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## President's Message

I hope everyone had a safe and joyous holiday season. It is nice to take some time off from work and relax with family and friends without having to worry about deadlines and commitments. Take some time to reflect back on the events of 1986, give thanks for all the good in our lives, and enjoy the slower pace winter brings. Within a few short months, spring will arrive and we will be anxious to return to the fast lane. I want to wish everyone a healthy and prosperous 1987, a year that brings us good weather and plenty of contented golfers.

The Midwest Turf Clinic was again a big success thanks to Bruce Williams and the Education Committee. I'm confident that the educational programs for 87 will be top-notch with Al Fierst and committee at the helm. Congratulations to Fred Opperman on winning the Ray Gerber Editorial Award for 1986 presented to him during the clinic. Fred has been editor of the **Bull Sheet** since Ray Gerber passed away and has done an excellent job over the past three years. Congratulations are also in order for Professor Herbert L. Portz, turfgrass researcher at S.I.U., upon receiving the I.T.F. Man of the Year Award. We all wish him the best during his many years of retirement.

Since it's inception in 1982, the North Central Turfgrass Exposition has grown and developed into one of the finest regional turfgrass conferences in the country. Almost every aspect of turfgrass management was represented this year, and it was obvious how specialized the turfgrass industry is becoming. Attendance appeared to be well over 1000. This reflects on the fine job the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation, Inc. has done in organizing and promoting the NCTE. The future success of this joint venture hinges on the continued support from all sectors of the turfgrass industry.

The M.A.G.C.S. Board of Directors has been busy since the election of officers November 5. The Board met November 18 to receive committee appointments, to review and summarize the events of 1986, and to set goals for 1987. The Board met again on December 9 to revise some of the committee Standard Operating Procedures, to finalize an operating budget, and appropriate money to education and research. Each chairman has also held committee meetings to organize and arrange plans for the upcoming events. The general feeling among Board members is that we have much work to accomplish, but the attitude is very positive and enthusiastic toward a change for the better. In order to be an effective association, we need to keep an open line of communication between the Board and association members. M.A.G.C.S. is one of the finest local chapters in the country, and the current Board is committed to upholding that status.

As you well know, the M.A.G.C.S./G.C.S.A.A. regional seminars will be held January 6 and 7 at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles. This is the fifth year we have co-hosted this event, and every year attendance has been good. But with 470 members in the association, I would expect much greater support and representation from the superintendents of the Chicago area. Pete Leuzinger has done a good, solid job of arranging and selecting speakers and topics for these two day seminars. I am sure he would welcome any suggestions for future topics. There is a definite need to continue the seminars in the Chicago area, and for the price of admission, we cannot afford to let this opportunity slip away.

Our first meeting of the general membership for 1987 will be at Arrowhead Golf Course on January 12, and the guest speaker will be Stanley Horn, an attorney that deals primarily with immigration laws and related problems concerning illegal aliens. This is one topic that should be of interest to all of us as employers of golf course laborers. The new immigration laws that were passed in November will be affecting us next year, and could have a big impact on who we hire.

Also Len Berg will be addressing us on his campaign for G.C.S.A.A. National Director. He will present a brief autobiography and personal history. With the support of M.A.G.C.S., and other regional chapters, we're confident that Lenny will be elected.

Finally, the G.C.S.A.A. International Turfgrass Conference and Show will be held the last week in January in Phoenix, Arizona. I hope that everyone has the opportunity and the financial support from their respective clubs to attend the world's largest turfgrass conference.

James E. Evans



# A Short Biography of This Month's Director's Column

Alan T. Fierst has been a superintendent for ten years and has spent those years at Oak Park Country Club. He is a graduate of Michigan State University in Turf Management in 1975 and holds an Industrial Education degree from Ball State University in 1973. After his schooling, Al was the assistant superintendent at Bob O'Link Golf Club under Bob Williams. Al has served as Director and presently is the 2nd Vice President of MAGCS. Another duty of Al is serving as the voting delegate for our association. On the national scale Al is on the Scholarship & Research Committee. Al's hobbies and interests include cycling, skiing, auto racing, golf, and most of all, out running all those women who keep chasing him.

