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CLARENCE MUELLER, SUPT.  
Glendale Golf and Country Club

THE NOVEMBER MEETING  
GLENDALE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB  
BLOOMINGDALE, ILLINOIS  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1954  
CLARENCE MUELLER, OUR HOST

GOLF IN THE AFTERNOON

DINNER 6:30 P. M.

BUSINESS MEETING

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

ANNUAL FALL DINNER DANCE  
RIVER FOREST COUNTRY CLUB  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6  
ED STEWART, OUR HOST  
COME OUT AND HAVE A GOOD TIME

SOILS CLINIC DECEMBER 2, 3

THE BULL SHEET, official monthly publication of THE MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS. William H. Stuppel, Editor. 543 Michigan Avenue, Highland Park, Illinois.



### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our summer activities are about over but instead of the balance of the season falling into the doldrums, our activities continue on without let up. This is our time now for review of our problems, finishing up on our many construction and normal fall activities and cleaning up the normal fall work. Winter will be with us before we know it.

Our Research and Educational Committee have announced our fall Soils Clinic. This annual educational event was started last year and was held at the Medinah C. C. early in December. Interest was so great that it was planned to continue this activity and with Don Strand as Chairman the Committee asked Dr. Jim Watson and Jack Kolb of the Toro Mfg. Co. to plan this fall's program as a Soils Clinic. The dates will be December 2, 3, and Dr. Voight has made available a lecture hall, laboratory space, and sleeping room for us at the Chicago Campus of the University of Illinois. This will be very worth while. Dr. Voight has also arranged special parking facilities for us. Don will issue a special paper to each member covering all of the details of the course later on.

On the 6th of November, our Entertainment Committee is planning a dinner and dance to be held at the River Forest Country Club. This activity will be different than any we have held for many years. Dinner will be served at seven and will be in the true River Forest tradition. Dancing will follow at 9 and Ray Davis, the chairman of this committee has obtained an excellent orchestra.

Please do not forget that the meeting of the National Association is to be held at St. Louis starting February 16th. Plan to attend.

Geo Roloff, President



### NEW MEMBERS

The following were elected as regular members of our association at our last meeting. Richar Viegaver, Evergreen Golf Club. Elmer Lemke, Tam O Shanter Country Club. We welcome these men as members of our association and hope to have the pleasure of seeing them at all of our meetings.



### OUR ANNUAL FALL DINNER DANCE

Ray Davis, Entertainment Committee Chairman and members of his committee are busily preparing for our annual Fall Dinner Dance to be held at River Forest Country Club, Ed Stewart, host, the evening of Saturday, November 6. Arrangements have been made to have a roastbeef dinner with all the trimmings at 7:00 P.M., and an excellent orchestra has been engaged for dancing commencing at 9:00 P.M. The price of tickets has been set at \$5.00 per. This includes dinner, dancing and chances for door prizes. Incidentally, door prizes are donated, in part, by some of our dealer friends. Ray says that this is going to be the best party ever held by our association and be sure not to miss it.

### OUR NOVEMBER MEETING

Our November meeting will be held at Glendale Golf & Country Club on Monday, November 8. Clarence Mueller will be our host. It is quite a coincidence, but Clarence was also our host at our November 1953 meeting. We can remember what a great time we had there and are sure that the meeting this year will be just as successful. There will be golf in the afternoon, weather permitting, dinner at 6:30 P.M., and a business meeting and educational meeting to follow.



### OUR ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

It was a wet, rainy day at Mel Warneke's Evanston Country Club the day of our Annual Fall Tournament. There had been a 4 inch rainfall on Sunday and this was Tuesday and it was still raining. Nevertheless, bad weather or not, 80 brave souls started out after some of Bill Krafft's wonderful golf prizes. Not all finished, but Bill declared that there would be prizes for 9 holes as well as 18, so all was not in vain. It was a great day for the Senior members, several of them walking off with some of the best prizes. Amos Lapp was the hero of the day, winning not only the Tournament as a whole, but also being crowned Senior champ for 1954. Yes, it was quite a day for Amos.

We were served with a wonderful roastbeef dinner that evening and after distribution of prizes, enjoyed a social hour of card playing.

