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**THE APRIL MEETING  
ELMHURST COUNTRY CLUB  
ADDISON, ILLINOIS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 1956  
GOLF IF WEATHER PERMITS  
SOCIAL MEETING  
DINNER — 6:30 P. M.  
BUSINESS MEETING  
EDUCATIONAL MEETING  
MR. ROBERT VAN TRESS, Guest Speaker**

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**SPRING DANCE, RIVER FOREST C. C., SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1956**

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### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The recent turf conference at Purdue University brought out about 450 superintendents which included most of us here in the Chicago area. The general consensus of opinion seemed to indicate that most of the superintendents felt that the conference was very worthwhile and helpful but that the subject matter was too much restricted to the growing of grass. We have come to a point where our responsibilities as superintendents require a great deal more from us than just producing green turf. Granted that while our main objective is to maintain good golf turf, many factors aside from the scientific phase are involved and are equally as important. We must also continue our education on such subjects as labor procurement, labor management, administration, equipment, and many others that are all important in producing the final product.

Our Midwest meetings here in Chicago include educational features and it is the thinking of our present educational committee to bring to our membership timely presentations that will deal with a variety of subjects basic to our work. At our last meeting at Geneva C. C. many important points were brought out concerning the maintenance of equipment. Our next meeting at Elmhurst, will deal with floriculture which comes at just the right time to be useful to all of us as we will soon be ready to plant flowers around the club house grounds and on the course.

It is the firm belief of our directors and officers that through better educational programs at our meetings we can make for better superintendents, better golf courses to play on. If at any time you have suggestions to make that you think will help us present more interesting meetings, please bring them to our attention.

Robert M. Williams, President

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### OUR APRIL MEETING

Our April meeting will be held at Elmhurst Country Club on Tuesday, April 3. Edward Burke will be our host. Our educational speaker will be Mr. Robert Van Tress, garden editor of the Chicago Daily News and Horticulturist for the Chicago parks. Mr. Van Tress will talk on "Horticulture and Bed Planning For Club House Grounds."

This should be a timely subject and one you will not want to miss. Don't forget, the meeting will be on Tuesday instead of on Monday as is usually our custom.

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### CONGRATULATIONS

Cliff Rasmussen of Ridgemoor Country Club became a father for the second time the day of our meeting, March 12. It was a boy this time. Our congratulations Cliff and thanks for the cigar.

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Marv Gruening is watching the building of his new home over the new work shops. John Polocovic, the owner of Midwest, is building Marv a wonderful apartment, three bedrooms, a large living room, and a kitchen with a washer and dryer and all the other advantages including a bath.

### THE SPRING DINNER DANCE

Ed Stewart, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee invites us to the Spring Dinner Dance which will be held at the River Forest Country Club Saturday, May 5th. Ed promises good music by Orvie Lynn and his orchestra, the usual very extra special roast beef dinner, (always delicious at River Forest) door prizes, entertainment and good weather. This will be Gene Stewart's 19th birthday. We have always enjoyed ourselves at River Forest. The cost will be \$10.00 a couple. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Cornwall, president of the National plan to attend. Ward is from the Detroit district.

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### THE PURDUE CONFERENCE

The Short Course at Purdue started just three minutes after it was supposed to with Ward Cornwall, the new President of the National Association as session Chairman. Ward has grown into his job and opened the meeting with great poise and command of the situation.

The registration was terrific, at the opening 416 people had registered. To those of us who have attended this meeting for many years it was like old home week, there are a tremendous number of men who attend we are glad to see again.

I believe that one of the more valuable incidental advantages of these meetings is the privilege of extending our friendship and friendly relations with the many fine men who are engaged in the same line of work in other parts of the country.

Bill Daniels hit us exactly right when he scheduled talks on weather - and these talks gave us a basis to better interpret the weather man. Speaking of weather, it was very warm the first afternoon and got warmer as the hours passed. It was unusual weather for August, almost like a humid midsummer day. Later we learned that tornado warnings were issued for Monday and Tuesday but none came our way. It sure got hot in the meeting room.

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### TO MEMBERS SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

We have been asked to help locate a superintendent for The Pittsburgh Field Club. This 18 hole course has watered fairways; housing is provided. For further particulars please write to the Green Chairman of the club: Mr. J. M. Lloyd c/o Pittsburgh Field Club, Pittsburgh 15, Pa.

It is suggested that those interested in the above employment opportunity, be consistent with the pay scale applicable to the area.

