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GORDON BRINKWORTH
Superintendent, Brookwood Country C.

THE DECEMBER MEETING
BROOKWOOD COUNTRY CLUB,
ADDISON, ILLINOIS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1953
GORDON BRINKWORTH, OUR HOST
SOCIAL GATHERING IN AFTERNOON
GOLF, IF POSSIBLE
DINNER 6:00 P. M.
MEETING 7:30 P. M.

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF
OFFICERS :: EDUCATION MEETING

C. E. (SCOTTY) STEWART, IRRIGATION ENGINEER
AND A MEMBER OF OUR ASSOCIATION, WILL BE
THE SPEAKER AT OUR MEETING ON DEC. 3.
HIS SUBJECT WILL BE ON IRRIGATION. PLAN TO
BE AT THE MEETING.

PLANT DISEASE CLINIC AT MEDINAH COUNTRY CLUB, DECEMBER 17-18, 1953

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is my last message as President of the Midwest. It is time now that I thank all of you for giving me the privilege of serving you and especially to thank those members of the board and heads of committees that have done such a fine job for the Midwest during my two terms.

The last two years have seen a level of activity in the Midwest that I believe has never been reached before. Our Research Committee under Bert Rost of the Park Ridge Country Club successfully initiated our first Short Course in conjunction with the University of Illinois. It is my hope that next March we will have another, better and with greater attendance. Our membership under Amos Lapp as chairman has reached a new high. The activities of our Educational Committee under Robert Williams of the Beverly Country Club have moved ever forward in quality and interest until they will reach a fitting climax in the Plant Disease Clinic Dec. 17th and 18th. Dom Grotti as chairman of the Tournament Committee has staged tournaments that have set new records with each succeeding event and our Entertainment Committee, first under Norm Kramer and then under George Roloff, have staged dances that have drawn our greatest crowds. The Bull Sheet under the control of William Stupple of the Exmoor Country Club has expanded its circulation, increased its financial position and is now an institution.

It has been a privilege to have served with such committees, and to every member of those committees, to every member of my Board of Directors and to every member of the Association, I extend my thanks. I feel I have gained most in the serving.

Now while I step out of office, the work of the organization goes on. The Educational Committee is holding its first Plant Disease Clinic at the Medinah Country Club Dec. 17th and 18th. Some of the talks planned I have been privileged to preview and the whole program is planned with the characteristic thoroughness of its chairman Robert Williams to review and refresh our basic knowledge of the plants and predators in which we are most interested. The member who misses this Clinic will miss an opportunity to rejuvenate his thinking. Thanks again.

Ray Davis, President

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Gordon Brinkworth, Supt. at Brookwood Country Club, suffered a painful injury to his left shoulder when he fell while getting out of his truck at the club. Gordon says that he tore the ligaments loose and that it couldn't have been any worse even if he broke his arm. We hope that Gordon is feeling much better at the present time.

OUR DECEMBER MEETING

Our December meeting will be held at Brookwood Country Club on Thursday, Dec. 3. Gordon Brinkworth will be our host. Gordon has gone to a lot of pains to make this a good meeting and is especially anxious that we have a good turnout. This will be our Annual Meeting and election of officers. The plan is for the men to get together in the afternoon for a social gathering, have dinner at 6:00 p.m., and the meeting at 7:30. If the weather is good some of the boys might want to play golf. The Education Committee has invited C. E. (Scotty) Stewart to give us a talk on irrigation. Scotty really knows about irrigation and his talk should be especially interesting after the long drouth of this year.

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PLANT DISEASE CLINIC
MEDINAH COUNTRY CLUB, KING COLE
ROOM, DEC. 17 & 18, 1953.

For Members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 17th

- 9:00 a.m. Meeting called to order by the President.
9:15 Introduction: Robert Williams, Chr.
Education Committee:
9:30 Botany (higher plants) Dr. Ralph Voigt
Director of University of Ill. Horticultural Experiment Station Lisle, Ill.
Origin, structure and function of green plants.
11:30 Lunch: Grill Room
1:00 p.m. Fungi (lower plants), Dr. William Klomprens; Plant Pathologist, Upjohn Co.
Definition, description and illustration of bacteria and fungi by means of slides and sketches.
3:30 Adjournment

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18th

- 9:00 a.m. Disease Dr. William Klomprens
Definition, description, discussion and illustration of turf disease and disease of ornamentals found on golf courses.
11:30 Lunch: Grill Room
1:00 p.m. Disease Control, Dr. William Klomprens
Theory and functioning of chemical control plus a discussion of maintenance practices aiding control.
3:00 Summarization: Panel of superintendents and agronomists.
D. James Watson, Toro Manufacturing Co. Dr. William Daniel, Midwest regional turf foundation. William Stupple, Sup't Exmoor Country Club. Bert Rost, Sup't. Park Ridge Country Club. William Kraft, Sup't. Southmoor Country Club. Moderator: Raymond Gerber, Sup't. Glen Oak C. C.
3:45 Closing of Meeting: President.

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NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members into the association.

