for them,
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Credit - Iowa GCS Reporter

WHO???

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Who does my work when I'm not around?
Turns off the pumps when they're forgotten,
Sooths my brow, when I feel rotten?
Gives me Malox, when my men don't show,
Overlooks the green they 'forgot' to mow?
Who calms me down, and kisses my tears,
When I waited 6 months, for the part from Sears?
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And does a day's work with old fashioned pride?
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KEEPING WORKERS HAPPY

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Capsuled Comments