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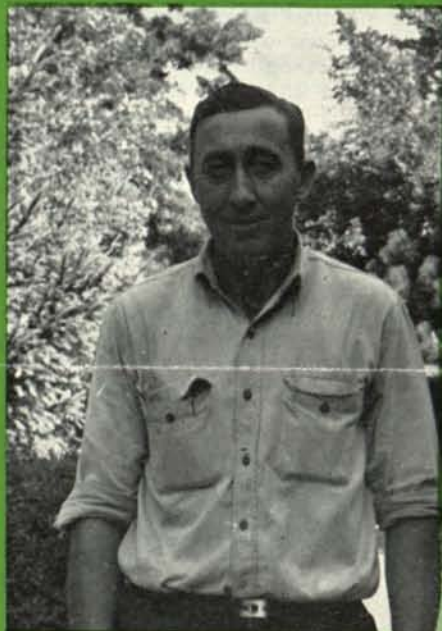


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Host Supt.

## THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

September 11th

at

St. Andrews Golf Club  
West Chicago, Illinois

Superintendent-Pro Golf Tournament




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Chicago Welcomes the 22nd National Turf Conference

## SITE OF 22ND NATIONAL TURF CONFERENCE AND SHOW

JANUARY 29, 30, 31 AND FEBRUARY 1, 2, 1951

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**Invitational Golf Tournament at Silver Lake Golf Club — September 25th**

**John Coghill — HOST**

### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

A most successful season of summer activities is about concluded. A special PLAY GOLF meeting held at Bonnie Dundee and Nordic Hills Golf Courses between our regular monthly sessions were very well attended, and I believe these extra meetings has meant a great deal to all who could participate in them.

Our regular meetings during the summer, starting with Edgewater Golf Club, and then following with Edgewood Valley and Ravisloe Country Club have really been outstanding as to attendance and participation in the golf tournaments, which is certainly a good sign that our meetings are well arranged and interesting. The remaining outdoor events with the Wisconsin Greenkeepers Association at Big Foot Country Club, the Superintendent-Pro Tournament at St. Andrews Golf Club and the Annual Tournament at Park Ridge Country Club in October will complete the schedule. If time permits, we will try to schedule another PLAY GOLF event late in September.

As the fall season approaches, it is time we consider seriously the many educational opportunities available to us. We will continue our own district programs during the winter meetings, however, we have many other opportunities. Each year the USGA Green Section under the able direction of Dr. Fred V. Grau, conducts a field day at Beltsville, Maryland, the site of the U. S. Department of Agriculture Experiment Station. This year the meeting will be held on October 15, 16, 17, 1950. Before the last war many of our Midwest members made the trip to Washington, D. C. where the turf plots were located at that time. I believe the expense and time of the trip was worthwhile. We will have the same opportunity now to observe and examine at close range the results of these turf experiments. Rail connections between Chicago and Washington, D. C. are excellent, and if the trip is to be made by auto there are many places of historical interest to be seen along the route. Beltsville is located just a short distance from Washington, D. C.

As you all know by this time, the National Turf Conference comes to Chicago this winter, and we will be the host Association to the largest of all turf conferences. Our district committees have been active for some time, and if we all give our very best in the promotional field, I honestly believe this coming conference will be the finest in history. It's up to the midwestern States to put this over in a big way. Start right now to accomplish this purpose. The most qualified speakers in the country are secured to appear on the educational program, and it can be expressed that this conference sets the educational pattern for the following season.

To make yourself better fitted to do your job with increasing efficiency, attend every Midwest meeting, play golf at every opportunity, and attend as many turf conferences as possible.

In closing, I hope that the Midwest Association will be well represented at the NGSA Golf Tournament at Lansing, Michigan on September 18th and 19th. Those who plan to enter this event still have plenty of time to practice, and we do want to bring home the bacon this time.

William H. Stupple President

### MIDWEST PICNIC SUMMARY

The Annual Picnic was held at the Arrowhead Golf Club on July 31st. Mr. William Oates, Manager of Arrowhead was our genial host. Mr. Oates had the picnic tables set-up in a beautiful grove of oak trees. Many families attended even tho there were signs of rain. The committee under the leadership of Ray Davis, and with the additional help from Frank Dinelli and Robert Williams conducted games for the kiddies, ladies and gents. Our CHEF for the day was none other than George Roloff who performed a very creditable job in roasting the weenies for everyone. Frank Dinelli held a little informal meeting with the wives present concerning plans for the entertainment of ladies at the National Conference. Mrs. Ray Gerber was appointed Women's Committee Chairman to work with Frank, and also to be in attendance at the show. Clouds kept threatening, and just at dusk the rains came breaking up one of the most enjoyable picnics held by the Association.

THE GRASS WIDOW

### SPREADING IT THIN

Fall planning is well along now, and from time to time we will be hearing more about proposed activities. Westmoreland C. C. under the supervision of DON STRAND is planning to re-build five greens this fall. Renovation work will get underway October 1st. C15 bent grass sod will be used as the replacement turf. The sub-soil will be completely worked over for proper texture but the existing contours of the green and traps will be altered very little. DON has 30,000 square feet of two year old sod available for the project which he figures can be accomplished in three weeks of ideal weather conditions after starting time. The job of fairway renovation completed last fall indicates satisfactory results. The poa annua population was definitely reduced and the Astoria bent seeded during the operation has become well established in the fairways.

Two new apprentice members were recently admitted to the Association. They are Donald Strand, Jr. and Clair Strand, sons of Don Strand. They have been working on the course for the past several seasons, and find the love of fine horticulture entering their blood.