Unusual employment opportunities are available in Mexico. Our member, Carlos Smith is seeking two or three older men who can act as supervisors on new course construction being built under his direction. The work load may not be as great as in this country. However, Mr. Smith is looking for men with construction knowledge. Experience with Bermuda grass would be of help. Favorable currency exchange is to be considered. For further particulars write: Mr. Carlos S. Smith, Apartado Postal 700, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico.

We would appreciate hearing of your response to these inquiries. Please mention that these employment inquiries were referred to you by this office. Agar M. Brown, Secretary, Golf Courses Superintendents Association.



Here is a picture of some of the Superintendents taking it easy at Long Beach. Can you recognize any of these characters?

#### THE MEETING AT GENEVA

On Monday, March 12, we met at Frank Mastroleo's Geneva Country Club for our March meeting. Some 70 members and guests participated in a delicious buffet dinner supervised by Frank.

After dinner the meeting was called to order and after a short business meeting in which committee chairman were called upon to make their reports, our speaker of the evening, Mr. Marvin Elstad gave us a very nice talk on "Equipment Servicing and Maintenance." Mr. Elstad showed some very interesting colored slides and his program was enjoyed by all.

Our many thanks to Frank for his wonderful hospitality and thanks to Education Committee chairman Gordon Brinkworth for a valuable educational meeting.

#### "WATER" — NEW USDA YEARBOOK

The new United States Department of Agriculture Yearbook for 1955 is entitled "Water". This follows in the footsteps of such notable yearbooks as "Grass", "Trees", "Plant Diseases", and "Insects". It is designed for good reading by and for people in Agriculture. Headings listed in this Yearbook include: "Our Need for Water" - "Where We Get Our Water" - "Water and Our Soil" - "Caring for Our Water Sheds" - "Water and Our Crops" - "Water and Our Forests" - "Water for Irrigation" - "Gardens, Turf and Orchards".

Dr. Robert M. Hagan, Chairman of the Department of Irrigation, University of California, Davis, California, has contributed one chapter on - "Watering Lawns and Turf and Otherwise Caring for Them."

You should have a copy for your reading and your reference. Free copies are sometimes available through your Congressman or Senator. The book may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D. C. at \$2.00 per copy. It should be on your shelf.

#### GOLF ACTIVITIES REPORT, 1955 SEASON

April 11, 1955 opened the golf season at River Forest C. C. with rain to greet us as usual for our first golf date of 1955. Rain again hampered the golf at our next two meetings at Roselle Golf Club and Kankakee Valley C. C. Hardy and rugged souls played their rounds of golf not being deterred by the inclement weather. 19 played golf at Roselle Golf Club and 35 played at Kankakee Valley Golf Club.

The remainder of the year turned out beautiful and golfers, spectators, kibitzers, card players came out to gather together to meet and greet old friends with smiles to show their appreciation. 100 rounds of golf was played at McHenry C. C. where our joint meeting with Wisconsin was held.

The year 1955 ended at Mohawk Golf Club with 311 rounds played for the entire season.

135 Prizes were taken home by lucky winners. Total cost \$761.00.

Entry Fees	311.00
Midwest Golf Fund	450.00
	\$761.00

Meetings were held at the following clubs;

April 11, River Forest C. C.

May 9, Roselle Golf Club

June 7, Kankakee Valley Golf Club.

July 11, White Pines Golf Club.

August 8, Oak Hills Golf Club.

September 12, McHenry C. C.

October 3, Itasca C. C.

November 7, Mohawk Golf Club.

Thanks to all who helped make this season a success;

Bill Krafft, Chairman, Golf Committee 1955

Frank Dinelli reports that fishing in Florida wasn't too good. It seems that Frank got there too early and he says that next time he goes it is when the fish are biting, which, he has been told, is around the end of February.

#### EARLY SPRING TURF REPORT

Although it is a little early to really tell at this writing, it looks as though turf has come thru the winter in fine condition. There have been some reports of light doses of snow mold and we heard that there was some winter kill in low spots. There is going to be a lot of knotweed this spring, in fact it is showing now. Much turf went into the winter in a weakened and thinned out condition and due to the bad summer and the dry fall. Knotweed can be killed quite easily when in the two leaf stage. There is always much pressure from the golfers during the late winter to let them play on the course. When the frost is coming out of the ground, they can do more damage in one day to the putting surface of greens than they will all summer. The damage is not exactly torn up, but it is trampled and becomes so rough that it is impossible to putt on the greens. It is well to explain to them about this and we know that if they understand that they will be willing to keep off until the proper time.

