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#### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wish to thank each of you for selecting me to be your president for 1954. I am mindful that this job carries a lot of work and the greatest of responsibilities. I promise that I will conduct my office so that it will reflect honor on the Association and upon myself. To do this, I will need the active help of every member of the Association.

It shall be the aim of this administration to continue the fine activities that have reached a peak under our retiring president, Ray Davis. I shall do everything in my power to promote a Short Course to be held late in March in cooperation with the University of Illinois. We will continue and increase our activities in golf; we will develop the activities of our senior division and provide special prizes for that group. (After all, I am a senior, too!) We will continue the activities of the Educational Committee so that we all will be able to do our jobs with greater understanding. We will undertake to provide better parties and to encourage our Entertainment Committee in every way. We will continue to try to attract new members and to increase the workings of all other committees. In addition to this schedule, it is my opinion that we should do everything within our power to promote closer ties with the Chicago District Golf Association and I pledge my administration to work toward this end.

There will be no meeting of the Association during January. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 9 at Acacia Country Club. Since the deadline of THE BULL SHEET is so close, I will not be able to release the committees in this issue but will have all chairmen selected and functioning in the very near future. Thank you all again.

See you in Miami. Be sure your membership is paid up.

George Roloff, President

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Our immediate past President, Ray Davis, had a busy fall. He reworked all the fairways on number 3 course and replanted them, rebuilt several greens, seven in all, and resodded them, moved several thousand yards of soil to enlarge the lake on Number 1 course and is thinning the forest on number 3. In addition, he will be a speaker at Miami.

The shades of the Ides of March were lifted at the Annual Meeting at Brookwood when Ray Gerber moved the Midwest pick up the check for dinner. Incredulity mirrored the faces of all the members who knew that such motions from the floor were of no value until it was explained that this was the annual meeting and that motions from the floor during the annual meeting were legitimate. Oh happy day! The vote was unanimous and it was a good dinner. We might add that Ray was cautious enough to clear himself with several ardent guardians of the Midwest treasury before he made the motion.

Marvin Gruening, Midwest Golf Club, is getting a new home on the course.

Dr. Ralph Voigt, Herb and Joe Graffis attended the meeting. It is always good to have them with us.

#### OUR ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting was held at Brookwood Country Club on Dec. 3. Our host was Gordon Brinkworth. A number of the members gathered at the club in the afternoon for an informal get-together, there being no golfers brave enough to venture out in the miserable weather of the afternoon. However, we had a good gathering and many things were discussed up and down and around, as is the usual proceedings when a bunch of Superintendents get together. In the evening we were treated to one of the nicest dinners of the year and our thanks go to Gordon for his pains in arranging all details of our meeting at his beautiful club.

President Davis called the meeting to order at 7:30 P. M. and after the roll call of officers, the President, Secretary and Treasurer made their reports, from which we gathered that our Association was in a most excellent condition in every way. Under new business, the meeting was turned over to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, William Stupple, for the election of officers for the year 1954. George Roloff was unanimously elected president; Bob Williams, who was the nominee for 1st Vice President declined the office due to his heavy responsibilities to the National Association as Director and Chairman of the Educational Committee and nominated Frank Dinelli in his stead. Frank was unanimously elected. Walter Killmer and Al Johnson were also unanimously elected as 2nd Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively. Elected to serve as directors for a two year term were Ray Davis, William Stupple and William Krafft.

Also under new business it was regularly moved, seconded and passed that we amend our by-laws in the following manner. That Article 3, Sec. 2 of our by-laws which read "Regular members shall be only those persons employed as Superintendents or Assistant Superintendents of Golf Courses and who shall have at the time of application for membership at least three (3) years of experience in actual work of this nature. However, passing of these qualifications does not compel admittance to the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents without approval of the Board of Directors" be changed to leave out "or Assistant Superintendents". This was done to make our by-laws conform more closely with that of our National Association.

It was regularly moved, seconded and passed that the following be elected Honorary Members of our Association; Dr. O. J. Noer, Dr. Ralph Voigt, Dr. William H. Daniel, Herb Graffis, Joe Graffis, Dr. William Klomparens, Dr. James Watson and the President elect of our National Association for 1954.

Our guest speaker, C. E. (Scotty) Stewart gave us a most interesting and comprehensive discussion of water sources and how to get the water to the grass roots. It was a very good talk and we thank you very much for your kindness and cooperation, Scotty.

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#### CONGRATULATIONS

George A. Davis became a father again with the birth of Jennifer Leilani Davis in the Presbyterian Hospital on October 19.

Ed Stewart is now proud father of a second child, Susan Jean, born October 28. She weighed 6 pounds 1 oz., "but she weighs nine pounds now," says Ed.