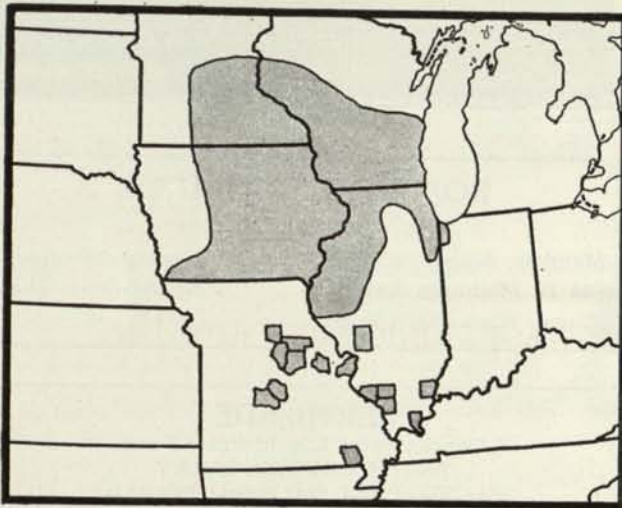
Frank Mastroleo reports that Chlordane has an adverse effect on clover. After application of this chemical, the clover appears to turn yellow and gradually gets smaller.

Emil Cassier is planning to renovate the 5th green this fall and plant it to C15 bent grass. Emil is also promoting the idea of building a new club house on the site of the present baseball diamond.

Edward Stewart, son of Peter Stewart was admitted to membership in the Association. Ed has recently taken over greenkeeping responsibilities at the Acacia Golf Club.

(Please note) Bill Stupple suggests that every superintendent give serious thought to the question concerning workmen on golf courses who should or would benefit from any of the various types of membership in the Association. Encourage these men to come into our organization.

THE MOLE



-General distribution of oak wilt.

### OAK WILT

Oak wilt, caused by the fungus *Chalara quercina* Henry, effects all of the important native species of oak in the midwest.

**Symptoms.** Oak wilt usually appears first on branches in the upper portion of the crown. Wilt of leaves progresses downward and inward until all of the foliage is effected. These symptoms are followed by yellowing, browning or bronzing of the leaf tissues which spread from the margins toward the midrib. Affected red and black oaks may wilt and die in four to six weeks or, at least during a single growing season. It has been reported that bur and white oaks usually die slowly over a period of years. However, during 1948 and 1949, bur oaks in northern Illinois wilted and died during a single growing season.

Twenty-seven important species of oaks were tested at the Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station, and all of them proved to be susceptible to wilt. The rapid spread of oak wilt in northern Illinois during the past two years suggests a possible accelerated rate of spread of the disease eastward through Indiana and possibly Michigan, Ohio and the eastern states.

Of the various methods and procedures tested by various workers for the control and prevention of oak wilt, sanitation tests have been most promising. In Iowa, it has been demonstrated that removal of all diseased trees in localized areas, and all living oaks in a 50-foot perimeter beyond the diseased trees prevented the spread of wilt for the duration of the tests. These tests were conducted over a period of several years. In Wisconsin, local control of spread has been obtained by the poisoning of healthy oaks adjacent to diseased trees. This procedure apparently interrupts an extensive underground system of intergrafted roots through which spread of the disease from tree to tree might take place. The fungus spreads so rapidly in the sapwood of red and black oaks that removal of wilting branches by pruning is ineffective. Removal of the first few wilting branches in white and bur oaks may keep the tree healthy for a few years, but they are subject to reinfection. Prompt pruning after infection appears on white and bur oaks might be justified on valuable specimen trees but not as a general procedure.

The spread of oak wilt to Indiana, reported in 1949, and its accelerated spread in Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri and Illinois during the past two or three years show the urgent need for intensive research on this disease. This research should center on the means of spread of the fungus over long distances and on the control of the disease.

Dr. J. C. Carter,  
Illinois Natural History Survey  
Urbana, Illinois

### NORDIC HILLS MEETING SUMMARY

Mr. Ben Gee, Course Superintendent of Nordic Hills Golf Club played host to the Midwest Association on August 7th. Twenty four members took to the fairways, and after completion reported that the grounds, rough and greens were in excellent condition. Light refreshments were available at the 13th tee—and by the way, it was on the house.

After a tasty buffet supper, a short business meeting was held for the purpose of disposing of some important matters. With reference to a letter from the Secretary's office, NSGA requesting each district to submit the name of one member of their organization as a potential candidate for the National Slate, it was unanimously agreed by those present that Mr. Frank Dinelli represent our group as an able and qualified man for consideration by the NSGA Nominating Committee. Frank has a good record in the Midwest having served as President, and was a director for several terms, and now heads up the committee which will entertain the ladies during the NSGA Conference in Chicago. The Midwest recommend Mr. Dinelli without reservation to the National Nominating Committee.

The meeting closed in good order AT AN EARLY HOUR, and the assembled multitude retired to the recreation room for an interesting bull session.

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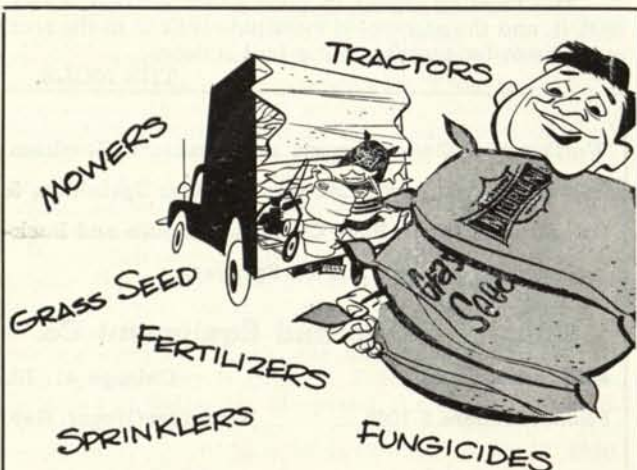
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