



### MIDWEST BREEZES

Isn't it wonderful that from the Midwest Mike Bavier and Dick Nugent who have been neighbors and friends for many years in Palatine are now both vice-presidents of their respective professional Societies, GCSAA-Supts., ASBCA-Architects. What an opportunity to serve the national golfing scene as they have the Midwest these many years.

Paul N. Voykin wants us to see Joseph Wambaugh's latest film, **The Black Marble**. Paul is partial to the movie because it deals with borscht, love, comedy and Russian music. Roger Ebert, movie critic for the Sun-Times gives the film a 3½ star rating. Our Paul gives it a 10!

### CORRECTION

The Bull Sheet made an error in the April issue. It stated **Ray and Julia Gerber** celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Feb. 18, 1980. It should have read fifty-fifth. One word does make a difference.

Turfgrass on the golf courses in the Chicago area came thru the winter in excellent condition — the opposite of a year ago. This should make for good early playing conditions and make everyone happy.

**John West**, former Supt. at Lake Barrington Shores C.C., has resigned and taken the position as Supt. at Paradise Valley C.C. in Arizona. He assumed this position on March 24, 1980. Good luck, John. We will be thinking of you next winter.

The M.A.G.C.S. April 14 meeting held at Woodridge Golf Club was very interesting, the weather was anything but good, the golf course turned from green to white in a short period of time. That took care of the game of golf. Card games became the main attraction.

A wonderful dinner was served to all sixty who were in attendance. The service was super. The speaker, **Ron Clesen** explained beautifying the club grounds with flowers. We all thank our host superintendent **Tony Meyer** for a most enjoyable evening.

Good news is in order, **Chuck Daugherty** who has had a stay in the hospital, is home recuperating. Also **Dorothy Warren**, M.A.G.C.S. Executive Secretary is also home after having surgery in the hospital. The best of health to both of these fine people.

The June meeting will be at Ridgemoor Country Club on either the 5th or 12th. More details at a later date.

The August meeting will be at Randal Oaks Country Club. ... The September meeting will be at Shoreacres Country Club.



**Roger Stewart, Riverside Country Club**

The M.A.G.C.S. May 5 meeting will be held at Riverside Country Club. **ROGER STEWART**, superintendent will be our host. Come out and enjoy a game of golf on a beautiful golf course. Carts will be available. No guests will be permitted. Be sure you have your 1980 membership card with you. Call for reservations.

### LETTER FROM HERB GRAFFIS —

Dear Ray:

Don't you ever get old?

Younger guys would take weeks in sending me that Chicago Golf remodeling story copy I wanted for the USGA library and museum ... but Kid Gerber is damn quick on the draw and here the material is.

I am indebted to you. The USGA Museum Committee and library are indebted to you ... and some poor bastard wearing his eyes out years from now trying to write golf course history will be indebted to you.

Long, healthy, happy and prosperous life to the clan of Gerber.

—Herb Graffis

Dear Ray:

Short in name, tall in fame, the Jewel of Spring.

### "MAY"

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Superintendently —  
 Kenneth R. Zanzig  
 Green Garden C. C.

Charles E. (Scotty) Stewart reports that he has again been elected as chairman of the board of the Homewood Federal Saving & Loan Association. This financial institution, which has assets in excess of 127 million dollars, specializes in home mortgages, and Scotty is pleased to make it known that a number of superintendents have utilized the services of this association. Scotty further suggests that any superintendent who accepts a position on the south side of Chicago and who wishes to purchase a home contact him for the latest information on home mortgages.

