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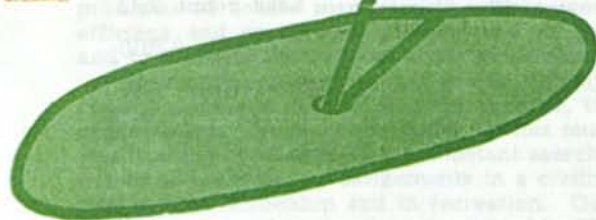


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THE JUNE MEETING

June 5th

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on

Willow Springs Road

LaGrange, Illinois

- Golf Tournament
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Presidents Message

Fellow Greenkeeping-superintendents:

With the May issue of The Bull Sheet, official publication of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents our mailing list has been increased so that approximately every greenkeeping-superintendent in the State of Illinois receives the bulletin. Through the medium of our publication, we will make a sincere effort to keep our fellow greenkeeping superintendents within the State, posted on our many Association activities throughout the year.

Our Association is an organization composed of greenkeeping-superintendents, operated by them for the advancement of the art and science of golf course management, to collect and disseminate among the greenkeeping-superintendents, the practical knowledge of the problems of course management with a view to more efficient and economical maintenance of golf courses, and to promote the welfare of our profession.

If you are actively engaged in this profession, and/or closely associated with it in some manner, this is your organization. We sincerely believe it has much to offer you in the way of sharing our constant search for methods to accomplish our assignments in a creditable manner, in true fellowship and in recreation. Our monthly meetings are educational and enjoyable. We solicit your membership and attendance at these meetings.

As a district greenkeeping-superintendent's organization, we will be hosts to the National Turf Conference and Equipment Show which will be held at the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Illinois, January 29, 30, 31, and February 1, 2, 1951. We are working diligently to make this educational and equipment show the finest ever held. Your cooperation and help is sought that we may all achieve this goal.

For further information, our secretary, Mr. Bert Rost, Park Ridge Country Club, Park Ridge, Illinois will be at your service. Send him a card requesting whatever you want to know, and I am certain that your questions will be answered promptly.

Your attendance at any of our monthly meetings will be most welcome.

Very truly yours,
William H. Stuppel
President.

EDGEWOOD VALLEY HOSTS

Mr. W. E. Maddux, Greens Chairman and Roy Chaplin, Superintendent, will play host to district greenkeeping organization on June 5th. GOLF will be the feature event for the day, and Frank Dinelli would like to see all members come prepared to play. It is the only way to get the full benefit of the meeting—by participation. There will be refreshments located near the 13th green, so pause for a moment, and partake of the staff of life which will help to relieve the tension and perhaps quench a parched tongue. Roy reports that everything is in readiness, even the early-birds can be sure of getting a bite to eat in the club grill at noon day. After the golf event, the chef has arranged to serve a roast-beef dinner about 5:30 P.M. After dinner, Ray Didier, chairman of the Photography Committee will present an illustrated talk by Pete Stewart. Don't miss this picture-talk about Pete's recent trip to Scotland and England. If the evening program runs true to schedule there might be time for Red Sellers to conduct the QUESTION BOX, and you won't want to miss this bargain. The Apprentice Membership discussion was tabled at the last meeting and will no doubt be presented at this meeting for discussion and action. Your attendance is necessary to make these get-togethers more interesting.

Spreading it Thin

BILL OATES of Arrowhead G. C. plans to use a top-dressing of 1/3 peat, 1/3 loam soil, and 1/3 coarse sand for greens this season.

NELS LUNDBLAD reports everything under control at Chicago Golf.

FRED HALLOREN, popular Davis representative is back in circulation.

BILL STUPLE of Exmoor says, "This is the latest season I can remember. We had only two weekends fit for golfing in the month of April."

FRANK DINELLI of Northmore dug up a tile line recently; a portion of this line ran along a willow tree and to promote good drainage Frank laid the tile in cinders some 12 years ago. In digging the line up it was noted that the roots went as far as the cinders but not into them. He relaid the entire line in cinders and will observe what takes place in the next few years. Frank states that DON STRAND made the original observation.

MEL JOHNSON supervisory greenkeeper at Woodridge C. C. reports that new greens planted late last Fall have not come through too well this Spring. The stolens have been washed up out of the soil and are rotting rather than growing.