# "A Strong Voice for Every GCSAA Member"

by A. T. Fierst, Oak Park C.C. Voting Delegate — MAGCS

With the theme of "A strong voice for every GCSAA member", the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents has proudly nominated and is supporting Len Berg CGCS for GCSAA Director. The Chicagoland Association of Golf Course Superintendents is also honored to support Len as a candidate for GCSAA office. Both associations feel they have a strong candidate in Len and are pleased the Nominating Committee of GCSAA sees him as a strong and conscientious candidate.

Len is active in all local and regional turf organizations, having served as the Midwest Association President in 1981 and he is currently on the Chicagoland Association Board of Directors. He is also an active member of many other professional and civic organizations in the Chicago area. Len and his wife Pat are the proud parents of two children and active members of their church. His civic leadership includes stints as Church Council President, Assistant Scoutmaster, and he is currently carrying the rank of Captain as a volunteer fireman.

Len has over 15 years of management experience in the turf business, most of those as a golf course superintendent. In those years a strong feeling for the turf industry has evolved, a feeling of pride and identity of the Golf Course Superintendent. It is this sense of identity and IMAGE that Len feels is of utmost importance for the future of the business. The enhancement of the professional image of GCSAA and it's members is directly linked to an effective COMMUNICATION program at all levels of the association, a linking of open communication channels to every Superintendent, association chapter, and association member to the headquarters in Lawrence, Kansas. The concept of communication is vitally important to Len he emphasizes that in any association no person can be singularly more important than another. He knows that without the individual emphasis, no association can truly be effective in managing it's affairs.

The MANAGEMENT of an association depends upon effective direction based on experience. During the last 10 years Len had had important committee level experience as a prelude to further advancement in GCSAA operations. His recognition of the need for complete comprehension of all association issues while not overlooking basic premise is without equal. Len's experience with communication has brought forth the development of a DEDICATED, RESPECTED, and ORGANIZED leader in our turf industry.

Having served as a committee member 4 times has Len well poised as a GCSAA Director for the future. He has answered the call and the challenge to serve with distinction. Len is strongly committed to the GCSAA and to the INDIVIDUAL needs of the membership — both for today and for the future. Some of his strongest convictions regarding the future of GCSAA are meaningful communications with allied associations and chapters, superintendent image enhancements, a vigorous and viable Education/Certification program, and most importantly — improved Superintendent - Pro - Manager - Club public relations.

It's about time for a conscientious and open minded candidate for GCSAA office to come from the Midwest area. Len em-(cont'd. page 4) (Director's Column cont'd.)

braces all of the aforementioned catagories with a heart-felt interest in the Association and it's membership. He recognizes the need to work for the best interests of the golf course superintendent and shall serve as a strong voice for every GCSAA member.

Len has the full, enthusiastic support of his club, The Village Greens of Woodridge, and has arranged for the huge demands a GCSAA position places on one's time. There is no doubt of Len's commitment nor of his enthusiasm for the Association. He has effectively served both the GCSAA and its members by serving on committees and shall continue to be a dynamic force as a GCSAA Director.

#### "Wonderland"

With Christmas Time and New Year's Day too,
Thoughts of a New Season come into view.
The same old Scenario begins every year,
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Jerry was a native of northwestern Indiana and lived there all his life. He was born on a farm and his family moved to Gary and opened a restaurant/tavern which Jerry and his mother operated for over 35 years. When they sold the business, Jerry went to work for his good friend, Paul Richardson, at Steel City Lawn & Garden where he worked in the parts department.

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Jerry was a real people person and was known as "perpetual motion with a smile". He will be missed by all who knew him.