### GOLF WINNERS

1. Amos Lapp, Senior and Midwest winner, trophy and electric razor. 2. Ray Gerber, set of irons. 3. Emil Cassier, electric coffee maker. 4. Ray Runfeldt, Skil-saw. 5. Bill Saielli, electric blanket. 6. Don Swenson, electric drill. 7. Emil Mashie, radio. 8. Al Bertucci, barometer. 9. Barney Wendt, golf bag. 10. El Pruess, luggage. 11. Bill Malpede, golf cart. 12. Bob Breen, kitchen clock. 13. Bert Rost, hunting jacket. 14. Chuck Daugherty, wool shirt. 15. John Coghill, umbrella. 16. Stan Arendt, sweater. 17. Charlie Vann, umbrella. 18. Jerry Dearie, luggage. 19. Mel Warneke, suede jacket. 20. Norm Kramer, sport shirt. 21. Dave Mastroleo, jacket. 22. Gordon Brinkworth, clock. 23. Walter Strange, sweater. 24. Ed Stewart, ham. 25. Jerry Transier, clock. 26. Don Strand, lighter. 27. Bob Williams, belt. 28. Frank Dinelli, ham. 29. Dee Cala, sport shirt. 30. La Conde, sweater. 31. Charlie Shiley, gloves. 32. C. Kronn, gloves. 33. Larry Marzinski, lighter. 34. Andy Dunn, belt. 35. Don Gerber, shotgun shells. 36. Gordon Duguid, belt.

Del Stollenwerk, Les Verhaalen, John Stumpf and Charlie Shiley were Wisconsin visitors at our Fall Tournament.



### COMING EVENTS

Fall Dinner Dance, River Forest Country Club, November 6.

November Meeting, Glendale Golf & Country Club, November 8.

Soils Clinic, December 2, 3.

26th National Turfgrass Conference and Show, St. Louis, Mo., January 16-21, 1955.

1955 Midwest Regional Turf Conference, Purdue University, March 7-9, 1955.

## NOTES ON MIDWEST TURF FOUNDATION FALL FIELD DAYS.

Members of our association who travelled to Purdue University on September 28, were most pleased with Bill Daniel's turf plots and with his lecture on experiments being done and results.

In the morning we inspected the experimental putting green on the campus. Probably the most outstanding bent on the green at the present time is Pennlu creeping bentgrass (10(37)4). This grass has been released by Professor Musser of Pennsylvania State University and a large amount of stolons should be available in 1955. Dr. Daniel explained what he was doing in the way of fungicide trials and *Poa Annua* control studies.

Crabgrass control studies on No. 7 fairway of the University golf course were most interesting and encouraging. A preventive approach is being tried. In other words, kill the weed with chemicals just as it sprouts. Experiments with different chemicals showed a variety of success with several of them giving a great deal of promise. Applications were made monthly for three months, April, May and June.

In the afternoon we assembled at Purdue Agronomy Farm for inspection of plots there.

In the lawn grass varieties plots Merion bluegrass was outstanding.

Seedbed weed control plots showed variations in the effect of different rates of applications of Aero Cyanamid. Then three were plots where Methyl Bromide seedbed sterilization experiments were carried out as well as seedbed cleanup with Aero Cyanamid, Hi-Test Cyanamid and Sodium Cyanamid.

*Zoyzia* plantings attracted much attention and the men were really thrilled when they saw the two small plots of a hybrid *Zoyzia* known as 34-34 and 34-35. These *Zoyzias* are much finer than the Meyer and really look like something good. A number of those present could not resist the temptation to take a little of it home for trial plantings on their own.

The meeting certainly was worth attending and we were much impressed by the progress made by Dr. Daniel and his fellow workers of the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation. Our many thanks to Bill Daniel and our congratulations on a job well done.

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## THE SPECIAL MEETING AT SOUTHMOOR

Some 55 members gathered at Southmoor Country Club, Bill Krafft, host, on Tuesday, October 19. There was a special golf tournament in the afternoon in which 30 participated, dinner in the evening and the special meeting called for the purpose of voting on the proposed amendment to our by-laws pertaining to membership. Voting was by secret ballot and there not being a two thirds majority as required by our by-laws in favor of the change, the proposal was rejected by our association members.

## PRIZE WINNERS

GOLF. 1. Don Strand, 2. El Pruess, 3. Emil Mashie, 4. Dom Grotti, 5. Floyd Sander, 6. Dave Mastroleo.

DOOR PRIZES. 1. Al Rauch, 2. Norm Kramer, 3. Roy Chaplin, 4. Elmer Lemke, 5. Bob Breen, 6. Ray Gerber.

## DUTCH ELM DISEASE IN NORTHERN ILL.

Illinois' elm trees are suffering from the same ailment that has killed thousands of trees in the eastern United States- Dutch elm disease. This disease was found the first time in Illinois in 1950 when one infected elm was discovered a few miles east of Mattoon. In 1951, 11 diseased trees were found; 24 were discovered the following year, and in 1953 the number of cases jumped to 495. Reports from this year are not yet complete, but enough have been verified to show that spread of the disease is continuing.

