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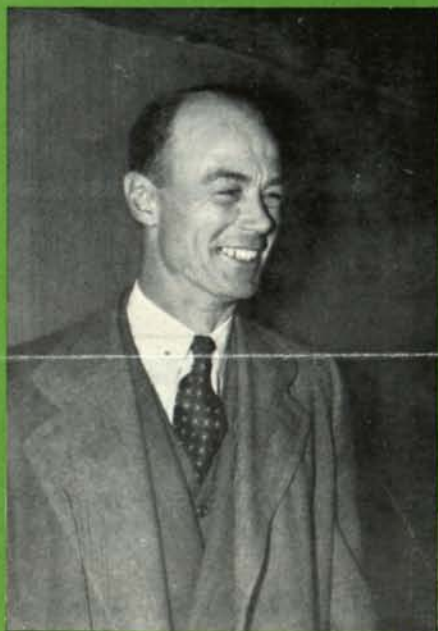
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THE APRIL MEETING

APRIL 2nd
at
THE HOTEL SHERMAN
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Club Room 7 2 P.M.

SPRING DANCE and PARTY
BENHARDT'S HALL
Roselle, Ill.

April 5th 1951 8 P.M.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
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It is the policy of your Association to try to benefit you, as a member, to the fullest extent. With the aid of our publication, the Bull Sheet, and by means of our regular monthly and special meetings, it is the aim of your officers and directors to make your membership in the organization so worthwhile that you can not afford to miss any of our meetings. Many of our Clubs recognize the benefits derived from an organization such as ours by paying the Superintendents dues in both the National and Midwest Associations.

The April meeting will be the last indoor meeting until December, and I hope that the outdoor meetings will be as beneficial and enjoyable to you as we have tried to make them in the past.

William Stuppel, President.

APRIL MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents will be held on Monday, April 2nd at 2:00 P.M. at the Hotel Sherman in Chicago.

Educational Chairman Al Johnson, with the able assistance of Bob Williams, has planned a very interesting program for this meeting, with the subject for discussion to be, "Superintendent's Salaries and Labor's Wages." The results of these discussions should be of considerable interest and benefit to the entire membership.

Our Educational Committee has planned a schedule for the year that should command the attendance of every member of the association at every meeting, through the benefit of information and training achieved at these meetings. So plan now to attend as many meetings as possible and the Educational Committee will attempt to make such attendance worth while.

SPRING DANCE AND PARTY

Ray Davis, our enterprising Entertainment Committee Chairman, has requested us to again remind you of the Spring Dance and Party to be held at Benhardt's Hall in Roselle on Thursday, April 5th. Ray promised us that the snow will not at that time reach blizzard proportions. He also assured us of good food, good music and good fun, so let's all come out to Roselle for an evening of good clean entertainment, before the more serious problems of spring with its labor shortage headache sets in.

Incidentally, Ray, who is our authority on chickens, now reports 18 eggs a day from 17 hens. The star boarders must now be reposing in the deep freeze.

Spreading it Thin

The weather at the Purdue Conference led Bill Stuppel, the weather man, to observe that we should not be fooled. "This is a false spring", Bill said, "April will be cold and we will have weather yet. The boys from Cincinnati are getting anxious to get the grass cut, but winter is not over yet."

The sectional meetings at Purdue were very well attended, each one was full. We have a right to be particularly proud of the part Don Strand played in heading up the section on "Records and Labor Management." All of the panel gave good, well thought out talks that were lively and interesting, and that period went very fast.

The big mystery among our local dignitaries at Purdue seems to center around an accordion, a seeing eye dog and a lost overcoat.

Conference platitudes: Education is swell stuff when taken in small doses; If you can't convince 'em confuse 'em; A little knowledge is a dangerous thing.

Bill Stuppel gave a fine impromptu talk in Dr. O. J. Noer's "quarterback" session on Turf Management in Wartime. Bill looked back on 40 years of golf activities and believes that we will all get along. We have had nothing but crisis since 1932 and each one seems more severe than the last. We hope that someone will silence the guy that is always seeing the wolf.

Leonard DeBruyn (Brownie to most of us) has found the past winter weather most unhealthy. However, Brownie is feeling much better and is looking forward to the longer, warmer days ahead.

Frank and Mrs. Mastroleo recently returned from a three weeks vacation in the South. They traveled extensively thru Florida and returned by way of New Orleans. Frank reports they had good weather and a wonderful trip. They traveled some 5000 miles entirely by bus.

Thieves broke into and ransacked Pete Stewart's home on February 19th. Stolen were a new television set, overcoat, two revolvers, watches, jewelry and silverware. They completely ransacked the place.

Bill Daniel wondered if it would be a good idea to have a 10 week course for Greenkeepers at Purdue, similar to those held in some of the Eastern colleges.

Both the Bob Williams' children have been suffering from the Flu that has been making the rounds this past winter.

**NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Considerable interest was evidenced in the attendance of the Midwest Booth at the National Turf Conference and Show held in Chicago recently. Our booth qualified as one of the outstanding features of the show. This was only possible through the splendid cooperation of the members of the committee in their fulfillment of specific duties. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the following members of the committee for their greatly appreciated efforts in helping to make our exhibit a success.

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Matt Bezek
Ray Gerber
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Mal McLaren
Norm Johnson
Amos Lapp

In addition I also extend my thanks to those who helped man the booth on the days the show was open and whose names I have failed to mention.

Robert M. Williams, Chairman.

OPEN LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

During the recent mild weather at Purdue THE MOLE burrowed close to the surface. Taking this to be a sign of approaching spring, "Our Mole" proceeded above ground to the Conference at Ames, only to be harrassed by disagreeable weather and unpleasant experiences in the form of snow drifts, stalled trucks and cars, flat tires, punctured gas tanks, crowded hotels, late trains, and other things too numerous to mention. However, with the same perseverance that it took to carry "The Anvil", he reached the goal and, using the Bull Sheet for text, delivered his speech on time. The return journey was some better. However his companion, who was not a mole, left the digging to The Mole and came home by train.

The Mole was heard to mumble, as he tunneled in for the night, "I resolve not to leave my own back yard again until the 'Official' spring sun shines on me."

The Listening Reporter.

P.S. The new home in Lombard must have looked like Paradise when he returned.

MARCH MEETING AT SAMBO'S

A regular meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents was held on Monday, March 12th, at Sambo's Restaurant in Chicago. President Stupple called for reports from the chairmen of the various National Show Committees. Peter Stewart reported on show sales by our local committee. Henry Lange reported that 63 people had taken advantage of the bus tour of Chicago on Monday of the show. Bill Stupple, in the absence of Frank Dinelli, gave a report on the Entertainment Committee. The report of the Ways and Means Committee had been submitted at a previous meeting by Ray Didier. Bob Williams gave a detailed report on the operation of the District Educational Exhibits Committee, and a report on the Reception and Information Committee, was submitted by Don Strand. In the absence of Ray Didier, Don Strand gave the Delegate's report. President Stupple accepted the reports and, after thanking the chairmen and members of the various committees, formally dismissed them as having accomplished their duties to complete satisfaction.

A discussion on the merits of U-3 Bermuda in this district brought forth interesting comments.

Following the discussion, Educational Chairman, Al Johnson showed a very interesting and educational sound film on Curling.

MIDWEST REGIONAL TURF CONFERENCE NOTES

The Midwest Regional Turf Conference held at Purdue University, March 5th-8th, was well attended. There were well over 300 registered and many of those were from the Midwest Association. William Daniel, Kenyon Payne, and all those responsible for the arrangements are to be congratulated for a really fine and well organized program.

The subjects for discussion were well chosen and the speakers covered them with a thoroughness that indicated a great deal of work and forethought in their preparation. The arrangement for smaller groups gave opportunity for more general group discussion which showed a keen interest in the work being done.

One of the highlights of the conference was Quarterback O. J. Noer's razzle dazzle pass play where he handed the ball to several of the Superintendents throughout the Midwest area in his discussion of "Turf Maintenance in Wartime." In all, 35 speakers were scheduled on the program, and many of them appearing at least four times before the individual groups.

Dr. J. B. Peterson presided as toastmaster at the annual Banquet on Wednesday evening at which Dr. N. J. Volk, in behalf of the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation, presented M. L. Clevett with an inscribed pen set as a token of appreciation of the work he had done in organizing and carrying on the original Purdue Turf Conference. "Red" Mackey extended an invitation to the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America to hold their Annual Golf Tournament at the Purdue University Golf Course in September, 1951.

The Purdue Glee Club, under the able direction of Al Stewart, furnished the entertainment for the evening, an attraction which alone is well worth the trip to Purdue each year.

The only criticism of the Midwest Turf Conference heard by your reporter was that "a four day conference is too long, especially at this time of year."

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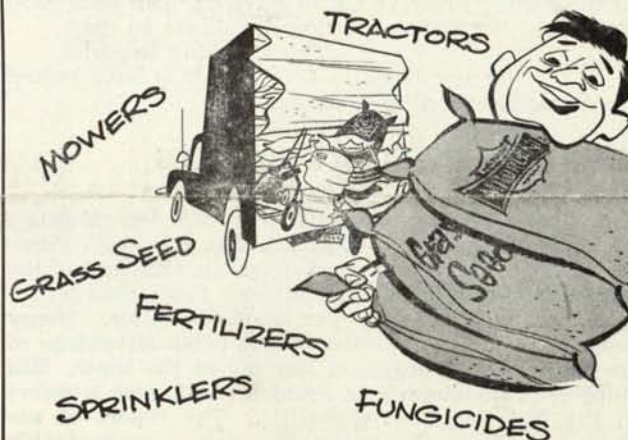
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