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Official Bulletin

Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents

*A Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year to All*



CLARENCE MUELLER, SUPT.
Glendale Golf and Country Club

THE DECEMBER MEETING
GLENDALE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
BLOOMINGDALE, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1955
CLARENCE MUELLER, OUR HOST
DIRECTORS MEETING — 2:00 P. M.
DINNER — 6:30 P. M.
ANNUAL MEETING AND
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
EDUCATIONAL MEETING
DR. O. J. NOER, GUEST SPEAKER

DR. O. J. NOER WILL GIVE HIS "ANNUAL REPORT
TO THE SUPERINTENDENTS."

DR. CHAS. WILSON WILL ALSO ATTEND THE
MEETING AND WILL BE READY TO HELP ANSWER
QUESTIONS. BE SURE TO ATTEND THE CLINIC
ON DECEMBER 7 - 8.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Annual Meeting will be held at the Glendale Country Club on December 5th. Our host will be Clarence Mueller whose hospitality has been a by word for our organization for many years. Clarence has announced that we will have chicken served family style and those of us who have been to Glendale know that it will be delicious and plentiful. Come and enjoy yourselves in good company.

This, too, will be our annual meeting and at this time you will select a new President and officers and members of the board to handle your association affairs for the coming years. Come and lend your support to the men you select.

This all leads up to the important part of my message, my last as president of this great organization. The Midwest Association of Golf Course Supt's has reached new highs in every department during the last two years. Never before has interest run so high, interest in our educational meetings, interest in our golf tournaments, interest in our memberships, interest in our dances, our activity has been greater in every direction than ever before. Our Bull Sheet has increased its circulation and advertising almost with each issue. We even have money in the bank.

I have viewed the achievements of the last two years with pride, a humble pride, and the full knowledge that you, each member of the Midwest has done your utmost to make the organization what it is. I am full of appreciation of the sincere and unstinted cooperation of each of the men who have headed the committees that have made the record possible, a record that has scheduled joint meetings with the Michiana and Central Illinois groups as well as our annual meeting with Wisconsin, our excellent educational meetings, our wonderful dances. If I were able I would give each committee and committee head full recognition of each of his achievements but the president's message has to be limited even in his swan song. I thank each of you, it has been wonderful to work with you.

Geo. Roloff, President

COMING EVENTS

The Annual Meeting and Election of officers, Monday, December 5.

The Annual Fall Clinic, University of Illinois college of Pharmacy, December 7-8.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual meeting and election of officers will be held at Glendale Golf Club on Monday, December 5. Clarence Mueller will be our host. As has been the custom in recent years, O. J. Noer will be on hand to give his "Annual Report To The Superintendents". We will also have as our guest that evening Charley Wilson, who we know will have something of interest for all of us.

THE NOVEMBER MEETING

November 7 was a terrible day as far as the weather was concerned, but there were four brave souls who allowed as how they figured on playing golf and they weren't going to let a little cold wind and snow flurries stop them. Dom Grotti, Bill Saielli, Joe Canale and Ed Muzik negotiated nine holes, but we never did hear how they scored. Dom came without a cap and said that his curly locks were getting too thin to give him any protection and that in the future he would come better prepared. Frank Dinelli arrived early with the golfers, but he backed up when he felt the cold wind sweeping over the course. He found several kindred souls in the clubhouse and settled for a card game. Some 75 members and guests partook of the delicious buffet dinner that evening and we mean it was good, and plentiful, too. Al Hintz was the perfect host and went out of his way to be sure that every body had a good time. Bill Krafft, our golf committee chairman, announced that instead of golf prizes, there were some door prizes to go to the lucky ones who drew the winning numbers. President Roloff commented on our membership in the National and said that it would be necessary for us to get a number of National members before our next meeting in order to meet the 60% requirements of the National pertaining to our delegate to the meeting at Long Beach in February. Our speaker of the evening, Mr. Gager T. Vaughan, gave us a nice talk and showed the film "The Story of Merion Bluegrass." It was announced that our Annual Meeting would be held at Glendale Country Club on December 5.

Ray Gerber, Chairman of the Nominating Committee was called upon for his report and announced the slate for our election.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

1. Walter Hoyt, 2. Matt Bezek, 3. Walter Kilmer, 4. Carter MacIntosh, 5. Walter Domm.

IT WAS A GAY EVENING

The dinner dance at River Forest Country Club was attended by 108 members, their wives and friends. Everybody had a wonderful time according to all reports. Our hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stewart, are to be complimented on their fine job of running the show. The sensation of the evening was a surprise to all in the form (or should I say forms) of the Hula dancers. They were sensational and a real treat. A number of door prizes were donated by our commercial friends, Smith Equipment and Supply, Geo. A. Davis, Inc., Paul Burdett, Roseman Tractor Mower Co., Schaper Sod Nursery, Armour and Co.