Henry A. Stoltze, Huntley, Ill.; Donald Peter Stewart, Downers Grove, Ill.; Alfred C. McIntosh, Chicago, Ill.; Aloysious John Wietecha, Chicago, Ill.; Theddor William Woehrle, St. Anne, Ill.; Theo. O. Meland, Chicago, Ill.; Robert W. Freske, Chicago, Ill.;

SNOW MOLDS THEIR PREVENTION AND CURE

By John R. Vaughn

Department of Botany and Plant Pathology
Michigan State College

In any part of the United States where there is likely to be a snow cover of one to three inches, for longer than a week, Snow Mold is a potential threat to fine turf. The greatest damage from the disease, of course, is found in the northern areas where a heavy snow cover for a long period is normal. The majority of destruction caused by Snow Mold can be avoided if proper control practices are followed.

Snow Mold is a disease caused by fungi which live in the soil, and except for the time during and just after the melting of the snow, do not damage turf grasses. Unlike such diseases as Dollar Spot and Brown Patch, Snow Mold can be caused by several different soil-inhabiting fungi, either working separately or together. In one location only one of the molds may be the culprit, and in another location two fungi may be operating while in a third location a single one, but not the same as the first, may be doing the damage. This situation can account for the fact that some tests of fungicides show that one chemical is effective in one state and not in another.

Since it has been shown that these fungi do their damage under the melting snow, the problem of control is to have the fungicide under that snow to protect the turf before the snow melts. Thus, fall applications of fungicides has been widely adopted with marked success. Because of the long period between the application in the fall and the start of the disease under the melting snow in the spring, the chemicals are applied at at least twice the strength used during the golfing season to control other diseases.

The visible signs of the injury from Snow Mold fungi are roughly circular spots of dead or dying grass with a margin colored according to the type of fungus growing in the turf. This moldy halo may be pink, white, gray or even black. The spot is first noticed when it is about two inches in diameter and these spots may enlarge and grow together until almost all of a green area is involved. If the snow melts rapidly, and the weather becomes dry and warm, the disease is stopped but the individual plants killed can never regenerate.

Because it is possible that the conditions of warmer weather and melting snow may occur before spring, additional applications of the fungicide should be made during a mid-winter thaw, not to cure, but to maintain the protection for the thawing out after the next snow covering.

Control of the Snow Molds is primarily a matter of the application of a protective chemical spray in the fall. This application should be made just prior to the first snowfall. Until weather predictions are more accurate than they are today, each superintendent will have to be his own weather prophet and pick the time to spray on his own course. If he should miscalculate and snow comes before the application, it can still be done through the snow if the depth is not more than two or three inches.

In areas where mid-winter thaws occur, a repetition of the application will maintain the protection for the later spring thaws. If late spring snow and cold weather persist, a spring application may further the control of the disease.

The most tested and proven chemicals for the control of Snow Mold are the inorganic mercury compounds such as a calomel-corrosive sublimate mixture.

Newer chemicals have been, and are being tested as Snow Mold control agents and several are offered for sale. No material will be effective in controlling the disease if it is not applied at the right time, in the right amount, and in a manner to get effective coverage of the turf. Specific directions of the manufacturer should be followed in the use of each chemical. These directions are usually based on extensive tests by State and Federal experiment stations.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

To the officers and members of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents.

We submit for your consideration the following nominations for officers and directors of the association for the year 1954.

For President George Roloff
For 1st Vice President Robert Williams
For 2nd Vice President Walter Killmer
For Secy-Treas. Al Johnson
For Directors (2 year term) ... William Krafft
Dom Grotti - Ray Davis

Nominations can also be made from the floor.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Dinelli, Stanley Arendt,
William Stuppel, Chairman

THE FALL DANCE

Our annual Fall Dance at Midwest Golf Club on November 5 was without doubt one of the best in a long line of successful parties of our association. The beautiful clubhouse at Midwest has to be seen to be appreciated. What we mean it is truly beautiful. 97 people gathered to enjoy themselves and we were received with open arms by Marvin Gruening and John Polocovich, our hosts. We had a wonderful dance floor, a ready and willing orchestra, a nice buffet supper and we all had a wonderful time. Our congratulations to the Entertainment Committee for a very nice party.

Door prize winners were as follows: 1 Mrs. Ray Davis, 2 Betty Kinney, 3 Mabel Dubrock, 4 Mrs. Ed Muzik, 5 Ed. Muzik, 6 Mrs. Walter Rosenwinkle, 7 Mrs. Archer Smith, 8 Bill Dubrock, 9 John Coghill, 10 Mrs. Christensen, 11 Ben Gee, 12 Elmer Heine.

Donations for door prizes were by Geo. A. Davis, Inc., Paul Burdett, and Archer Smith of Smith Equipment and Supply Co.

THE NOVEMBER MEETING

November 9 was a beautiful day and a number of our members took advantage of the weather to tour Clarence Mueller's beautiful Glendale Golf Club. In the evening there were assembled 45 for dinner, which by the way, was a wonderful roast beef buffet and was greatly enjoyed by all who were fortunate enough to be on hand to sample it.