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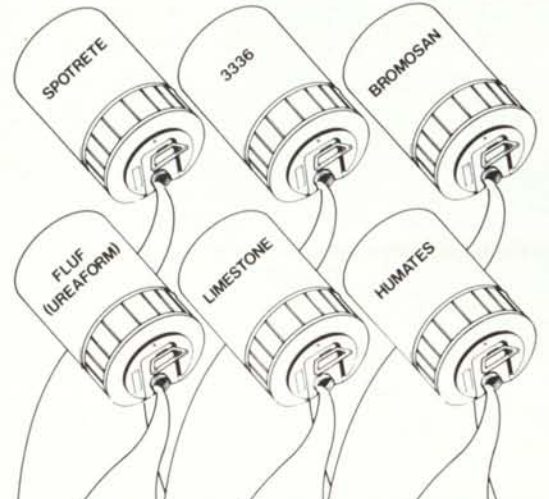
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**THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE AND GOLF TOURNAMENT IN GUADALAJARA**

If hotel accommodations hold a big key to our enjoyment when we are away from home, then the Sheraton Hotel chain has to be voted No. 1 in my books. The Sheraton in St. Louis was super and the one in Guadalajara absolutely outstanding.

2. The GCSAA Educational Committee should be complimented very highly on going off the well-worn speaker path and presenting a serious discussion of a problem which long has been ignored. The talk by Frank Lamphier was on a gold medal level.

3. The party put on by Bob Johnson, president of Illinois Lawn was in my book the best one I have attended in years. A riverboat atmosphere, an artist to draw your picture, fresh food and lots of it. Boy! What Class!

4. The Host Association, Mississippi Valley, headed by Lee Redman did a wonderful job of hosting the 51st Conference, in their town.

5. Was it really necessary to introduce every minor employee from GCSAA headquarters at our annual banquet? I also don't see the sense of seating them at a front table whereas our members who traveled from distant places are shuffled to the back of the room.

5. Those of you across the country (and there were many, many) missed one of the great golf sites in our history. The weather was super, the courses magnificent, the people friendly and hospitable. Shame on you for being narrow-minded and staying home. You have missed an outstanding experience.

7. If you have forgotten what good caddies are like go to Guadalajara and know the meaning of Chic Evans' famous statement, "He is not just a boy carrying my bag, he is my partner."

8. I don't know who I'd want to be with on that "Island" we sometimes fantasize about, (Bo Derek? Adolph Bertucci? Gordon Witteveen?) but I do know what I would wish to eat every day. Mexican Menudo soup with cow tongue every morning and of course, Russian Borscht in the afternoon.

9. I enjoyed drinking Cerveza and playing golf with an old friend Fred Chavez from New Mexico. I didn't know until now that Fred's great-great grandfather was the Greatest Indian Chief of All — Geronimo!

**Paul N. Voykin**  
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**LETTER FROM STANLEY RACHESKY**

Dear Colleagues, Friends and Associates:

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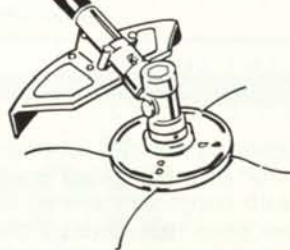


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"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way; but I noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of foot prints. I don't understand why in times when I needed you most, you would leave me." The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I do love you and would never never leave you during your times of trials and suffering. When you see only one set of foot prints, it was then that I carried you."

THANKS PAUL V,  
Author unknown

### THE MIDWEST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE SUPERINTENDENTS:

Again thank you for honoring me with membership in the roster of the elect. For so many years my brother Joe and I have known with happiness and in honor so many of you all and have seen the wonders of beauty you have worked and one of the very bright delights of our careers has been to be part of the team with you all.

Good luck and all the other blessings to you all in the Green Pastures.

Sincerely,  
Herb Graffis

LETTER FROM FRED V. GRAU — March 22, 1980

To: David A. Meyer, Sec.-Treas.

Dear David:

Your association does me honor by including me as a member in good standing. The certificate and the wallet card are appreciated.

54 years ago (1926) found me gravelling mud roads in N.E. Iowa near Dubuque. The Mississippi River froze over that winter. I drove my No. 13 Model T Ford across the river to Illinois on the ice. The next year I started my turf career at the University of Nebraska, little dreaming of my future involvement with N.A.G.C.S.

Would it be possible to get a copy of some of the early rosters of your association? It was 1931 when I worked at the Midwest Turf Gardens on the A. D. Lasker Estate and met some of your members. Harold Clemens worked there too.

Best regards to all and have a good season.