PRIZE WINNERS:

1. Roxey Bolte, electric frying pan; 2. Mrs. Bert Rost, salad bowls; 3. Mrs. Al Johnson, scale; 4. Julius Buchen, ham; 5. Mrs. H. W. Goodale, mixing bowls; 6. R. Stunkel, ham; 7. Stan Corey, alarm clock; 8. Mrs. Bill Smith, bathroom set; 9. Mrs. Peter Bild, kitchen set; 10. Mrs. George Roloff, tray; 11. Ray Gerber, tray; 12. H. Updegraff, electric iron, 13. Dick Buchen, bath towel set; 14. V. J. Hiller, perfume; 15. John MacGregor, bath towel set; 16. Mrs. Paul Popp, table cloth; 17. Mrs. Archer Smith, perfume; 18. William Woody, ham.

NEW MEMBER

We welcome Lawrence Anderson, South Shore Country Club as a new member of our association.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents has prepared the following list of candidates, all of whom have signified their willingness to run for the various offices, for the election of officers of our Association for 1956.

PRESIDENT: Robert Williams

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Amos Lapp
Herman Woehrl

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: William H. Stuppel
Gerald Dearie

SECRETARY & TREASURER: Al Johnson

DIRECTORS: (3 to be elected)

Gordon Brinkworth, Dave Mastroleo, Walter Fuchs, Al Rouch, George Roloff

Respectfully submitted, Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents Nominating Committee.

Amos Lapp, Dom Grotti, Ray Davis, Walter Kilmer, Ray Gerber, Chairman

THE INSECT CLINIC

Our annual Fall Clinic, which this year deals with insects, will be held on December 7-8 at the College of Pharmacy of the University of Illinois, 833 Wood Street, Chicago. The program of the first day will be a discussion of a general knowledge of insects in the morning and a life history of the same in the afternoon. The second day will consist of a general program and discussion. All sessions will be under the supervision of Dr. Ralph Voight of the College of Pharmacy. Dr. Bernard Greenberg an Entomologist on the Staff of the College of Pharmacy will handle the whole clinic and has accepted this assignment enthusiastically. He expects to be able to show us the life cycle of those major insects that are of interest to Golf Course Superintendents and will use pictures, specimens and descriptive material. Dr. Greenberg is also an expert on spiders.

IT WAS CHET KEELEY'S PARTY

On November 21, 75 members of the Michiana Golf Course Superintendents Association and guests met at the Notre Dame University Golf Course at South Bend, Indiana, to do honor to the Superintendent, Chet Keeley for his 25 years of service to the golf course. 17 members of our Association were present. We met in the Morris Inn on the campus to partake of a bountiful turkey dinner in the evening after an afternoon of inspecting the stadium turf on which Chet has done an outstanding job of renovation. This meeting at Notre Dame is an annual event and Chet raises the turkeys for the dinner. Joe Bolan, who was a member of the football team on which the Four Horsemen played, and who is now a sports announcer, acted as Toastmaster. Father George Holderith and several other members of the faculty at Notre Dame were present at the dinner. Father Holderith is, among other things, coach of the golf team and is Chet's green chairman. Joe Graffis was called upon to give us a talk, which he did in the usual Graffis style. Chet showed us some slides of the work done on the campus turf and we then enjoyed the movie of the Notre Dame-Iowa game. Our many thanks to Father Holderith and others for their wonderful hospitality and we will be back next year.

SPREADING IT THIN

Ray Davis' wife, Martha, is really enjoying life since Ray moved to North Shore C. C. Martha went swimming this summer in Lake Michigan for the first time in her life and still wears the mark of the sunburn.

Susie Johnson, wife of Al Johnson of Indian Hill almost didn't make the dance. Susie was paring her corns preparing to have a good time when the razor slipped and almost cut her little toe off. Susie didn't get in a single dance.

Elmer Lemke of Tam O Shanter said the food was good and that he was having a good time.

Don Swenson of Round Lake reported that he increased the size of all the tees this fall. Duck hunting is poor in that country this year but there are a few pheasants around. Their tree planting program is well advanced and they plan to plant 200 trees during the fall and winter.

Lawrence Andrews is now Golf Course Supt. of South Shore C. C. taking over the course responsibilities from Carl Peterson who is still supt. of buildings and grounds. Lawrence is 47 and has been with the club 20 years and on the grounds all that time. He is well qualified. He worked under Geo. Roloff from 1935 to 1941 when Geo. was Grounds Supt. there.

Agar Brown, Secretary of the National Association gave an excellent report of the activities planned for our Annual meeting of the National at Long Beach, Calif. Agar made one point that will register with everyone who hopes to make the trip, that the California boys are planning a "Big Program" for the ladies and when the men from California get behind a project you can bet that it will be well executed, and that the Ladies will be well entertained.

