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Presidents Message

This is the third issue of the Bull Sheet under the expanded program. We believe it is doing credit to the Midwest, to the Editors and to our loyal suppliers who have given their support. We knew we could depend on them and they have come thru well.

With our increased circulation, our Editors have taken a more liberal view and from time to time items concerning Greenkeeping Superintendents who are not members of the Midwest may appear in these columns. While this may appear unjust to some in view of the limited space available, a reexamination of the whole picture will show that these items have a place in the picture, and too, we want our readers to become members. This is the GREENKEEPING SUPERINTENDENTS organization of the MIDWEST and everyone holding that position should be one of us.

Our last meeting voted to open our membership to a new class of members, the Apprentice. In setting up this new membership we do not mean that guests will not be as welcome as they always have. There are many men now employed on courses who want to be with us and feel that they should not come continually as guests. These persons will have a definite place with us now. A man to be eligible to apprentice membership must be actively engaged in working on a golf course and who is looking forward to becoming a Greenkeeping Superintendent. This class of membership is aimed primarily to serve the younger men. They should be recommended for membership by their superintendent.

Ray Didier has started the campaign of raising money for the National Meeting. Ray has planned his project well but it will need the wholehearted support of the membership. We can achieve this goal. Get your tickets and get them sold and get more.

—Wm. Stuppel, President.

DISTRICT AND NATIONAL DUES

National Dues	\$10.00
District Dues	
Initiation Fee	\$ 5.00
Regular dues	\$ 9.00
Associate dues	\$ 9.00
Apprentice dues	\$ 4.00

MAY MEETING SUMMARY

Our May meeting was held at the Edgewater Country Club on Monday, May 15th with Gerald Dearie, General Manager and Mr. Kline, Green Chairman as our hosts.

Peter Stewart won first prize in the golf event. Don Strand, Al Stoudt, Bob Williams, and Harold Reid were also on the prize list.

The meat of the meeting was composed of John Sellers' regular question box and the showing of some fine slides by the photographic committee.

President Stuppel presented the Midwest Association with an official gavel. This gavel was first presented by Harold Clemens in 1939 and has been passed on since that time. Bill had the gavel banded in silver and has had the names and years of service of each of the presidents engraved on the silver band. John MacGregor's name appears a total of five times.

The hospitality and cuisine extended by our hosts were something long to be remembered.

N.G.S.A. NEEDS DISTRICT COOPERATION

In 1951 the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents will be the host Association to the largest of all turf conferences, THE NATIONAL TURF CONFERENCE AND EQUIPMENT SHOW to be held at the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. The success of the conference rests on the districts promotional activity and the results of these efforts to increase interests in attendance and the sale of exhibit space.

From the beginning, we have been confronted with the National membership problem. Under the impetus of each annual conference there has been some increase in new N.G.S.A. members, and there has also been decreases throughout the year. I am aware that many of the committees handling the district responsibilities of the forthcoming conference are already functioning very well, and others are ready to step in and play their part in a creditable manner. However, I am somewhat disturbed to note that there is no Midwest Committee actively engaged in promoting district membership interest in the National organization. I would suggest that some consideration be given to appointing such a committee to accomplish the task of making our greenkeeping-superintendents' organization here in the midwest a 100 percent affiliated district of the NGSA.

The Philadelphia group has achieved this goal, and others are also turning in this direction. The National needs your 100 percent cooperation of strong, enthusiastic members. In the next issue of this bulletin I will discuss the value of the National organization to you as an individual.

Raymond H. Gerber
President
N.G.S.A.

THE FAMILY ALBUM

By and for The Grass Widow

MRS. WALTER KILMER is maintaining a 1/3 acre garden plot—these ambitious people.

The burning question now asked by the Greenkeepers' wives is—"What happens at the monthly meetings to detain the men until the wee hours when the official minutes of the meeting state that the meeting closed in good order at an early hour?"

We wives are looking forward with eagerness to the National meeting to be held in Chicago next January. We want to be sure the visiting ladies have as good a time here as we had in Los Angeles, Boston and New York, and all the other places visited in recent years.