Sincerely yours for Better Turf,  
Fred V. Grau

## A GOLF COURSE FAIRY TALE

Once upon a time there was a Superintendent who had the perfect golf course. His course was so perfect that all the grass was watered fence to fence and every blade of grass was well fertilized and cut to just the right height. There were no clumps of tall grass or other unkept places where a golfer could lose a ball. Even the edges of the traps were sharp and clean.

All the members of the club were very happy because they could play sloppy golf and still score well, because the rough was short and the greens were lush and very soft. But there was an uneasiness in the land and many golfers became bored.

One dark day a strange phenomenon came over the land. Energy had to be conserved. Fertilizer was high in cost and very hard to get. What was the Superintendent to do? Despite all his valiant efforts to keep up the course in the usual way, it became evident that some of the grooming would have to suffer.

In time things were so bad that the Superintendent had to mow less, fertilize less, and pump less water for irrigation.

As a result the roughs were kept at a higher cut, the greens were pale from lack of the high nitrogen program and firm from the lack of over watering. The sand trap edges were hand sickled in the old fashioned way to save gasoline.

The golfers soon found they were playing a different type of golf course. They had to hit their drives straighter because poor shots were penalized by landing in long rough or were lost. They could no longer putt out of the traps. Much to their surprise, however, the greens putted better than ever. There was no puffiness from over fertilizing and the blades of grass were finer and stiffer. Molding a shot on the greens was harder to do, so many golfers had to use more finesse around the greens.

Much to the surprise of the Superintendent, all the talk about trying to make the course longer stopped. The golfers came to find out that a course does not have to be long to be good. Some of the well traveled golfers commented the course resembled some of the fine features they had seen in Scottish golf courses.

Even after the energy crisis passed, the golfers decided their course was better than before and lived to play it happily ever after.

(Contributed by Stan Metsker, RMGCS Reporter)

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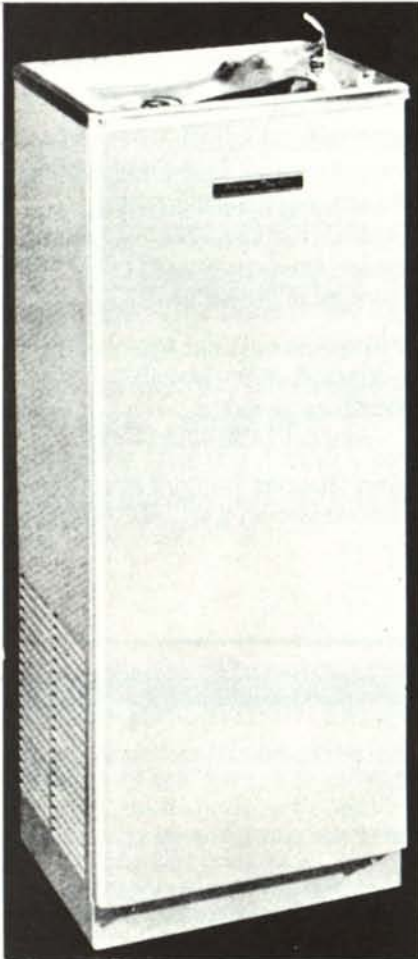
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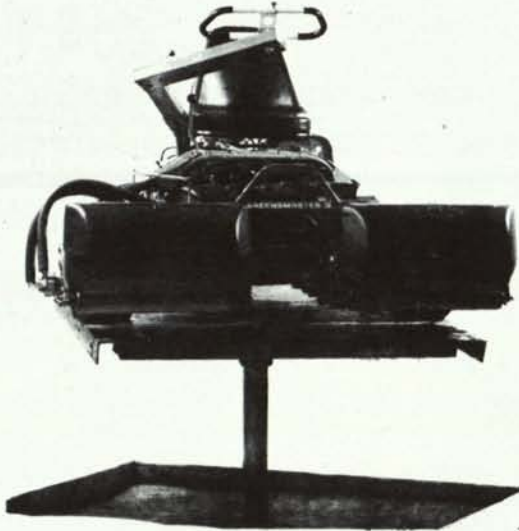
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— Charles E. (Scotty) Stewart

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