## 25th NATIONAL TURF CONFERENCE AND SHOW

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

Executive Committee Meeting, McAllister, Havana Room, 9:30 A. M.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 4

Executive Committee Meeting, McAllister, Havana Room, 9:30 A. M.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

Registration, McAllister ..... 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.  
Setting up Exhibits at Auditorium ..... All Day  
Exhibitors will register at Auditorium  
Tour of courses and sightseeing ..... 1:00 P.M.  
Get Acquainted and Reunion Hour, McAllister .....  
5:30 to 7:30 P.M.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

Registration at Auditorium, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
Ladies going on morning program can register at McAllister to 10:00 A.M.  
Opening of Exhibits at Municipal Auditorium .....  
9:00 A.M. close 5:00 P.M.  
Meeting of Policy Committee, Auditorium, 2:00 P.M.  
Annual Membership Meeting, Flagler Room, McAllister ..... 8:00 P.M.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

Registration at Auditorium, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
Exhibits ..... 9:00 A.M. close 5:00 P.M.  
Educational Conference, Joint Session, Auditorium.....  
9:15 A.M.  
Golf Tournament, Plantation Golf Club, Fort Lauderdale ..... 12:30 P.M.  
Open to Members Only who have previously registered for Conference. Details at Registration Desk.  
Golf Registration \$10.00.  
President's Invitational Luncheon, Biscayne Terrace ..... 1:00 P.M.  
Annual Membership Meeting-Second Session-New Business and Election of Officers, Flagler Room, McAllister ..... 8:00 P.M.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

Registration at Auditorium, 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.  
Exhibits ..... 9:00 A.M. close 1:00 P.M.  
Educational Conference, Split Session, Auditorium  
Warm Season Grass Section ..... 9:15 A.M.  
Cool Season Grass Section ..... 9:15 A.M.  
Golf Tournament, Miami Springs C. C. 12:30 P.M.  
Buffet Supper, Awarding of Golf Prizes, Dancing-Miami Shores Country Club. Serving from.....  
7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

Educational Conference, Joint Session, Auditorium.....  
9:15 A.M.  
Executive Committee Meeting, McAllister, Room 202 ..... 2:00 P.M.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

Executive Committee Meeting, McAllister, 9:00 A.M.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

Exhibits will be open from ... 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

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### EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1954

#### JOINT SESSION

Warren Bidwell, Chairman

9:15 A.M. Invocation. Official Opening.

Leonard J. Strong, President, G.C.S.A.

9:30 A.M. Welcome Address

Willard M. Fifield, Director Florida Agricultural Experiment Stations, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida.

9:45 A.M. Can You Make the Weather Work For You? Henry M. Tonkin, Jr., Public Service Meteorologist, Weather Bureau, Miami, Florida

10:15 A.M. Little Things Count.

Prof. Frank Goodwin, Professor of Marketing, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

10:45 A.M. The Value of Proper Turf In Course Upkeep To The Golfer. Miss Patty Berg

11:15 A.M. Developing Recognition for Superintendent. Frank Dunlap.

11:45 A.M. Management Vs. Improved Grasses For Better Turf. Dr. Marvin H. Ferguson, Regional Director, USGA Green Section, Texas A & M College, College Station, Texas.

Question periods will follow each topic.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1954

#### TWO SEPARATE SECTIONS

#### COOL SEASON GRASS SECTION

John A. Gormley, Chairman

9:15 A.M. Tournament Preparation and the Reaction of the Club Members.

Joseph Valentine, Supt., Merion Golf Club, Ardmore, Pa.

9:45 A.M. Soil Conditioners for Turf

R. W. Schery, Development Dept., Monsanto Chemical Co., St. Louis, Missouri.

10:15 A.M. Better Turf Management

Tees: Andrew Berton, Supt., Meadowbrook CC, Northville, Mich. Fairways: Raymond C. Davis, Supt., Medinah CC, Medinah, Ill.

Greens: Beryl Taylor, Supt., Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa. Moderator: James E. Thomas, Supt., Army-Navy CC, Arlington, Va.

11:15 A.M. Thatch on Turf and Its Control

Ralph E. Engel, Associate Professor of Turf Management, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J.

11:45 A.M. Fungus Diseases and Their Control In Cool Season Grasses. Dr. William Klomparens, Plant Pathologist, The Upjohn Company, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Question periods will follow each topic

#### WARM SEASON GRASS SECTION

Dr. Fred V. Grau, Chairman

9:15 A.M. Bermuda Selections and New Grasses For Warm Season Courses.

Dr. Gene C. Nutter, Asst. Agronomist, Agricultural Experiment Stations, University of Fla., Gainesville, Fla.

9:45 A.M. Converting Bermuda Greens To Bent.

Alex G. McKay, Supt., Knoxville, Tenn.

10:15 A.M. Better Turf Management.

Tees: Joseph R. Konwinski, Supt., Lake Worth Golf Course, Lake Worth, Florida.

Fairways: Ward Wood, Supt., Everglades Club, Palm Beach, Florida.

Greens: D. Lester Hall, Supt., Savannah Golf Club, Savannah, Georgia.