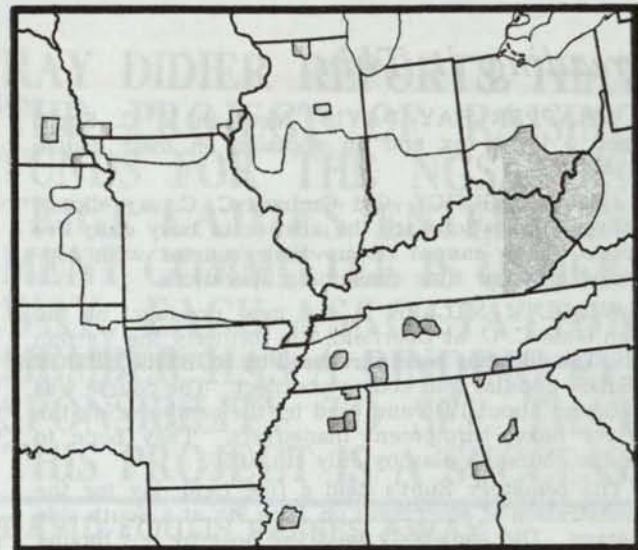
The GERBERS are very proud these days, as well they should be in view of the fact that their son, Gerald has recently been awarded a scholarship by Northwestern University.

FRANK DINELLI is a bachelor now that MRS. DINELLI is on a well deserved vacation in the southern part of the state.

GOLF, GOLF, GOLF

is a game in which a ball one and a half inches in diameter is placed on a ball 8,000 miles in diameter. The object is to hit the small ball but not the larger.

SYNTHESIS—A compounding of detailed bewilderment into a vast and comfortable confusion which offends no one.



General distribution of phloem necrosis.

Many thousands of American Elms are being killed annually by Phloem Necrosis in midwestern states. The above sketch will show the boundaries of the infestation at this time. The cultivated varieties of Elm, which have been reported to be uniformly susceptible to Phloem Necrosis are Moline and Vase Elms.

—From Arborists News, May 1950.

COMMON ARBORICULTURAL TERMS

DIAGNOSTICIAN. One who diagnoses the nature of plant troubles and commonly prescribes treatment for them.

INTOLERANCE. Inability of a woody plant to grow well in a particular environment. Commonly used in reference to trees that cannot endure heavy shade.

MYCELIUM. A mass of thread-like strands (hyphae) composing the body of a fungus.

PHLOEM. The inner living bark tissue active in the translocation or transfer of food, principally downward. The portion of the bark adjacent to the cambium.

—Arborist News.



"The important thing about a greenkeeping organization should be the spirit of sincere cooperation among all its members."

Spreading it Thin

"TRAPPER RAY DAVIS" Medinah C. C. Sup't. bagged 3 large fox and an opossum on their course recently.

JIMMY SERVICE, Old Orchard C. C. says liquid fertilizer applications are the answer to busy daily fee courses. They cannot tie up their courses with top-dressing or other time consuming operations.

WILLIAM MILLER is the new pro-mgr. of the Thorn Gate C. C. at Deerfield, Ill., formerly the Vernon C. C. The club has been purchased by ROBERT BRUCE HARRIS, popular golf course architect. The course was abandoned about 1940 and used by the army during the war for heavy equipment maneuvers. They hope to have the course in play by July 4th, 1950.

The cemetery Supt's held a fine field day for the demonstration of equipment on June 9th at a South side cemetery. Did somebody miss the boat by not having contact with our allied organization so that we too might profit by such an exhibit?

SCOTTY McCLARNIN the sage of Toro Mfg. Co. visited several of the local courses in town during the recent Cemetery Equipment demonstration.

RAY GERBER, Glen Oak Sup't. has a bit of advice for the garden. "Plant Zinnia flowers from seed rather than reset plants for best results!"

LEONARD DE BRUYN (Brownie to you) of Ridge C. C. declares that the poa annua is more predominant this year than in all of his past 33 years as a sup't.

Last Fall DON STRAND treated the fairways at Westmoreland with 3 applications of sodium arsenite and then seeded astoria bent. He reports now that they reduced their poa stand from 95% to less than 50%. The new seeding got an early start in the Fall and has come through with remarkable success.

BILL STUPPLE and FRANK DINELLI attended the monthly meeting of the Wisconsin Superintendents Association at Lincoln Hills Country Club, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Monday, June 12th. Both Frank and Bill were fortunate enough to win prizes.

Glen Oak C. C. is installing 5000 feet of six foot chain link fence.

A new bulletin for the homeowner called GRASS FACTS, is now being published by George A. Davis, Inc. THE MOLE.

FUNGICIDE TREATMENT FOR C-15 BENTGRASS

Many superintendents have rebuilt greens and planted them with C-15 bentgrass largely because of the success of this grass under DON STRAND'S program of maintenance at Westmoreland C. C. For this reason it was thought that is would be of value to have Don give us his method of fungicide treatment. Don uses ½ lb. of Puraturf 177 per green in 50 gallons of water, applied at 10 day intervals. During severe large brown patch weather Don adds 1 1/3 ounce of corrosive sublimate per green to the mixture. Usually this will result in a slight tip burn which is gone with the first cutting.