From the point of the first infection near Mattoon, the disease has spread widely. By the end of the 1953 season it was known to be present in twelve counties in the eastern half of the State, extending from the Illinois-Kentucky line northward to Onarga. By mid-summer of 1954 it had moved northward to Kankakee, where more than 50 infected elms were found, and to Peotone and Joliet. This fall an infected tree was found in Highland Park, and just recently, a case was found on the western outskirts of Chicago.

Thus, the disease is close to home and the many other communities of Northern Illinois, where elm is the dominant shade and street tree species. In this entire area measures should be instituted now that will tend to prevent the disease becoming established, and which will minimize the control work needed should infections occur.

The organism responsible for the Dutch elm disease is a fungus which invades the tissues, causing wilting and discoloration of foliage and death of the tree. It is carried from an infected to a healthy elm by two species of bark beetle - principally, the smaller European elm bark beetle and, to a lesser extent, the native elm bark beetle. The adults of both species are about 1/10 of an inch in length and brownish black in color. They infest weakened and dying elm trees, and dead elm wood to which the bark adheres. Over-wintering as larvae, or borers, just beneath the bark, they reach maturity and emerge in the early spring. Upon emergence the beetles fly to healthy elms and feed on the tender bark in the crotches of twigs. Thus, if they have emerged from Dutch elm diseased wood, they may carry the spores of the fungus on their bodies and introduce the disease into the healthy elm. A second period of emergence occurs about midsummer.

The best method known at present of combatting the Dutch elm disease consists of measures directed against these beetles. They include (1) Pruning dead and dying branches from healthy elms; (2) Removal of dead and declining elms and burning the wood or treating it otherwise to render it unsuitable for habitat by the beetles; (3) Treating elm wood in town dumps or woodpiles in similar manner; (4) Applying insecticidal sprays with residual properties just prior to the period of beetle emergence; and (5) Keeping the trees in as healthy condition as possible through fertilization and other approved cultural practices.

Of primary importance, at least until the disease is actually present in the community is the elimination of the breeding places of the beetle. Removal and destruction of dead and dying elm wood-whether it occurs as branches, standing dead trees or in woodpiles - accomplishes this. Such tree sanitation is beneficial under any circumstances - it is a vital necessity when attempting to control the Dutch elm disease.

This article was taken from SHADE TREE DIGEST, which the Editor receives by courtesy of Nels J. Johnson.

## SPREADING IT THIN

Ray Gerber, Placement Committee Chairman, reports that Medinah Country Club is looking for a Superintendent. If interested contact Mr. John Crews at Medinah Country Club, Medinah, Illinois.

A number of superintendents are planning a quail hunting trip in southern Illinois in the near future. That will suit Dinelli just fine and we bet he'll be along.

Some of the men who are doing construction work this fall say that, after being held up on account of all the rain in October, things are drying out and work is being started again.

Al Johnson is busily getting ready for the winter curling season at Indian Hill Club. The club is now the proud possessor of two artificially refrigerated rinks just recently installed. It is expected that curling will begin by the 15th of November. The same company that installed the refrigerating system at Indian Hill is now installing the same kind of a system at Glen View Country Club and from there will move to North Shore Country Club to repeat the job there. This will make four clubs with artificially refrigerated curling rinks in the Chicago area, four rinks having been installed at Exmoor last year. Some of the superintendents are wondering how the overlapping seasons of golf and curling are going to affect their labor situations.

Bob Williams was unable to play in the Fall Tournament, having had a minor operation the week before. However, he was able to enter the putting contest and did right well, too.

News comes to us that our old friend Bob Duguid is ailing in Florida. Our sincere hopes for a speedy recovery, Bob.

Frank Dinelli became a grandfather for the 10th time with the birth of a son to daughter Lillian on October 18. Frank also will become a father-in-law again when his youngest daughter, Nancy, will be married on November 6.

Dom Grotti was laid up with a sore back at the time of our Fall Tournament and could not even get out of bed to attend the meeting, much less play golf. We are happy to say that Dom is in good shape again, as witness his game at Southmoor on Oct. 19. Dom says that he is much relieved that his ailment wasn't any worse than it was, as he is looking forward to a lot of golf this winter.

