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Our 28th Year



HERMAN DRAFKE, Superintendent
Acacia Country Club

THE FEBRUARY MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1954
ACACIA COUNTRY CLUB
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HERMAN DRAFKE, OUR HOST

GET TOGETHER IN AFTERNOON
BUFFET DINNER — 6:00 P. M.

BUSINESS MEETING — 7:00 P. M.

G.C.S.A. MEETING REPORT

QUESTION BOX

THIS WILL BE A MOST INTERESTING AND IM-
PORTANT MEETING. PLAN TO ATTEND.
9th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL SHADE
TREE CONFERENCE AT LASALLE HOTEL,
CHICAGO, FEBRUARY 17-18-19, 1954

MIDWEST REGIONAL TURF CONFERENCE MARCH 1-3 1954
PURDUE MEMORIAL UNION, LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was with a great deal of pleasure that we saw Norm Johnson elected to the presidency of our National Association. Norm has always been a hard worker for the association as he was for the Midwest when he was in the Chicago district. It is only fitting and proper that he has now reached that high office and we want to wish Norm the best of luck and success in the coming year.

Our National Association is certainly to be congratulated on the fine Conference and Show at Miami. There was a good attendance from all over the country and certainly our Association was well represented. The division of the Educational Conference into morning sessions only, was most popular, it giving the men a chance to enjoy the wonderful weather and activities in Miami. The ladies were well entertained and had a wonderful time. We are looking forward to more meetings like that in Miami.

It will have to be our project in the coming months to try to build up our representation in the National Association. In the past few years we have fallen below the percentage of membership necessary to give us the privilege of having a delegate represent us at the meeting and this is not good. With the added inducement of the insurance benefit in the Association, it is my thought that no superintendent should pass up his chances of being a member. The Cleveland District now has 100 percent membership in the National and this is a fine thing.

It had been my purpose to have ready the full roster of committees for 1954, but due to the confusion of trying to do too many things and many of the boys being away on vacations, I have not been able to complete my list and will have to have it ready for the next issue.

Our February meeting is scheduled for February 9 at Acacia Country Club with Herman Drafke as our host. We are planning to get together in the afternoon to swap lies on the big fish we caught in Florida, and reminisce on the trip. These get-togethers in the afternoon are a pleasant thing and much enjoyed by our members. Herman has planned a delicious buffet dinner at 6 P. M. and the meeting will begin immediately after, which will be about 7 P. M. This will be a most important meeting with the reports of our representatives at the Miami meeting, Don Strand and Ray Davis. Bob Williams may also have an announcement to make which will be of the utmost importance to our organization. If time permits, we are planning to have a Question Box.

Please plan to attend and you will find it well worth your while.

George Roloff, President

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Dom Grotti, the winter golfer, is up to his old tricks again. He and some of his cronies play almost every Wednesday afternoon and Sundays during the winter months, providing, that is, that there isn't snow on the ground. Although some of us, including his wife, think he is a little touched in the head, it seems to agree with Dom, as witness his healthy looks.

FRED J. HALLORAN

Fred Halloran died quite suddenly on January 6, 1954, at the age of 56 after an illness of two months.

Fred was a familiar figure in the Chicago Golf fraternity for many years. He was employed for 22 years prior to his death by George A. Davis, Inc. as sales representative to Golf Courses and Parks on the North Shore. As such, he was an institution in himself. While not professing expert knowledge of turf culture and science, he was certainly a practical expert in the true sense, as many of his friends will testify.

He was born in Central Illinois on a farm and followed various occupations in his early years. During World War I he served with the Marines in France. After his discharge he came to Chicago to begin his work in the turf field as a power mower salesman and sold many power mowers during his active career.

Surviving are his widow Frances, four children, (two boys and two girls) and also one grandchild.

THE PLANT DISEASE CLINIC

The clinic held at Medinah Country Club, December 17 and 18, was a great success. We had an attendance of 50 who turned out in the coldest weather of the year, the thermometer reading zero and below both days. The program was well planned and was most interesting to all of us. It certainly was a great credit to our Association and our thanks go to Dr. Klomprens, Dr. Voigt, Dr. Watson, Dr. Daniel, Bob Williams and all others who assisted in this splendid meeting.

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NINTH ANNUAL MIDWESTERN SHADE TREE CONFERENCE

In this issue you will find the program for the annual Midwestern Shade Tree Conference. In this program you will note that there are a number of subjects covered which are of great importance to the golf course superintendent. It seems to be a splendid opportunity for additional education for us this winter and we should avail ourselves of this chance by attending the conference.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Member Joe Dinelli became a proud father for the first time on Thursday, January 21, with the birth of Jodie Lyn, weight 7 pounds 8 ounces. Mother, baby and Joe were at last reports doing very well. We might add, too, that Grandpa, Frank Dinelli, is holding up very well. This makes number 9 of Frank's grandchildren, his daughter Eva having given birth to a daughter on December 21. Frank says that the last four have been girls and reckons that the cycle should be about over and there should be some boys coming along.