Moderator: T. M. Baumgardner, Supt., Sea Island Golf Club, Sea Island, Georgia.

11:00 A.M. Twelve Month Course Maintenance

Henson H. Maples, Supt., Pinehurst CC, Pinehurst, N. C.

11:30 A.M. Weed Control-Why, When, and How.

Dr. B. P. Robinson, Turf Specialist, Georgia Coastal Plain Experiment Station, Tifton, Georgia



12:00 A.M. Insect Control in Warm Season Grasses  
Dr. E. G. Kelsheimer, Entomologist, Florida Agricultural Experiment Stations, Bradenton, Florida  
Question periods will follow each topic.

SUMMARY: Dr. Fred V. Grau

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1954

JOINT SESSION

Ward Cronwell, Chairman

9:15 A.M. Water, Weeds and Waste

Dr. James R. Watson, Jr., Chief Agronomist,  
Toro Mfg. Corp., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

9:45 A.M. Management and Turf Experiences in 53  
O. J. Nozr, Sewerage Commission, Milwaukee,  
Wisconsin.

10:15 A.M. Design & Construction - Their Impact  
On Turf Management.

Robert Bruce Harris, Golf Course Architect,  
Chicago, Illinois.

10:45 A.M. Future Of Public Golf

Speaker to be selected

11:15 A.M. For Better Golfing-Where Do We Go  
From Here?

Panel-Speakers to be selected.

Question periods will follow each topic.

12:00 A.M. Summary of Conference

Dr. Marvin H. Ferguson, USGA Green Section,  
Texas A & M College, College Station, Texas.

LADIES PROGRAM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

Sightseeing Trip, Board buses at McAllister, 1:00 p.m.  
To Parrott Jungle, Miami University, Fairchild  
Tropical Gardens, Carl Fisher Memorial, Venetian  
Island, Orange Bowl Stadium, Miracle Mile,  
Sausage Tree, Dinner Key, Millionaire's Row.

Get Acquainted and Reunion Hour, McAllister .....  
5:30 to 7:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

Breakfast and Fashion Show, Burdine's Department  
Store ..... 9:00 A.M.

Audience and tour of Television Station WTVJ .....  
2:00 P.M.

Private theater parties in evening

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

Boat Sightseeing cruise, Miami, Miami Beach and  
Inland. Waterways trip. 2½ hours ..... 10:00 A.M.

Board boat "Seven Seas Dream Boat" at Pier 5½  
near Auditorium directly across Bayfront Park  
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Shopping in Miami and Miami Beach in afternoon.  
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

Tour of Vizcaya, Dade County Art Museum. Starting  
10:30 A.M.

Buses will pick up at McAllister starting at 10:30  
A.M. and at 20 minute intervals thereafter.

Approximately 4 hours to complete tour for entire  
group. Refreshments available on grounds.

Buffet Supper, Miami Shores Country Club. Serving  
from ..... 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

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SPREADING IT THIN

Merle Kirchner of Oak Park C. C. had a rough  
summer but reports that things are in good shape now  
and that he sure is glad. Merle says "My two kids  
aren't married yet."

Howard Baerwald of LaGrange C. C. had a  
full fall, too. He extended water lines, set valves in  
greens and has rebuilt many tees. LaGrange members  
won't recognize their course come springtime.

Al Johnson of Indian Hill C. C. plans to re-  
juvenate his water system on seven fairways this winter.  
This, along with Al's winter sports program is going  
to keep him pretty busy. Hope you get to Florida for  
the meeting, Al. It will be another busy summer next  
year too!

Gordon Duguid, assistant to Mel Warnecke of  
Evanston C. C. is proud of his one year old daughter  
and of the son who is due next spring. Gordon is  
proud also of the opportunity to work with Mel and  
reports that his uncle, Bob, is happy at Timaquana  
C. C. at Jacksonville, Florida and likes the climate  
and will see us all at Miami.

Joe Venturella, assistant to Gordon Brinkworth  
at Brookwood, had a two weeks vacation in November  
and spent it with his family at Oakmont C. C.,  
Oakmont, Pa.

Walter Killmer, of Ravisloe reports that he has  
all his work done this fall and is spending his evenings  
at home with his new deluxe model television set which  
he recently purchased. Walter is the retiring Treasurer  
of our Association.

Emil Mashie says that this was Onwentsia Club's  
most active season in the history of the club. Onwentsia  
is one of the oldest clubs in the Chicago district,  
being founded in 1894.

Matt Bezek, of Butterfield, and wife are planning  
to attend the meeting at Miami.

Frank Dinelli has run off three rolls of color  
pictures since he became a camera fan this summer on  
his 50th birthday. Hope the Entertainment Committee  
will ask Frank to show his art. Frank says he expects  
to become a grandfather again any time now.

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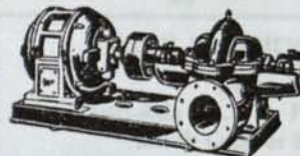
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