Do you remember the year we went to the Purdue short course and found all the forsythia in bloom?

Do you have any walks or steps of concrete on the course that are hard to walk on with spike shoes? Asphalt plank is becoming very popular for these areas.

LEONARD DE BRUYN of Ridge C. C. is sporting a new Studebaker auto. Ridge by the way is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

Both the Midwest and the National associations will celebrate their 25th anniversaries in 1951.

WALTER HOYT of Timber Trails reports that they will have two new greens ready for play this season.

What happened to all the U3 Bermuda enthusiasts? Or better still, what happened to all the U3 Bermuda?

JOHN COUTRE is now superintendent at the Chevy Chase C. C. Wheeling, Ill.

RAY DIDIER lost at least one nites sleep with high water this Spring. Ray and his crew had to sandbag the doorways to keep the water out of the clubhouse. Their No. 4 bridge was washed out of place also.

FRED MILLIES has been working hard on their new dam and lake at Hillside C. C. The lake covers about an acre and is seven feet deep.

DON STRAND of Westmoreland is watching his C-113 bent grass, this is a new strain sent to Don by FRED GRAU as a potential fairway turf.

DOM GROTTI would like to have 10 more men. Who wouldn't.

GABRIEL ROSSET of Greenacres found that the flood waters left 2 railroad ties on their 17th green.

DAVE McINTOSH of Oak Hills C. C. celebrated his 75th birthday on May 25th.

The district committee chairmen for the 1951 national turf conference (in Chicago) met with the board of directors of the NGSA at the Hotel Sherman on May 6th to discuss their part in the big show.

MEL WARNEKE beat the flood to the draw by chaining down their bridges.

JOHN COGHILL of Silver Lake has dredged out their lake to remove accumulated material. The job was done with dragline and bulldozer. The operation will increase their water reservoir 70,000 cu. yds.

The Glen View C. C. (HENRY LANG, SUP'T.) has a log cabin built by the early settlers and a cemetery on their grounds. The headstone date back to the late 1600's.

"THE FAMILY ALBUM"

MR. AND MRS. EMIL CASSIER report that they have received a letter from the CHARLES CARR family now at the Green Gables C. C. in Denver, Col. They like their new job and location very well.

The JOHN MAC GREGORS are grandparents again. Ronald Arthur is the new arrival for Mrs. Hazel DeBerard of Ontario, California. Mrs. DeBerard is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John MacGregor.

MRS. FRANK MASTROLEO plans to visit Europe this Summer. She will travel by plane and visit friends and relatives in Switzerland and Italy. Frank hopes to welcome Mrs. Mastroleo back about Sep't 1st.

MRS. DON STRAND has a new hobby, that of painting figurines. She uses American Dresden China.

MRS. ROBERT WILLIAMS and the two boys left May 14th for a visit with her parents and family in Seattle, Washington.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN COGHILL are the proud parents of a newly born son, BERT GEORGE COGHILL, born March 29th. Mrs. Coghill expects a busy season ahead what with 3 boys to look after now.

FRANK DINELLI, chairman of the district entertainment committee for the National conference here next February, plans a meeting with some of the women who have attended previous conferences. Frank hopes to get some good suggestions at this meeting as to what the women would like to do and see during the conference. If you have any ideas along this line be sure to contact Frank.

MRS. RAY DAVIS is recovering nicely from an operation at the Elmhurst Hospital.

MRS. RAY GERBER finds it rather lonesome to be the wife of the National president what with so many meetings to be attended.

Grass Widow.

"NOTHING SEEMS NOW LIKE IT USED TO BE"

It seems to me they are building staircases steeper than they used to. The steps are higher or there are more of them or something. And another thing . . . the small print they're using lately. The other day I had to back half-way out of a telephone booth in order to read the number on the coin box. It's ridiculous to suggest a person of my age needs glasses, but the only way I can find out what's going on is to have somebody read aloud to me, but that's not satisfactory because people speak in such a low voice these days. It's funny, too, how much further away things are. They've certainly moved all the greens back almost twice as far. And whoever added that steep hill approaching No. 16? . . . They don't put the same material into clothes anymore. I've noticed all my golf slacks have a tendency to shrink, especially around the waist or in the seat of the pants. And what kind of shoe laces are those George has these days! They're so much harder to reach. And people . . . how they are changing! They are younger than they used to be when I was their age. I went back to an alumnus reunion at the college I attended in 1943 . . . that is, 1933 . . . I mean 1923 . . . and I was shocked to see the mere tots they're admitting as students these days . . . no, nothing seems now like it used to be!

