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DICK and JULIUS BUCHEN

THE AUGUST MEETING
CHESTERFIELD GOLF CLUB
GLENVIEW, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 1954
JULIUS & DICK BUCHEN, OUR HOSTS
GOLF TOURNAMENT
DINNER — 6:30 P. M.
BUSINESS MEETING — 7:30 P. M.
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

LET'S MAKE THIS THE BIGGEST AND BEST
MEETING OF THE YEAR TO DATE

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THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

This is the time of the year when we like to remember and repeat those memorable words of our great philosopher, we have forgotten who, who at the end of a particularly trying, hot, humid Sunday, looked at his trampled greens and said, "Well it's a great job in the winter." So keep that in mind, boys, it's a great job in the winter.

In spite of the difficulties of the summer, and we all know that it has been a difficult one, the turnout at our summer activities is tremendous. 69 played golf at our July meeting at Woodridge and attendance at our annual picnic exceeded all expectations. I wish at this time to thank Chairman Ray Davis for making a grand success of this already memorable event and having the courage to leave the beaten track and take us to a lake instead of a golf course, and to Weatherman, Bill Stuppel who suggested that the third week in July was usually better weatherwise than later. Bill certainly picked a fine day for us to be at the beach.

It has been called to our attention that there has been, in at least one instance, solicitation of business by commercial men at our meetings. Although I know that our commercial members have, in the past leaned over backwards to keep from soliciting at our meetings, we consider it bad ethics and without any criticism of them wish to remind the members that commercial men were admitted to membership in our Association with the unwritten agreement that they were to meet with us as our friends and that our meetings were no place to seek out business. This is the first time we have heard of anything like this and trust that there will be no further reports on the subject.

Our next meeting will be at Chesterfield Country Club and the Buchens, father and son, are waiting for us. We have been there before and know what perfect hosts they are. We have only three more outdoor meetings this year, so be sure to attend each one.

George Roloff, President

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CONGRATULATIONS

Joe Klem announces that he is the father of a son, Robert Scott Klem, weight 6 pounds 13¾ ounces, born at the West Suburban Hospital, Oak Park, Ill., on June 2. Our congratulations, Joe.

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OUR AUGUST MEETING

Our August meeting will be held at Chesterfield Country Club, Glenview, Ill., on Monday, August 9. Julius and Dick Buchen will be our hosts. This father and son team has entertained us before and we know we will have a wonderful time at Chesterfield. There will be the usual golf tournament in the afternoon, dinner at 6:30 and the meeting to follow with an educational meeting of which we do not at this time have the particulars, but you can rest assured that it will be of interest to you. Refreshments on the course will be by courtesy of Geo. A. Davis, Inc.

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We have word that Jim Watson will be the guest speaker at our joint meeting with Wisconsin in September. The meeting was set for Brynwood Country Club, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Les Verhaalen, host.

We wish to thank Roseman Tractor Equipment Company for the refreshments on the course at Woodridge.

OUR JULY MEETING

It was a hot, hot day at Woodridge Country Club on July 12 when we assembled for our July meeting there. Peter Bild and Ted Hammerschmidt, our hosts, were on hand to do everything possible for us to make it a wonderful day, and they did, except to getting the air conditioning in the club house to working. It is a new installation and was not quite ready. However, Ted says it will be running in fine shape when we come back again. In spite of the heat, 69 golfers toured the course and all finished 18 holes. We doubt if a lot of them would have made it if it had not been for Warren Roseman's oasis in the middle of the course. Many had a tough time climbing the hill in the heat, but after a little rest and partaking of the Roseman hospitality, they found the strength to continue. It was a great day and all reported that the course was in fine condition considering the weather.

106 sat down to a wonderful steak dinner that evening, and Ted found it a tough job to find enough food for so many.

Our guest speaker was Charley Wilson, West Coast Representative of the USGA Green Section. Charley made a tour of a number of courses in the district during his stay of July 12, 13. He gave us a nice talk on conditions and problems in the West as compare with some of ours and one comment of his that will stay in our memory was that good turf is only produced in the hands of good turf managers and they are the golf course superintendent. We want to thank Mr. Wilson for his kindness and will be looking forward to seeing him again when we visit the West Coast in 1956.

Ray Gerber, Chairman of the Committee for Nominations for National offices, announced that Don Strand's name would be sent in to the National for consideration. Agar Brown, National Secretary was present and gave us a brief talk on National Association affairs.