Emil Cassier and his wife and two daughters took off November 7th for two weeks in Florida. We hope you caught some fish, Emil.

Mr. A. C. Hoy and Dave Mastroleo of Arrowhead C. C. are working hard on their new driving range and maintenance building. They are rebuilding four tees and plan to plant Merion blue grass.

Harry Drafke of Accacia C. C. is recovering from a gall bladder operation he underwent the middle of October. Those of us who know Harry can imagine him being sick and in a hospital but reports have it that he is a model patient and that the nurses thoroughly enjoyed him after they got over being scared. Harry lost 31 pounds during his 12 days in the Hospital. He will be back working in the club barns after Dec. 1st. Drop in and see him.

Many of our members attended the Dutch Elm Clinic at the Sheraton Blackstone Hotel, November 10th. It was a good clinic but painted a black future for unprotected Elm Trees.

Every one enjoys knowing of the success of his fellow man and enjoys knowing when the garage has to be rebuilt to fit the new and longer car. The latest one in our long list of friends to remodel his garage to fit the new car is Ray Gerber who had the carpenters in for a week to lengthen the building so his new car could be properly housed. Congratulations, Ray, may we have a ride in it some time?

Matt Bezek reported that his daughter had sent him a beautiful set of fishing tackle especially imported from Japan, consisting of several poles and lines and other equipment. We hope you get a chance to use it, Matt.

Herman Woerhle of Kankakee Valley said that they had lost 12 beautiful young Elm trees to the Dutch Elm Disease this last summer. Herman was able to show us some of the sick trees when we visited him during the June meeting. Herman is thinking of making a trip to Germany again this winter; his son Ted is there now with the U. S. Forces.

Gerald Gerber is in Germany with the U. S. Forces. He is looking over the possibility of getting on with his education while there.

Walter Kilmer of Ravisloe C. C. rebuilt two greens this fall and used Pennld stolons on them. Walter reports that they look good. His number 1 green, rebuilt last fall and planted with Pennlu was very satisfactory this year, Walter reports. Walter plans to change the valves on his watering system this winter but also expects to make the trip to Long Beach.

Dr. Voight reports that the Annual Turf Clinic plans are complete and that the schedule will be in the mail very soon. Peter Bild has the envelopes ready all addressed to Al Johnson and as soon as things are cleared Pete will get them in the mail to you. It will be a good program covering one type of our most persistant pests, so plan to attend the Clinic December 7th and 8th. Addresses will be on the folder Pete will send you.

Those of us who dread the drive to California over the southern route for fear of rains and bad weather should consider the annual trek of Gordon Brinkworth and his family who most every year drive to Lake Louise in Canada to spend the Christmas vacation. Gordon plans to make the trip in three days, says it is cold but that he usually runs on schedule. This is really reversing things, going North instead of South but Gordon says it can be done and proves it. Gordon's father is Supt. of the Golf Course at Lake Louise.

The Annual Clinic will be held in the Pharmacy building which is a brand new building, one of the most modern of University buildings in the world. It will be worth the time alone to visit the building.

Dom Grotti had intended to attend the meeting at Notre Dame, but caught a severe cold and his wife, Betty, allowed as how Dom had better stay home and get over it. We hope Dom is fully recovered by this time.

The Curling season is now in full swing at a number of clubs in the Chicago District. More and more of them turning to artificial refrigeration for their ice. The latest to install a refrigeration system is Glenview Golf Club. Curling is getting to be a big job for the Superintendent and is being taken by them as just another part of their varied activity.

The summer of 1955 goes down in the records as one of the hottest for years. All records for days in which the temperature read 90 or higher were broken with 46 such days. I guess nobody who has anything with care of turf is sorry to see summer over. It has been one grand headache.

We met our old friend Earl Dowell at Notre Dame. Earl is now president of the Indiana Golf Course Superintendents Association.

One of the Midwest boys, during the height of the festivities at the Michiana meeting was heard to ask, "Say, how long has this been going on?"

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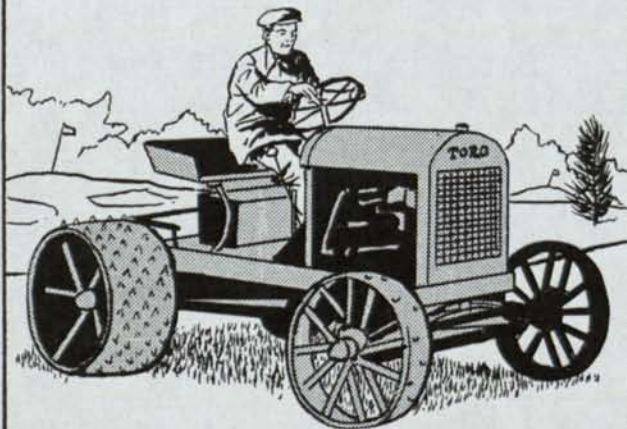
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