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PRESIDENT' MESSAGE

Rumors are common throughout the world. No matter where you are or who you are, at sometime or another you are part of a rumor, or are told a rumor. Most of the time they are harmless, and are not given much attention. I know for a fact that this fall rumors had it that I was on my way East. As you can see it was untrue, and fortunately no one was hurt.

The thing that bothers me though are the rumors that hurt someone. For example, I heard two rumors this fall that were upsetting, and against our CODE OF ETHICS. The first rumor was about a gentleman who went to someone's boss and mentioned that this employee was looking for another job. The employer then fired the employee without even checking to see if what he was told was true. The second rumor involves a man trying to hire an employee from another golf course without first speaking to his employer.

Here are two serious violations of our CODE OF ETHICS. Before we pass on a rumor we must ask ourselves some questions. Could the rumor be taken wrongly? Could it cause hardship to a fellow Supt.? I guess this all means nothing, because none of our members would do any of these things. These must be false rumors, **or are they?!!**

Editor's Note - This article was sent to me without the author's signature. It has a lot of meat in it.

Dear Ray;

It sounds redundant to say, 1980 marches on to March. So be it.

"MARCH FLAVOR"

March is here again,
With it's welcome breath of spring.
Anxious feelings are growing,
Superintendents soon will do their thing.
What a blessing Springtime brings us,
With new life to spice the land.
And in our way, to be a part of it,
How much better could one plan?
Spring brings to life the pleasure,
Of starting out anew.
How great, I find it is to be,
A part of Nature's crew.
Superintendently,

Kenneth R. Zanzig
Green Garden C.C.

Dear Ray,

Just a note to say how much I enjoy and appreciate the outstanding job that you do with the **Bull Sheet** and to see if I can contribute something to help make your job a little bit easier. It's always nice to hear what's going on up there in "God's Country" and can always figure on a little education from every issue, whether it be a shart quip, a new experience with a problem, or whether or not Mike and Paul are still claiming to be Gin champions.

Down here in the "sun belt" I'm putting my finishing touches on my new maintenance shop/cart storage building. Some of the highlights of our building includes an I-beam trolley hoist, a sand blasting/painting booth, micro-wave oven in the employee's lounge, and a bathroom that you can actually take more than one step in any direction without bumping into a wall.

We now have a very good start on the rest of the new construction here at the club thanks to the beautiful December weather that we experienced. Included in this work will be two new tennis courts, a brand new swimming pool and bathhouse facility, and complete renovation (including two new additions) of our clubhouse.

The past three months of construction has been both interesting and educational for me, as I am acting as coordinator of the project, and am very much looking forward to the next three months and the projected completion date of April 15th.

Although all this action is welcomed here at Kankakee Country Club, (God knows that it is certainly overdue) I am certainly looking forward to a couple of weeks of golf in Florida and attending the conference in St. Louis where I can enjoy the company of the friends that I have made in my short time in this business.

Good winter to you and all and always an open invitation at the Kankakee Country Club.

Thomas H. Rodems, Supt.
Kankakee C.C., Kankakee, IL

GLADE, LAWNGRASS DANDY

Today there are many dandy bluegrasses, but few bluegrass dandies. Glade is one such. Reports from all over the country prove that this sprightly discovery fulfills the "dandy" role almost everywhere. Webster defines the noun, dandy, as "anything especially excellent in its class", and the adjective as "exquisite" or "of the best grade". As a bluegrass much planted in lawns, Glade is all of this. But even more so it has its own polished, petite personality.

Glade wouldn't be the handsome dandy that it is if it became very much blemished by typical lawn diseases. But reports from leading research centers show it to have improved resistance to leafspot (**Helminthosporium**), various smuts, mildew, rust, fusarium and dollarspot. Serious markings from disease are few and infrequent in lawns containing appreciable Glade!

The leaf angle of Glade is little affected by mowing. Indeed, Glade is one of the few bluegrasses to become more procumbent (i.e., bend lower) as mowing height increases. Glade's diminutive morphology is one of its outstanding features. Under certain circumstances this may mean less frequent mowing, but in any event guarantees a thicker turf below mowing height, - one that sacrifices little vital green tissue to clippings. The more green leaf a grass has, the greater its potential vigor, and within limits, the deeper its rooting (a boon to summer performance during hot, dry weather).

Experience has shown that Glade's requirements are modest. On good soils as little as two pounds of elemental nitrogen to the thousand square feet annually keep the grass sleek and fit. Autumn fertilization is especially helpful, for Glade, like any Kentucky bluegrass, is a "cool-season" cultivar that does best when days are bright and nights crisp. Autumn feeding encourages tillering at just that time of year when energy reserves are best built up in underground parts of the plant.