Ray Davis, present Superintendent at Medinah Country Club, is going to North Shore Country Club on January 1 as the new Superintendent. Ray Davis had his annual Service Yard Party at Medinah on Saturday, October 23. As has been the case in all of Ray's fabulous parties, everybody had a wonderful time.

A number of golf courses in the Chicago area were under water during the early part of October. We had some 11 inches of water in 11 days, 6 inches of it over a 36 hour period. Nobody can remember when there was so much rain at this time of the year and it has hampered to a great extent fall construction work just getting underway. Hardest hit courses were those on the south and southwest sides of Chicago. When we arrived at Southmoor on the 19th, waters had just subsided, although it was still pretty wet under foot. Little damage is expected to result from the flood waters due to the lateness of the season and the cooler weather. This summer certainly will be long remem-

bered as just about the wettest in history, although areas only a little south of us were drought-stricken the whole summer.

Norm Kramer reports that the Zoyzia planted at Silver Lake in 1953 did not do well at all. In fact, Norm says that it is hard to find any. Frank Dinelli and Don Strand, however, planted some in a nursery at the same time and it came thru the winter in fine shape and they have now planted some of it in tees on their courses. Frank says that it makes a wonderful tee turf.

Some of the Superintendents in the Chicago area are planning a trip to the Toro factory in Minneapolis in the near future. They plan to go by rail and hire a private car. Probably have a lot of fun, too.

Jimmy Bedoni, long time Superintendent at Bryn Mawr Country Club is retiring and the Superintendent's job is being taken over by Orville Decker who was Superintendent at Tripoli Country Club in Milwaukee.

Its another boy for the Joe Kellys. Jerome Bernard Kelly was born October 4. Again, our congratulations to the happy parents.

A number of our members attended the lecture on Dutch elm disease at the Morton Arboretum at Lisle on October 19. Dr. Carter gave us a very interesting talk on the disease and methods of combatting it. Following the lecture, there was a demonstration of mist and hydraulic power sprayers which was also interesting. In fact it was the first experience of many of us to watch a mist sprayer in action. Dr. Carter stressed the fact that sanitation was most important in keeping the disease from spreading and that spraying with DDT in oil emulsion several times a year would help to keep down the beetles. However, it is no use to spray unless the disease is present nearby.

Our many thanks to Mel Warneke for his hospitalit at our October meeting.

Bill Saielli recently made a deuce on a par five 470-yard hole. Bill says he used a number 1 wood and a number 4 wood to accomplish the feat.

We were all saddened to hear of the sudden death of Dr. Tehon on Sunday, October 17. He was scheduled to speak to us at Morton Arboretum on October 19.

Geo. Roloff and his wife, Ruth, have purchased a home in Palatine and plan to move into it early in November. George and Ruth have spent all their spare time this fall readying their new home.

Walter Kilmer of Ravisloe C C lost 76 trees in the heavy rain of Sunday the 10th. A small tornado ripped thru the grounds.

—THE MOLE



## A FISERMAN LOOKS AHEAD, MILD WINTER

Mathon Kyritsis, Waukegan fisherman and owner of Mathon's restaurant, who makes an annual weather prediction about this time each year based on the habits of lake perch, yesterday offered this prediction: The winter will be mild—at least until January 1.

Why? His boat, the Mathon, home with 3,000 pounds, for the first big catch of the season, found the perch in nets four to six miles off shore, 50 to 60 feet below the surface. The nets 10 to 13 miles off shore and 175 to 200 feet deep were empty.

Kyritsis believes that perch know. If fishermen find them ashore, the winter will be mild.

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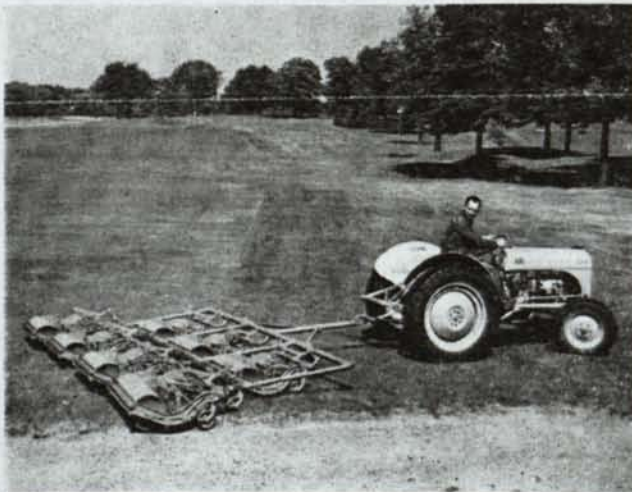


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