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#### The following has been submitted by Dudley Smith:

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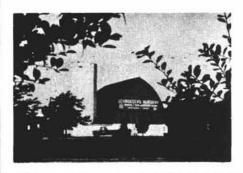
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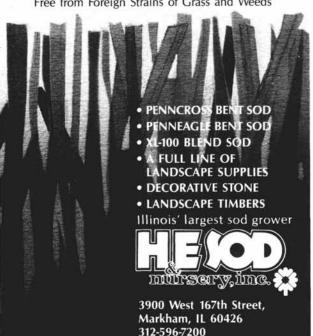
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#### Pro of The Year

David G. Ogilvie III of Flossmoor, Ill, a third generation golf professional, has been selected as Golf Professional of the Year for 1986 by the PGA of America. He is 50, and has been a member of the PGA for 24 years. He was honored Dec. 9 during the Annual Meeting at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis, IN.

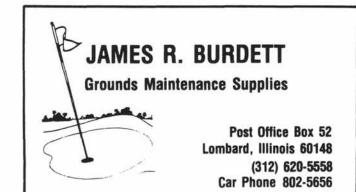
Ogilvie's grandfather, David G. Ogilvie Sr., came to the U.S. in 1896 as a golf professional from Scotland, and his father, David G. Ogilvie Jr., was the head professional at Augusta (GA) CC. Ogilvie III has been professional at the Flossmoor CC for 20 years. Though increasingly immobilized by multiple sclerosis in recent years, and currently confined to a wheelchair, Ogilvie has continued to be active in the Illinois PGA Section and is presently completed a two-year term as president. Over the years, he has held every office in the Section and chairman many committees. Despite his illness and long years of service already, Ogilvie acted as referee during the PGA Cup Matches played in September at the Knollwood Club in Lake Forest, IL, and is on the organizing committee for the 1989 PGA Championship which will be played at Kemper Lakes in Hawthorn Woods, II.

It is at his own club that Ogilvie has made his most significant impact on golf and golfers. Flossmoor has always had an active and varied program for junior golfers, and Ogilvie conducts perhaps the busiest calendar of events for adult members of any club in Illinois. He lists more than 30 events each year, and annually takes a class of at least 20 beginner women golfers from the driving range to formation of a nine-hole group, then to membership with other 18-hole organizations. He attends most of the board meetings and participates on virtually all committees at his club, as well.

Ogilvie played on the golf team at Wake Forest University and was on the PGA Tour briefly in the 1950s. He played in one U.S. Open and, as it became impossible for Ogilvie to play golf, he took greater satisfaction in his efforts at the administration level, and three times he has been chosen Golf Professional of the Year in the Illinois Section.

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John Maguire, Mechanic Sunset Ridge Country Club

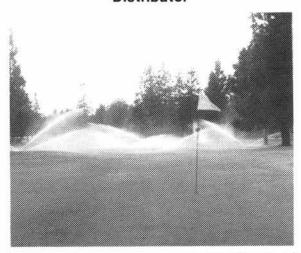
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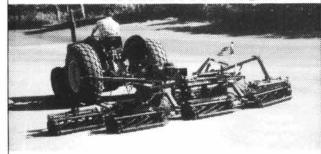


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1924-1925 — Illnesses and 15 deaths recorded at Ethyl Corp. among workers developing lead gasoline additive.

1970 — The Clean Air Act allows EPA to phase out or eliminate fuel additives it shows to be hazardous to the public health. 1972 — EPA announces a proposal to phase out tetraethyl lead additives in gasoline and set its first public hearings on the

1977 — First phaseout deadline set by EPA. Lead content in motor fuels to be reduced to 1.25 gram/gal.

1985 — EPA introduces lead credit banking system to help refiners ease into total lead ban.

Jan. 1, 1985 — Lead content in motor fuels reduced to 1.1. gram/gal.

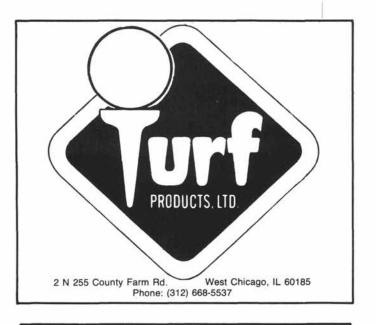
July 1, 1985 — Lead additives lowered to 0.5 gram/gal.