GOLF WINNERS

Blind Bogey: 1. J. J. Slapeka, 2. Norm Kramer, 3. Don Swenson, 4. Ed Musick, 5. Barney Wendt, 6. Bill Saielli, 7. Mel Warneke, 8. Joe Canale, 9. Warren Roseman, 10. A. C. McIntosh, 11. Bob Breen, 12. Andy Dunn, 13. Ed Stewart, 14. Julius Buchen, 15. Dom Grotti, 16. Charley Vann, 17. Marvin Gruening, 18. J. H. Lund, 19. Tom Flynn, 20. Frank Wedel, 21. Peter Bild.

Guests: 1. Ed Underwood, 2. Stan Corey, 3. Dick Thomson.

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All members of the Greenkeeping fraternity were shocked to hear of the sudden passing of Al Gering on July 5. In almost all cases, the comment was, "Al kept a good golf course", and what more fitting epitaph could a Superintendent receive than those simple words.

The big tournament, All America, Worlds Championship, etc. is now in progress at Tam O Shanter, having started on August 5 and running for two weeks. Since the retirement of Ray Didier, Elmer Lemke is in charge of Tam, and from all reports is doing a wonderful job.

Ray Didier has moved to Mundelein, Illinois and his address is Rt. 2, Box 242 B. Ray is now engaged primarily in the nursery business.

TURF TIPS

Summer Turf Insects

Chinch bugs — Chinch bugs develop best in hot dry weather and cause brown areas in turf by sucking the juices from the grass blades. Look for these brownish-black insects about 1/5 inch long, or less, with white wings folded over their backs in the form of an "X".

Sod webworms — These are larvae of small brownish gray moths which build tunnels lined with silk and covered with grass. The adult moths tends to concentrate over the succulent grass of greens when other turf is brown in dry weather, then drop their eggs on it. Eggs hatch in a week to 10 days and larvae begin feeding immediately on turf. **CONTROL** — 20 ounces of 5% chlordane dust per 1,000 sq. ft. (50 lbs. per acre.)

Cutworms — When fully grown, cutworms are about 1 1/2 inches long, greenish-brown to dark brown above and lighter beneath. They hatch in late summer, feed until cold weather, hibernate over winter, and feed until early summer when they pupate and become adult moths. They feed at night and hide in burrows during the day. **CONTROL** — Same as for sod webworms.

Summer Turf Diseases

Copper spot — Causes small copper-colored circular areas, particularly on velvet bent during periods of high temperature and high humidity. **CONTROL** - Cadmium compounds effective.

Dollar spot — Causes bleached, straw-colored circular scars about 2" in diameter in cool humid weather of early and late summer. **CONTROL** — Either mercury chlorides, OR cadmium, OR phenyl mercury.

Brown patch — First appears as small grayish-black "smoke rings" which enlarge, then the grass within the area turns brown. Common whenever high temperatures and humidity prevail. **CONTROL** — Mercury chlorides, OR thiuram, OR phenyl mercury.

Curvularia and Helminthosporium — Bluegrass and fescues are usually attacked in cool moist weather of early summer, and bents are damaged in warm moist weather. Injury may range from spots on the grass blades to large straw-colored brown areas. **CONTROL** — Either phenyl mercury OR cycloheximide (an anti-biotic.).

Cornell Recommends for Trees, Shrubs, Turf — This bulletin has complete information on insects, diseases, types of grasses, and fertilizer practices for turf and ornamental trees and shrubs. A few copies are still available by contacting this office.

Donald B. Lacey

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DISEASE HITS 100 KANKAKEE COUNTY TREES

Dutch elm disease, a destructive fungous ailment of elm trees, is spreading rapidly in Kankakee county, Dr. Leo R. Tehon of the Illinois natural history survey, Urbana, announced yesterday.

More than 100 trees in Kankakee and the surrounding area have been found infected with the disease in recent weeks, Dr. Tehon said. A meeting between him and other scientists from the survey and Kankakee city officials has been called in Kankakee.

The purpose of the meeting is to develop a program to spray trees with DDT and to employ other control measures in an effort to halt spread of the disease, which this year has appeared in more than 20 Illinois counties.

WEED KILLER DAMAGE

Careless use of weed killing chemicals around lawns and gardens can cause headaches for gardeners in the form of damage to flowers, vegetables, shrubs, and trees. Often the harmful effects of the chemicals are delayed until the following season, appearing then as a mysterious "blight" on trees and shrubs.

The chemical, 2, 4-D, is the most common weed killer used by the home gardener. It does an excellent job of destroying broad leaved weeds, including the dandelion, broad leaf plantain and narrow leaf plantain or buckhorn, which are among the most common lawn pests.

As many gardeners have discovered to their discomfort, this material also will do a good job of killing or damaging desirable plants. Curling or any distortion of foliage are symptoms of its effects on susceptible plants, and the plants may die if the dose is strong enough.