One can't say that any one lawngrass will be superbly adapted under all conditions. That's why experts recommend blends and mixtures. Blends include two or more cultivars of the same species, mixtures two or more differing species. Glade, happily, blends and mixes well. It is not aggressive, as some "weedy" grasses are, and will yield fairly to companion grasses. Blends with other top-notch bluegrasses such as Fylking and Adelphi have done well, as have mixtures with perennial ryegrasses and fine fescues that are not too aggressive. Fescues, much used for shade, can be minimized in Glade mixtures because Glade resists mildew, a shade disease, so well.

Features such as the foregoing are hallmark enough of dandy. Keep in mind, also, that Glade endures soil acidity better than most bluegrasses. It has a rich color, even when freshly mowed, since so much green foliage is retained by so decumbent a grass. Glade does not thatch greatly, nor does the cultivar seem temperamental about the usual pesticides should such be needed. All in all, Glade seems a dandy all-around lawngrass, sown alone, or in blends and mixtures.

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EDITORIAL

A Word on the Positive

Very often, editorials are critical writings. They may be constructive, mind you, but critical just the same. They are meant to help us, our organization, or even, pray tell, the game of golf. We often get a wide assortment of ideas, and this is good. We even get a response once in a while, which is even better. However, I must say that I am amazed at how few positive items I read. Whether it be the local paper, or a monthly periodical, we are drenched with whatever is wrong. Even the TV and its deluge of evening news programs has the networks competing to see whose "bad" news can attract the larger audience. It's too bad things have to be this way.

I have been reminded from time to time, especially when a bit "down", that, for the most part, I am a positive person. (She has never lied to me before). This gentle reminder is intended to cheer me up, and for some reason, it does. It helps me stop worrying about yesterday's problems. I am able to shift gears just long enough to look forward to tomorrow's challenges. (This is not intended to sound prophetic, just honest). This is the positive thinking that gets things done. Positive thinkers welcome day-to-day challenges. They don't have time to grumble. The grumbler makes himself miserable and sometimes contaminates the very people he lives and works with. What an awful situation! Here we are, feeling sorry for ourselves, while grumbling about every obstacle that confronts us. But, just when we start feeling a little better, the people we work with are feeling so rotten that the whole day becomes a waste, having to associate with such poor company. (Did I say prophetic or pathetic?)

Unfortunately, we are not programmed to "stop and smell the roses". Instead, we have been programmed to hurry, to do it fast, to do it efficiently, to do for the "me" group, the "I" group, and the "other" group. We have been programmed to do it to the other guy before he does it to us. And worst of all, we have been programmed to think that nothing is more important than "The Job". Sometimes we forget that we started out doing what we really like to do - provide. We provide our services and expertise for others to enjoy. We provide for and enjoy the family, the community, the church, and the school. And sometimes, in spite of all the hub bub around us, we are able to de-program just long enough to look and see what we have in our profession. It's our own little world - the golf course. And, in this isolated area, we have the golden opportunity to provide so many positive things for everyone, including ourselves. It's a place where day-to-day changes make each day unique. We have the chance to help Mother Nature grow. Our golf courses are clean places, so different, so quiet, compared to the Metro.

I'm glad she reminds me to be positive. I really do feel better about what I'm doing today. I hope that others around me feel better too.

Pete Leuzinger
Supt., St. Charles C.C.

