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PRESIDENT' MESSAGE

The members should congratulate themselves for electing such a fine Board for 1981. These men are proud of their association and are willing to serve in any capacity for the purpose of **Education** and **Professionalism**.

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**Professionalism** is not something that you gain from a piece of paper or knowing all answers. Professionalism is organization, knowledge, sharing, learning and much more. It is you, as a superintendent, giving and participating 100% toward the activities of this association and associations which reflect our profession.

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The annual M.A.G.C.S. dinner dance was held at River Forest C.C. on November 15. Ed and Gean Stewart were our host and hostess and what a grand job they did. 118 attended and enjoyed a wonderful dinner and dancing followed.

A little explanation is in order - it has a question mark following it. One of the guests, Lorraine Gruening reported there were no ice cubes in the men's latrine. The question is - how did she become aware of this? Good question, Lorraine.

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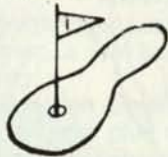
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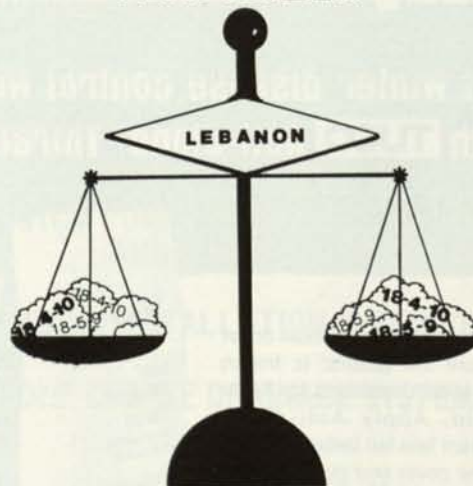


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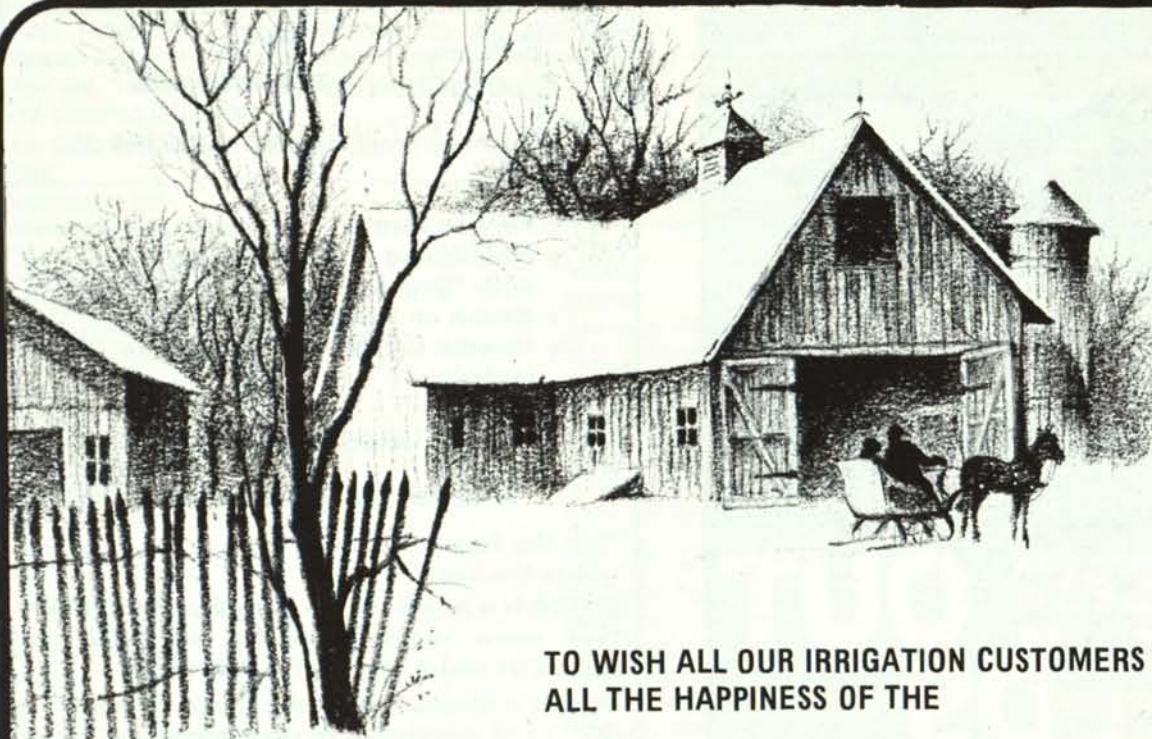
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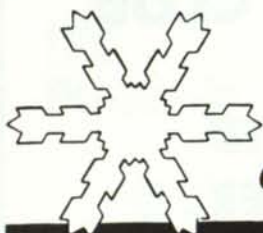
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They both lay there - thirteen years  
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With most equipment coming to a standstill for winter, a few basic "should be's" are worth considering:

**Gasoline Engines:** Fuel drained? Small amount of oil in spark plug opening? Replace or repair worn-out engines — consider short-blocks.

**Mowers:** Sharpened or lapped? Replacement parts ordered? Batteries charged to prevent freezing? Make general adjustments and lubrication according to service manual.

**Aerators, renovators, slicers, pluggers:** Broken tines or blades replaced? Extras on hand for season ahead? Replace frayed or worn drive belts. Consider replacement of aging equipment.

**Sprayers:** Emptied of all materials to avoid freezing and corrosion? Cleaned well? Lubricated according to directions?