A direct application of the spray on a plant is not required. We frequently overlook the fact that desirable plants may be damaged by mist carried on the wind from nearby sprayed areas or even by gaseous vapors from certain types of the chemical which are highly volatile.

A classic example is that reported from Texas, where a field of cotton 8 miles away from the scene of spraying was damaged by 2, 4-D vapor.

There are two types of 2, 4-D, the amine salt formulations and the ester types. Fred Slife, weed control specialist at the University of Illinois college of agriculture, recommends that home gardeners use the amine types. They are available at most garden supply stores.

The reason, Slife explains, is that once applied the amine formulations do not form gaseous vapors that can damage nearby desirable plants. There still is the risk of mist damage, however, and for that reason the best time to apply this weed killer is in the early morning or late evening when there is less wind.

The damage caused by this weed killer usually shows up within a short time. However, it can cause curling and distorted leaves on shrubs and trees to show up as long as a year after it has been applied. Excessive quantities of the chemical can either be absorbed thru the roots and taken up thru the plant by translocation, or mist or vapor from the spray may affect the buds that are forming to produce next season's foliage.



We've heard tree men remark that they didn't realize how relatively little was known about root systems of trees until a few years ago when scientists began delving into the causes of oak wilt, the destructive fungus disease that attacks oaks. It was learned early in the course of study of this disease that the fungus can travel from one tree to another by means of roots that have become grafted naturally.

It was surprising to plant pathologists, however, to find that there was a great deal more natural root grafting than they had previously suspected. It may be that as the study of oak wilt continues, scientists in the next few years will learn much they don't know now about the structure and function of tree roots.

Bill Rueck attended the meeting at Woodridge. Bill is looking fine and says he is very happy in his job at Wauh-Nah-Tee-See Country Club at Rockford, Ill. Bill asks us to consider his course for our joint meeting with Wisconsin in 1955.

Andy Dunn, formerly with the Catholic Cemeteries is now associated with Robt. A. Black Company, Riverside, Ill., in a sales engineering capacity.

THE ANNUAL PICNIC

Our annual picnic for our families and friends was held on Monday, July 19 at Round Lake, Illinois. Golf was played at Round Lake Country Club, where Don Swenson was our host and made his course available and had it in fine condition for us. The Committee had inspected the picnic area and the golf course some time before the picnic and decided to have the get-together on the lake front at Round Lake. In combination with the day that Bill Stupple picked out as official weather man from his records of over 40 years, (Editors Note: "I ain't that old.") the lake front was ideal. The beach was long and sloping and sandy, the water was warm as toast. The Mole has no idea as to the number of families that came, but Chairman Davis said that supplies of hot dogs that were ample last year, were inadequate and that we ran out of both dogs and buns. However, one of our members, Bill Saielli, scouted around and picked up a mess of them and everybody was happy. There was plenty of other food around and nobody went away hungry. In fact the Mole was able to pick up some delicious apple pie and turned down lots of cake and potato salad. He could have done better but he is trying to reduce and get down to Ray Didier's 170 pounds. Ray and Mrs. Didier were at the picnic and Ray looks in fine shape as though the farming and nursery business have agreed with him. Paul E. Burdett brought his little outboard boat and was kept busy riding big and little kids around the lake all afternoon and even then there were some who wanted to and didn't get to make a trip. The Mole was too busy in the water all afternoon to be able to give an accurate report of who and how many there were there. It was a beautiful, hot afternoon and a grand picnic. Ray Davis' games Committee with Mrs. Al Johnson, Mrs. Dom Grotti and Paul W. Burdett did not get a chance to run off the games till after supper. There was too much activity for everybody during the afternoon, but during the evening the kids had their games and the prizes were distributed and then the grown up couples lined up to toss eggs at each other. For the first time in their lives, wives threw eggs at their husbands legitimately and in spite of great care, there was many a spattered shirtwaist and yellowed shirt. Details are lacking as to the winners of the egg throwing contest, but everybody had a good time and that is what counts.

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Adolph Bertucci played golf at Round Lake, lost his watch on the course and had it returned to him during the course of the evening. Naturally, Adolph was very appreciative and happy.

As we go into the second half of the summer, it might be well to evaluate what has happened during the first half. June was hot with an unusual number of above 90 degree days. Greens trouble appeared everywhere with some men losing parts of greens in a very short while. Melting out seemed to be the worst pest all the early summer and even during July sudden and vicious attacks appeared with devastating results. However, prompt and effective action on the part of the Superintendents prevented the terrible loss of turf experienced during the 1949 season. Altogether, we are not in such bad shape considering everything.

The Mole regrets that he is not able to give as many personal items as usual but both the Mole and the Gopher have been busy doing what they can to help their friends and with the advent of cooler weather pledge that they will give their time and attention to filling these columns.

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