Jan. 1, 1986 — Lead additives limit set at 0.1 gram/gal.

Jan. 1, 1988 — Lead credit banking system scheduled to end.
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Credit: National Petroleum News, Nov., 1986

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Fred D. Opperman, CGCS receiving the "Ray Gerber Editorial Award Plaques" from President Jim Evans

# Fred D. Opperman, CGCS Winner of the 1986 Ray Gerber Editorial Award

Fred won this year's award with his article, "Survey of Sand Bunkers", which was published in the February 1986 issue of The Bull Sheet. The judges were Dave Behrman, CGCS, President of MAGCS; Dr. Tom Fermanian, University of Illinois; Dr. Fred Grau; Warren Bidwell, retired Superintendent and presently a turfgrass consultant; and Len Ziehm, columnist for the Chicago Sun Times. They chose "Survey of Sand Bunkers" over five other articles that qualified for this annual award.

This award was started to give recognition and lasting remembrance to Ray Gerber for his many years of devoted service to the Superintendents through his leadership, knowledge, and participation in association activities. After Ray's retirement in 1970, after being a Superintendent for 34 years at Glen Oak Country Club, he again became active in association affairs by becoming the Editor of **The Bull Sheet**, a position he held until he passed away in July of 1983.

Fred Opperman was Ray Gerber's replacement at Glen Oak Country Club when Ray retired in 1970, and Fred has served the club since that time. Before coming to Glen Oak Country Club, Fred was the Superintendent at Elmhurst Country Club for four years and before that the Superintendent at Riverside Golf Club for one year. He served his assistantship at Elmhurst Country Club for a three-year period and had previously served under Bob William's schooling at Bob O'Link Golf Club for two seasons. Fred is a graduate of Penn State's Turf School. He has been married to Judy for 21 years and has a son, Todd, who is a senior at Glenbard West. Fred's leisure activities are mostly outdoors, where he loves to hunt, canoe, camp, and hike. Recently, he has been bitten by the whitewater rafting bug and loves it. In January and February of 1987, he and an old friend from his Penn State days are going "down under" to visit the countries of New Zealand and Australia, where they plan to spend five weeks on a "walkabout" in a camper van.

## 1987 Committee Appointments

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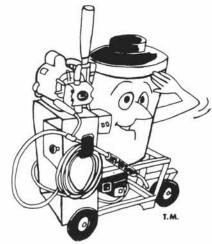
Jim Evans, President of MAGCS and Shawn Gayle, Chicago Bear who gave the opening speech at the NCTE in December.







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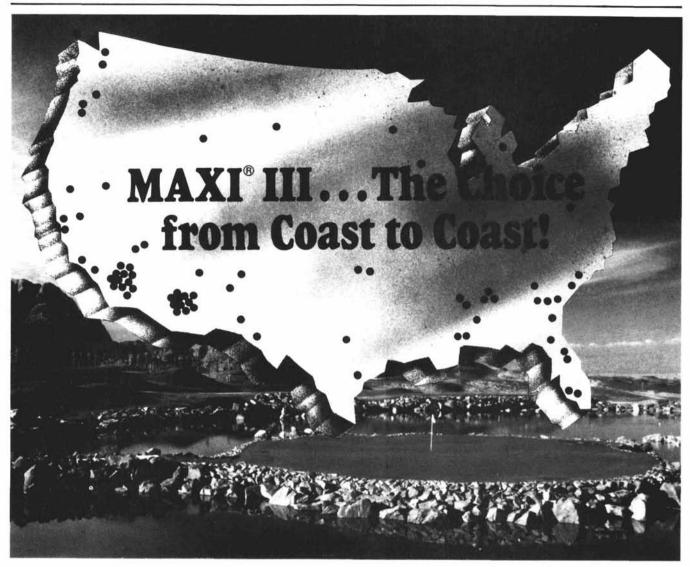
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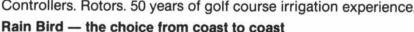
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