One of the highlights of the meeting in the evening as the appointment of a Public Relations Committee, a committee to promote relations between the Superintendent and the public and to act as a liaison between our executive body and the press, magazines and other publications. President Davis appointed Gordon Brinkworth, Chairman, Ray Gerber and William Stuppel. This move also dissolved the publicity end of the Education and Publicity Committee. President Davis announced that henceforth that committee would be known as the Education Committee.

President Davis appointed an Auditing Committee consisting of Herman Woehrl, Chairman, John Boettger and Walter Donn.

SPREADING IT THIN

Mrs. Ray Davis, wife of our esteemed president, is in a mad rush with the PTA activities again. The PTA puts on a Sunday dinner of ham, sausage, and all the trimmings once a year and November is the month. Mrs. Davis, as treasurer, buys the makings and handles the money and has quite a time of it. Dinners sell for \$1.50 and last year the PTA served over 500 people.

With the closing of this belated Indian Summer, the byword is "When are you leaving?" Just about everybody is going to Florida this year. Join the National, it won't cost much and you get to do everything.

Mrs. Bert Rost plans to go fishing again as usual while in Florida. Last winter, or maybe the winter before that, she caught a pelican. She hopes the pelicans leave her alone this year and she gets a big fish. Mrs. Rost complained about the story that appeared in this column about Bert's plan to stock the new lake with fish. "He wouldn't dare do that", she protested, "he might want to stop and fish himself sometime."

Forbes Leith of Calumet Country Club has a daughter who is married to the captain of the University of Illinois football team, Bob Lenzini. Forbes hopes the Illini go to the Rose Bowl so he and Mrs. Leith can make the trip. (The Mole hopes so too.)

Don Gerber, son of Ray of Glen Oak, is an old married man by now. After going along for many years, he got himself a wife and is honeymooning in the deep South. Jo and Ray now have an empty bed room. The mole expects them to start traveling a lot now.

Quote from the magazine "Boats", "However, as the gull said when he left his signature on the power cruiser's windshield, there is much to be seen on both sides"

A number of hardy golfers played at the November meeting at Glendale and were mightily put out that the Committee failed to provide prizes.

Bill Krafft's daughter had her tonsils out in Oct.

The Mole is advised that the Joe Jemsek Enterprises are now operating the Fairlawn Golf Club at 22nd and Wolf Road.

JOIN THE NATIONAL and go to MIAMI.

President Davis, pounding the table "We got a motion coming up."

The last meeting at Glendale was full of surprises to many. Some found that they had been serving on committees all season and learned about it for the first time. It seems like the Chairmen do all the work and the rest of the committees are more or less honorary.

The Glendale meeting was a regular old-fashioned one, such as we have not had for quite awhile. Everybody got to say something, which is good.

Don Strand and Bob Williams attended the Plains States Conference at Manhattan, Kansas in October. Bob was on the program. On the way they stopped at Excelsior Springs, Missouri, where they found that the water really did do what it was supposed to do. The Mole was along and found that out for himself.

Bob did a good job on the panel. Don helped out from the floor and it was a real good meeting. That red streak that was seen in northern Missouri going from west to east was Don in his new Olds 88 heading home after the conference.

Heard at the meeting at Manhattan, Prof. had a dream that he was lecturing before a room full of students. He woke up and found he was.

It was the intention of our Education Committee to have O. J. Noer at our December meeting to give his "Annual Report To The Superintendents" as he has done at our Annual Meeting for a number of years. Unfortunately, Dr. Noer had other commitments for that date and could not be with us. We are sorry that he can't for his talks are always very interesting.

Dr. Noer hit it on the head when he said that a poor greenkeeper made some of the best strains of bent look bad while a good greenkeeper made some of the so called inferior strains look better than they really should.

The curlers at Exmoor Country Club are going to be assured of curling ice this winter, cold weather or not. There is being installed there a complete artificial refrigerating system for the four curling rinks. They plan to start curling about the middle of Dec. and go right thru until April 1, at least. This is the first installation of its kind at a country club along the North Shore and other clubs will probably follow suit. There are now curling rinks at Indian Hill, Skokie, Glenview, North Shore and Oak Park, besides Exmoor.

It is rumored that there will be curling at several other well-known clubs in the district, also, within the near future.

Red Sellers says that he has completed his work on five new greens at North Shore and everything is in fine shape at his course.

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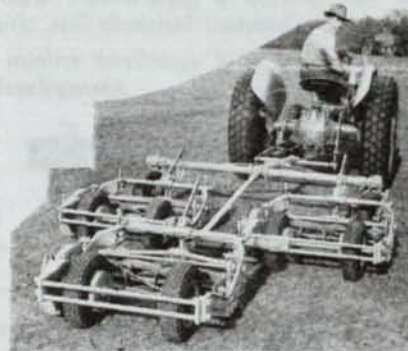
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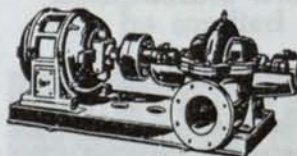
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