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Association member, Nels Johnson, left for Stockholm, Sweden, the early part of December as an American representative to assist in forestation problems in that country. Details are lacking but we are sure that when Nels gets back he will have a good story for us.

MIDWESTERN SHADE TREE CONFERENCE

The 9th annual meeting of the Mid-Western Chapter of the National Shade Tree Conference will be held February 17-18-19, 1954, at the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Organized to encourage the planting of more shade trees, and to promote within the trade better observance of approved arboricultural practices, membership is composed of commercial arborists, city foresters, park superintendents, nurserymen, educators, research scientists and others interested in the propagation and care of trees and ornamental shrubs.

The convention is open to all who wish to attend. Registration of delegates will begin at 8:30 A. M., Wednesday, February 17, and the first paper on the educational program will be presented at 11:00 A.M. An attendance of more than 300 is anticipated.

The program is directed toward discussion of problems primarily of concern to arborists in the mid-west, but included also are topics of general interest to those who care for trees in any section of the country. Following presentation of each paper there will be a short discussion period. An additional opportunity for questions from the audience will be provided in the "Questions and Answers" session Friday morning. Various tools and supplies used in arboricultural work will be on display during the convention, with representatives of the participating firms and companies on hand to explain their uses. A special program has been arranged for the ladies.

Included on the educational program are the following topics and speakers:

"Dutch Elm Disease — Elm Phloem Necrosis — Up To Date" Panel Discussion - J. C. Carter, Plant Pathologist, Illinois Natural History Survey, Urbana, Illinois.

Richard J. Campana, Assistant Plant Pathologist, Illinois Natural History Survey, Urbana, Illinois.

L. L. English, Entomologist, Illinois Natural History Survey, Urbana, Illinois.

"Transmission of the Oak Wilt Disease" — W. H. Bragonier, Head of the Department of Botany & Plant Pathology, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

H. M. Harris, Head of the Department of Entomology, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

"Insecticide Hazards — Facts and Fallacies" - George C. Decker, Head of the Section of Economic Entomology, Illinois Natural History Survey, Urbana, Illinois.

"Control of Scale Insects" — E. F. Herrbach, Horticulturist, Standard Oil Company, Chicago, Ill.

"Advantages, Disadvantages and Methods of Licensing Arborists" — Paul E. Tilford, Executive Secretary, National Arborist Association, Wooster, Ohio.

"The Arborist and the Client" — Norman Armstrong Tree Service, Inc., Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

"Techniques of Gaining Favorable Publicity" — Ulmer G. Turner, News Commentator, American Broadcasting Company, Chicago, Illinois.

"Tree Planting for Climate Control" — L. R. Quinlan, Professor of Landscape Design, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas.

Scheduled tentatively are also the following topics, "Iron Sequestrene in Treatment of Trees and Shrubs;" "Brush Control on Right-Of-Ways;" and "Plant Materials for the Home Grounds." Speakers on these subjects will be announced.

25th NATIONAL TURF CONFERENCE AND SHOW

The 25th National Turf Conference and Show, sponsored by the Golf Course Superintendents Association, held at the Bayfront Auditorium, Miami, Florida, January 3 thru 9, was one of the best and most successful in the history of the organization, and we wish to congratulate the officers and members who worked so hard to make it the success it was. The exhibits were excellent and of great interest to all who attended and the Educational Conference was most interesting and educational. Registration was over 900.

The Association elected the following officers and directors for 1954, President-Norman C. Johnson, San Jose CC, Jacksonville, Florida. Vice-President-William Beresford, Los Angeles CC, Los Angeles, California. Directors, Paul E. Weiss, Lehigh CC, Allentown, Pa., Earl S. (Smiley) Bell, Armour Fields GC, Kansas City, Missouri, John A. Gormley, Wolfert's Roost CC, Newtonville, N. Y. The holdover directors are, Robert Williams, Andrew Bertoni and Colin Smith.

The 36 hole golf championship, which attracted over 100 golfers to the Miami Springs and Plantation courses was won by Marcus List of the Glengary CC, Holland, Ohio with a medal score of 75-77 - 152. He received the Superintendents trophy awarded by the USGA. The Pro-Superintendents trophy, presented by Herb Graffis, was won by Jack Thompson, Tippecanoe CC, Canfield, Ohio. Thompson won in a play-off with Joe Reposkey who also carded 146. The Senior championship for the O. J. Noer trophy was won by Perry Del Vecchio, Greensburg, Pa., CC with 150. The team championship was won by Jack Thompson, Lorn Parrish, Mike Sopko and Howard Simmons of the Cleveland district.