COMMITTEE—a group that keeps minutes and waste hours.

CONTACT BETWEEN GREENKEEPING SUPERINTENDENT AND GOLF COURSE ARCHITECT

by

Robert Bruce Harris

Golf Course Architect

After the golf course architect has selected the site for the new course and has made his general layout, working plans and specifications for the construction of the course, he should have many conferences with the greenkeeping superintendent who will maintain the course after it is completed.

It has been my experience that it is extremely desirable to have the greenkeeping superintendent on the new course from the day construction begins. In this way he will have his "finger in the pie" and will know everything that is going on in the way of various types of material being used such as irrigation pipe, drain tile, topsoil, humus, sand, fertilizer, seed, stolons, etc. As he is going assume course maintenance responsibilities it is also important that the superintendent have a voice in what goes in to the construction of the greens, tees and fairways.

Once the construction is started and the water lines and drain tile are being installed, it is highly desirable and important to have the superintendent on the project working in close harmony with the architect and the contractor so that when the course is completed he will know where all the utilities are and at what grade they have been set. On courses that I design, I always like to have the club employ the greenkeeping superintendent at the time actual construction gets underway, and even though the course may be constructed by a general contractor, and/or in case it is constructed on a time, material and day labor basis it is still essential to have him on the job.

Where the course is being constructed by the golf course contractor, I like to have the greenkeeping superintendent take charge immediately after grassing operations have been initiated. This means that from the very first day of planting, the superintendent is in charge of all course maintenance responsibilities. This can save much friction, and I believe, in most cases, insures the club having a better job, as the superintendent is naturally interested in seeing turf developed at it's very best.

After the course has been completed, and is in play, then the superintendent can do much to maintain the strategy and character of the individual golf holes by making sure that the cutting of the greens and the fairways follow the outlines as originally laid out by the Golf Course Architect. Many a fine golf hole has entirely lost its original design by the careless mowing of persons handling either the fairway or greens mower.

When the architect designs a green he is very conscious of the areas where the flag cup may be placed. The various cup locations should be established through cooperation between the greenkeeping superintendent and the architect. Consequently, I feel that the most satisfactory results from the club standpoint, the superintendent's standpoint and the Golf Course Architect's standpoint can be obtained through having the superintendent on the job from the day that construction starts and working in close contact with the golf course architect.

JUNE MEETING SUMMARY

The last meeting was held on a beautiful day, June 5th, at Edgewood Valley Country Club. Our genial hosts were Mr. W. E. Maddux, Greens Chairman and Mr. Roy Chaplin, Course Superintendent, with seventy members and guests present.

The meeting opened with a report by Ray Didier, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, on the progress made toward the raising of funds for ladies entertainment at our national meeting to be held in January.

A discussion took place regarding apprentice membership. Disposition of this matter will be forthcoming from the Board of Directors.

Paul Burdett of the Photographic Committee showed some fine colored slides taken on our local courses.

Refreshments furnished on the course were by courtesy of WARREN ROSEMAN of THE ROSEMAN TRACTOR AND EQUIPMENT COMPANY and were extremely enjoyed by all.

TOURNAMENT WINNERS AT EDGEWOOD VALLEY C. C. JUNE 5th

Members:	
1st Place	Jock McIntosh
2nd Place	John Coghill
3rd Place	Ray Gerber
4th Place	Bert Coghill
5th Place	Ralph Wymer
6th Place	George Davis
Guests:	
1st Place	H. Michels
2nd Place	George Dalman
3rd Place	Fred Pelcher

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After the rains came the fish,
after the fish came Gerber.

RAY DIDIER REPORTS THAT THE PROJECT OF RAISING FUNDS FOR THE NGS A DISTRICT LADIES ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE IS UNDERWAY. EACH ASSOCIATION MEMBER HAS A BINDING RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT THIS PROJECT IS A SUCCESS.

DAVID FOULIS PASSES AWAY

We regret to report the death of David Foulis, last of the three celebrated Foulis brothers who were known as the fathers of golf in the Middle West. Mr. Foulis who retired 10 years ago after serving the Hinsdale Golf Club as professional for 20 years and before that was pro at the Chicago Golf Club for an equal period, died Sunday, June 11th in the Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital after a 10 day illness.

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