**Spreaders:** Emptied and cleaned especially well around discharge ports and agitating systems? Consider cost of new units against "fix-up" cost of older models that have already served their purpose.

**Sprinklers:** Order new heads along with any spares? Good chance to have controls checked and adjusted.

In summary, this is the time to order repair parts from the factory before the "rush" when warm weather breaks, or to bring your service literature up to date with parts lists and the like. Watch out for manufacturers who avoid your requests for either parts or literature; keep a "track record" of this problem when it comes time to order new equipment. It's realistic to admit that machines wear out (like people), but it's also realistic to expect your requests for repair to be given prompt attention.

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In my hand I hold a ball,  
White and dimpled, rather small.  
Oh how harmless it does appear,  
This innocent looking little sphere.  
By its size I could not guess,  
The awesome power it does possess.  
But since I fell beneath its spell,  
I've been through the fires of hell.  
My life has not been quite the same,  
Since I chose to play its game.  
It rules my mind for hours on end,  
A fortune it has had me spend.  
It has made me curse and cry,  
And hate myself and want to die.  
It promises me a thing called "Par",  
If I can hit straight and far.  
To master such a tiny ball,  
Should not be very hard at all.  
But my desires the ball refuses,  
And does exactly as it chooses.  
It hooks and slices, dribbles and dies,  
Or disappears before my eyes.  
Often it will have a whim,  
To hit a tree or take a swim.  
With miles of grass on which to land,  
It finds that tiny patch of sand.  
Then has me offering up my soul,  
If it would first drop in the hole.  
It's made me whimper like a pup,  
And swear that I will give it up.  
And take to drink to ease my sorrow,  
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(L. to r.) J. Berarducci, B. Burchfield, M. Bavier, R. Stewart, E. Fischer, L. Berg, C. Landgrebe, P. Leuzinger, T. Vieweg, D. Hoffman, D. Meyer. M.A.G.C.C.S. Board Meeting — Lunch Time.

The first meeting of the 1981 M.A.G.C.S. Board of Directors was held at Village Green G.C., the home of the 1981 President **Leonard Berg**, Supt. All board members were present. Also **Mike Bavier**, G.C.S.A.A. and **Bull Sheet** editor **Ray Gerber** were there. All committees have been appointed and informed of their responsibilities.

Education and Research - **Peter Leuzinger, Carl Landgrebe.**

Arrangement and Entertainment - **Don Hoffman, Roger Stewart.**

Golf - **Bruce Burchfield, Thomas Vieweg.**

Membership - **Bruce Burchfield, Peter Leuzinger, Roger Stewart.**

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Employment - **John Berarducci, Leonard Berg, Edward Fischer.**

M.A.G.C.S. January 5, 1981 meeting will be held at Arrowhead Golf Club. **Robert Breen**, Superintendent will be our host.

## RESEARCH REPORT

There's something new on the horizon that one day, hopefully soon, will prove to be of great benefit to golf course maintenance programs.

Dr. S. E. Law, research professor at the University of Georgia, has produced a spray system which electrically charges solutions, thereby increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of spray programs by approximately 80%. The spray is attached to the plant like filings to a magnet, enveloping plants completely, while the soil and air are practically untouched. Environmental implications are enormous.

It will be a few years before this spray system is available commercially. Electrostatic spray systems for all turf areas such as lawns, parks, athletic fields, cemeteries and golf courses will one day be a reality.

Dr. Law's work in this area was supported in part by the Carolinas Golf Association through the USGA Green Section's program which keeps in constant touch with research happenings throughout the nation.

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As winter approaches, the question of how to store leftover pesticides becomes an important one in many parts of the country. Ordinarily, public attention tends to focus more closely on improper application of pesticides, but recent news reports have graphically demonstrated the consequences of improper pesticide storage.

By their very nature, pesticides require careful handling and use. If they are misused, they can cause serious damage to people, animals and plants. Most of the time, pesticide hazards can be reduced by advance planning, common sense and, most importantly, reading the labels on pesticide containers.

By following these general guidelines, the dangers involved in storing pesticides can be greatly reduced.

1. Always store pesticides in the original container with intact, legible labels.
2. Never use any kind of food or beverage container for mixing or storing pesticides.
3. Store in an area located away from human food or seed storage.

## PUTTING THE BRAKES ON TENSION

Tension is a fact of life for anyone in a position of responsibility. The possibility of failure is one of our best motivations for putting out the extra effort that can make a success of whatever we attempt.

Unfortunately, it can get out of hand. When the obstacles begin to look larger than they really are, and our efforts to deal with them seem ineffectual, tension has taken over. In extreme cases, it can completely paralyze, or even bring on a variety of physical and mental illnesses that keep hospital beds full. Here are some suggestions for coping when things seem to be getting out of hand.

**Talk it out.** Sharing the burden will help relieve the strain. It may also clarify the problem and let you see a solution.

**Get out of town.** A change of scenery can often work wonders, even if it's only for a day or a weekend.

**Do something for others.** It will take your mind off your own problem, or at least let you see them in perspective.

**Work it off.** Chop some wood. Go for a brisk walk or a run. Hard physical work gives your mind a rest.

**Don't try to be a superman.** If you set your sights too high, you're bound to be frustrated. Take your goals one at a time.

**Give in, occasionally.** Even when you know you're right, sometimes it's easier to yield. It's better to bend than to break.

**Tackle one task at a time.** If you try to do several things at once, you may not do any of them right.

**Don't withdraw.** That usually just compounds the problem.

**Schedule your recreation.** Set a routine for relaxation and follow it, especially if you tend to drive yourself.

**GCSAA Credit - Fore Front**