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WATER QUANTITY AND RATE OF FLOW

One acre inch of water contains 27,080 gals. If you have a pond that measures 208.7 ft. this would be equal to one acre or 43,560 sq. ft. If this pond was 15 inches deep, you would have 15 acre inches of water or 27,080 gals. times 15, or 416,200 gals. in your reservoir. If this pond is stream fed and your rate of flow in this stream is one cubic ft. per second, you would be supplying one acre inch per hour, or 450 gals per minute to your pond. 27,080 gals. of water is the average amount used in your home over a 5-month period.

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For practical measures, if electricity costs .03 cents per Kilowatt hr. and you operate this pump of 30 H. P. it would cost you .03 cents time 30 H. P., or 90c per hr.

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SPREADING IT THIN

Probably the two most thrilled of our members during the Miami sojourn were Bill Schwantz and Pete Bild. Our old friend, Bill Mathies had taken a party of Superintendents out deep sea fishing on his new boat. Included in the party were Bill and Pete, who both admitted that this was their first experience of this sort of thing. Bill hooked the first fish, a large kingfish and Pete got a bonita, an instant later. They sure were excited, but both landed their fish and are enthusiastic saltwater fishermen from now on.

It was reported that Bob Williams landed a 30-pound kingfish and Frank Dinelli, fishing with Warren Roseman, Jimmy Hoffman, Rube Thode, and Bill Stupple, hooked and landed a 30-pound dolphin.

Our past President, Ray Davis, did a very nice job on the educational program of the conference at Miami. His subject was on fairway maintenance, and Ray demonstrated that he was very well versed on his subject.

We never did get an accurate count of the number of our members at Miami, but our attendance was certainly larger than at any other conference, outside of Chicago, that is. When the program was finished on Saturday, they all scattered like leaves in a wind-storm. Some headed for home directly, but most remained in the South at least for a few days.

Paul Burdett was so busy helping Bill Mathies run his boat that he didn't get his own launched for over a week. Paul has a brand new 16-foot boat with a 15 horsepower outboard motor. We know that Paul had a lot of fun with it.

We were all saddened with the news of the death of Fred Halloran. His many friends in the Association will certainly miss him for a long, long time. We wish to express our condolences to the Halloran family.

It seems that every year has its new problems, or rather we go into different eras, you might say, that bring changes that we must cope with. One of the things which is bothering some of the Superintendents, at the present time is the increase in the use of golf cars. Many of the men are trying to visualize what will happen to turf with the increased traffic caused by the cars. We shudder to think what a great number of them will do to turf when used on July and August days when the grass is wilting badly. Even footprints and wheel marks of caddy carts show on such days. However, it is one of those things which we are going to have to contend with. If the golfers want them, we are not going to be able to stop them, so we might just as well not oppose the idea too strenuously.

Henry Lange reports that he with Mrs. Lange and Gabe Rosset and Mrs. made quite an extensive tour of the South during his vacation. After leaving Florida, they visited New Orleans and toured thru Mississippi and Arkansas, visiting Hot Springs and the Ozarks. Henry says that he hopes to take a week off some spring and go back to the Ozarks to see how beautiful they are at that time.

Some of our members who played the courses in Miami reported them to be in fine shape and a number of them expressed the thought that a job in Florida might be wonderful. The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence. However, talking to some of the Florida men, we find that there are more headaches in turf maintenance than there are in some other parts of the country.

From reports in Florida newspapers, the Superintendents gave Zoysia a big boost as the ideal grass for turf in the Miami area.

Our new President is a grand daddy for the first time.

Herman Woehrle reports that his son, Theodore, a new member of our Association, was forced to retire from the track team at Purdue, where he was a star jumper, due to injuries. It seems that we spelled Theodore's name wrong in the list of new members in the last issue. Excuse it please. Ted.

It was reported that Mattoon Golf and Country Club of Mattoon, Illinois was in need of a Supt.

The door prize at our last meeting, a bench donated by Capital City Lumber Co. of Topeka, Kansas, was won by George Davis.

We were in receipt of a letter from Midwest member, Bob Marbury, who is now residing at 2730 Sunrise Blvd., Fort Pierce, Florida. Bob will be glad to see anyone going down that way.

Looking at the board, it looked as though we drafted all the tired old men to serve with our George.

Bert Rost reports that he has 18 inches of water in his new fish pond. He got full instructions at the meeting as to how to go about stocking it.

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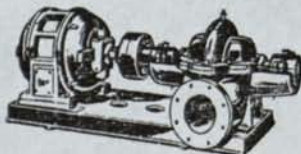
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