MEMBERSHIP RATES

Initiation Fee	\$5.00
Regular	\$9.00 per annum.
Associate	\$9.00 per annum.

NEW DDT DANGERS TOLD

By GEORGE CHEELY

Washington Bureau

Agriculture Department soil specialists have discovered a new danger from the use of miracle DDT insecticides and benzene hexachloride—poisoning of soil.

Toxic effects of the chemicals on plants, livestock and humans are widely known, and precautionary measures have been set up, but recent tests show an across-the-board pollution of soils lasting for several seasons where these insecticides have been used.

This means that continued use of present insecticides is reducing crop yield year by year and may make soil unproductive within ten to 15 years, department experts say.

Poisoning results from the accumulation of technical benzene hexachloride, which volatilizes slowly in the earth, and from technical DDT, which does not break down even after five or six years.

Purifying the insecticides—as has been done with the gamma isomer of benzene hexachloride—may be the answer if costs to manufacturers are not prohibitive.

Soils in orchards, cotton fields, vegetable gardens, and peanut fields are threatened with poisoning if applications of high grade insecticides continue. Tests in fruit orchards show that from three to six inches of the soil has been polluted after four years of normal spraying with technical DDT and benzene hexachloride, government experts say.

Others Have Lesser Effect

Although long period research has been conducted only on technical DDT and technical benzene hexachloride, soil specialists say other chlorinated hydrocarbons, admittedly less effective as insecticides also seem to have a deteriorating but lesser effect on the soil.

In fruit orchard tests, the growth of the rye cover crop was greatly retarded after four years of normal spraying with technical DDT, including one application of technical benzene hexachloride. Growth was one-third of normal under the branches, two-thirds of normal between trees, experts state.

Create Major Problem

Toxic soil in orchards will create a major problem of soil erosion since many orchards are situated on hill-sides and depend on cover crops to hold the soil. Another problem in toxic-soil orchards will be transplanting young seedlings to replace worn out trees, which recent tests show is unfeasible.

Tests show accumulation of DDT in the soil will greatly reduce crops in a few years, and that effects will be noted in sandy soil after only one year. Increased fertilization may cover up the decreases temporarily.

One large manufacturer already has stopped production of technical benzene hexachloride as a result of the agriculture department findings.

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 M. L. Van Voorhis, Shady Lawn Golf Club, Beacher, Illinois, Goodyear Hose.
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ANDY GILLETT PASSES AWAY

We regret to report the death of Andy Gillett, who passed away in Florida, April 25, 1950. Andy had retired last fall from active greenkeeping at Forest Hills Country Club, Rockford, Illinois. During the past winter months, he had been taking life easy in the sunny south, a well earned vacation. Andy was a regular, never missing many association meetings during his long period as a member of our organization.

Time brings us a change and leaves us fretting;

We weep when every comrade goes—

Perhaps too much—perhaps forgetting

That over yonder there are those

To whom he comes and whom he knows.

We wish to express our deep sympathy to the immediate family.

COMMON ARBORICULTURAL TERMS

DEFOLIATOR. An insect which feeds on plant foliage, often in concentrated numbers.

GIRDLING ROOT. A root growing usually in an encircling position, so that it constricts other roots or portions of the root crown, thereby interfering with the normal functioning of the constricted parts.

HORMONE. An organic product of cells that may cause a specific effect on the activity of other cells quite removed from its place of origin. Hormones commonly effect growth and reproduction and are effective in very small amounts.

HYPHAE. The thread-like filaments of which most fungi are composed. Collectively known as mycelium.
—Arborist News.

MIDWEST CHEMICAL APPLICATION GUIDE.

Do you have one of these charts in your office? If not, you should as this is the time of year to put it to good use in checking the rates of various types of materials used in sound turf management practices. Write to Don Strand for information. Westmoreland Country Club, Wilmette, Illinois.

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