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the Bull Sheet

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Joe Dinelli had triple bypass surgery July 11. He is doing well; in fact he stated, "I'm like *Poa annua*: a little stress, and I'm knocked down a bit; but pour a little water on my head, and I bounce right back." Joe would welcome a call at home from his friends. His number is 847-266-7001.

The North Shore is being hit with a massive die-off of white oaks. Many trees did not come out of winter, and some that did proceeded to wither away and lose their leaves. A few clubs have cut down as many as 30 trees, trees with diameters of 30 to 40 inches. These are trees that have been around for hundreds of years, and no one seems sure just what is the main cause of this die-off at this time. For certain, it is some sort of stress due to the combination of severe weather swings the past couple of years, compaction, ozone problems and who can say what else. Some oaks have the oak wilt, but the white oaks are not as susceptible to it as the red oak group.

Only our government: During the space race in the 1960s, the Space Administration decided it needed a ballpoint pen to write in zero gravity. After considerable research and development, the Astronaut Pen was developed at a cost of about \$1 million. The pen worked fine. The Soviet Union, however, faced with the same problem, used a pencil.

The Lord's Prayer is 66 words. The Gettysburg Address is 286 words. There are 1,322 words in the Declaration of Independence, but government regulations on the sale of cabbage total 26,911 words. (From the October 24 issue of *National Review*)

If anyone is looking for some Nemacur GR, call Bill Kennedy at Cress Creek C.C. He has some that he would like to get rid of. Call 630-355-5736.

The MAGCS has recently joined the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System's "Supporting Membership Program for Golf Associations." This new program gives us the opportunity to financially support the education and research programs of Audubon International and promote our own commitment to environmental stewardship. Some of the benefits will include:

- Research and technical information.
- New educational materials.
- Publications.
- Telephone and Internet communication.
- Site visits.
- Workshops and presentations.

The Editorial Committee is looking for golf courses for our graphic artist to play. If you could make arrangements for a foursome to play your course some time, please give Jim McNair or Fred Opperman a call.

Hank Wilkinson is looking for 28 turf/hockey players to come to Champaign on October 24 to play hockey, have a barbeque and tour the campus. This is homecoming weekend. Look for more details in the October issue. Call Hank at 217-333-8707 for more information.

If any clubs are doing any fall seeding, please turn in your Blue Tags from your seed bags to Dudley Smith, Mike Bavier or Fred Opperman. Those tags mean dollars for the Musser Turfgrass Foundation.

Sunset Ridge Country Club Winnetka, Illinois BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR 1950

Seed	\$1,000
Sand	650
Fungicides	560
Fertilizers for greens, tees & fairways	3,000
Soil for topdressing, greens, tees & nursery	400
2-4-d, for weed control	150
Gas & oil	1,800
Repairs & replacements	1,100
Tennis courts	200
Paint	150
Supplies	200
Gravel & tile for sand traps	100
Educational conferences	300
1-inch water hose, 1,000 feet	450
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