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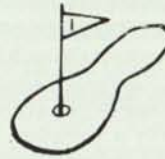
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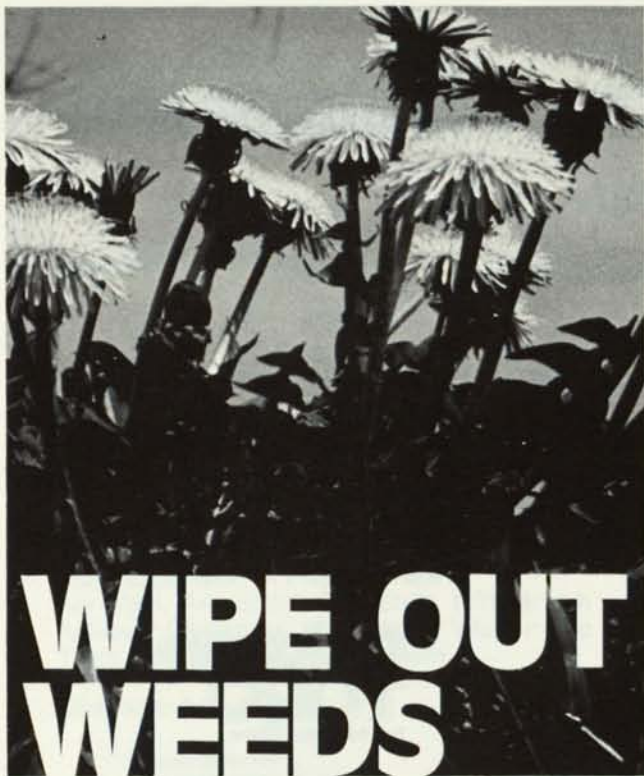
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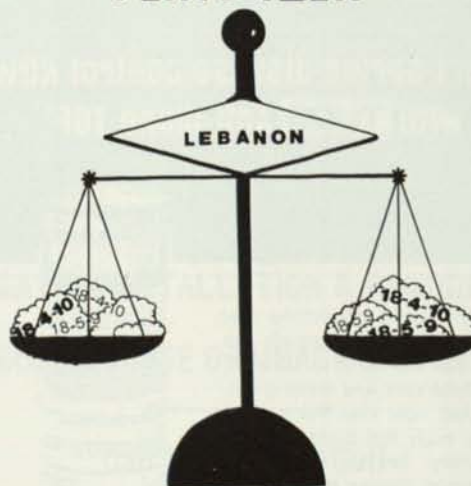
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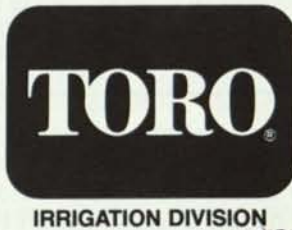
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8:30 A.M.

Registration and Coffee

9:00

Welcome & Introductions

William J. Lunn, Evanston G.C., Pres., CDGA
David L. Amory, Onwentsia Club, Green
Chairman, CDGA

9:10

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Questions And Answers

9:40

Major Equipment - Buy, Rent or Lease

Dr. James Watson, V.P. & Chief Agronomist,
The Toro Company

Questions and Answers

10:10

Break

10:20

Labor - Cost, Supervision, Training

Ed Fischer, Pres., M.A.G.C.S, Supt., Butler
National G.C.
Dudley Smith, Supt., Silver Lake G.C.
Bruce Sering, Supt., Glen View Club

Questions and Answers

10:50

CDGA Course Measuring Program for 1980

Robert A. Van Nest, La Grange Country Club
Chairman, CDGA Course Rating Committee

Questions and Answers

11:10

Turf Research Update

Carl Hopphan, Pres., Chicagoland G.C.S.A.,
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Questions and Answers

11:30

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Cocktails: 5:30 Dinner: 7:00

The meeting and speaker will follow dinner.

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together with your buddies for a game or two of bowling
or stay in shape by using the swimming pool and
racquet ball courts.

Please send your reservation cards to Tom Vieweg or
call him for any late changes.

Reminder: If your dues are not paid, please do so
immediately.

**Midwest Assn. of Golf Course Supts.
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The sympathy of the members of the M.A.G.C.S.
is extended to the **Walter H. Pieper** family due to
the death of Walter. "Wally" as he was known by
his many friends, was a Supt. at Flossmoor C.C.
for many years. He had a reputation of always
ready to help anyone in need.

We are sorry to receive the sad news pertaining to
the passing away of **Mr. Jeffrey Hanneman**, son
of **Roy G. Hanneman**, Supt. at Glenview Park Golf
Club. **Jeffrey** was the golf course Supt. at Village
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The course of your home club in par.
But you do have to love every blade of the grass,
Every inch of the fairway and greens.
If you don't take care of the course as you pass;
You're not what "a good golfer" means.
Just watch a good golfer some day when you're out,
And note what he does as he plays,
He never goes out leaving divots about,
'Till the grass is put back, there he stays.
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Then note when the ball has been played,
He never unthinkingly turns from the spot,
'Till he's covered the footprints he made.
You may brag of your scores and may boast of your
skill,
You may think as a golfer you're good;
But if footprints you make, in traps you don't fill,
You don't love the game as you should.
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Cocktails, and a catered dinner was served prior to the meeting. Entertainment with music and two models, one a Honey Bear were part of the evening's festivities.

Don Weakley, Vice President, Norm Seibert, National Sales Manager, and Bob Jamrozy, National Advt. Mngr. from the Snapper Company were in attendance as part of the evening get acquainted program. It was announced at the meeting that only servicing dealers would be sold the Snapper line of products and no private label products for mass or chain merchandisers would ever be made or sold to them.

The Brittany Advertising Company of Chicago outlined the \$300,000 TV and Radio advertising schedule the Davis Company has arranged for 1980 and their other supportive programs for the stocking Snapper dealer organization.

Mr. Peter Fink, President of the George A. Davis Co. arranged conducted tours of the refurbished warehouse and parts department conducted by the George A. Davis warehouse and parts and sales personnel.

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