Dr. Daniel says that light syringing of greens will lower surface temperature 12 to 15 degrees due to the evaporation of the water.

The biggest fairy ring on record is two miles in diameter according to Dr. Watson.

## SPREADING IT THIN

Chester Ramsby of Edgewood Valley C. C. is building a new concrete block work shed. The shop will be 32 by 50 ft. and will include a heating plant, office and wash room. It's a beautiful building.

Chester and his wife spent three days in San Francisco and visited Chinatown during their New Year Eve Celebration, visited the Top Of The Mark, rode over all the bridges, visited the Coit Tower on Telegraph Hill and had a grand time.

Bill Daniels has continued his flair for showmanship in the excellently managed Midwest Regional Turf Foundation. It is truly a well planned course and reflects credit on Purdue, and on every supt. within the area. The banquet food was good, and if possible, the glee club reached new heights, the banquet speaking program was wonderfully brief. Each year Bill gets better and better. The Midwest Regional is lucky to have him. The glee club had new jackets with brass buttons.

We wish to remind our Tournament committee that the Seniors are an important group and well deserving of deep consideration when the prizes are allocated. So golf committee, give more prizes for this selected group. You may make the grade, too, if you are lucky.

Bob Williams discussed fairway fertilizer and moisture. He delivered his talk with an excellent polish.

John Darrah also made a very good talk. He showed pictures of his four years activity with the Cleary Corporation.

Ray Phillips of the Louisville Country Club is general chairman of the 1957 meeting of the National Association at Louisville. Ray and the heads of the various committees are working on plans and of course, the Ladies Entertainment is a big factor in the arrangement.

Ray and his committee are weighing the possibility of a visit to the Patten museum at Fort Knox, but reports that "My Old Kentucky Home" at Bardstown, Ky., is closed during the winter. Maybe they will open it for a special day. This is the place in which Stephen Foster wrote "My Old Kentucky Home." The General Electric Co. has tentatively invited the ladies to a luncheon and appliance show including 8 model kitchens at the new plant. Ray feels that a luncheon and card party with a little time for shopping

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and possibly a visit to the new Ford Plant will keep the ladies busy. Possibly they will get to visit the plant that makes the "Louisville Slugger" baseball bat.

Our old friend Norman Johnson has resigned his position as Superintendent of LaGorce Country Club, Miami Beach, Florida and has taken over a similar position at the new swank Florida Golf Course at Delray Beach, Florida. The Florida Golf Course is being developed by Carleton Blunt, Chicago Attorney and Chairman of the Evans Scholars Foundation, and Robert Bruce Harris.

Your Editor had occasion to visit this course with Norm, Mr. Blunt and Mr. Harris while he was in Florida. The site is a beautiful one with a 35 foot ridge, half a mile long, bisecting the property in a north and south direction. The soil is rich and heavily wooded with palms, pine and oak. The short course will measure 6335 yards, the middle one 6515 and the championship, 7000 yards. Tees will be large, averaging 70 yards long. Greens will be big, with the putting surfaces averaging 8200 square feet. There will be four water holes. More than six miles of water pipe is being installed on the fairway, tee and green water system. An annual tournament of national importance will be held each spring.

We wish Norm the best of luck and success on his new job.

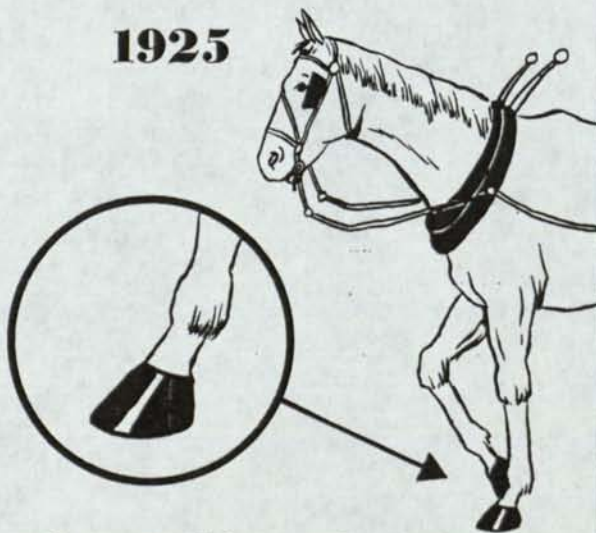
John MacGregor reports that Mrs. MacGregor is feeling fine again after being on the ailing list.

Frank Mastroleo showed us a wonderful time at Geneva and we are looking forward to the time when we can have a summer meeting and play the course.

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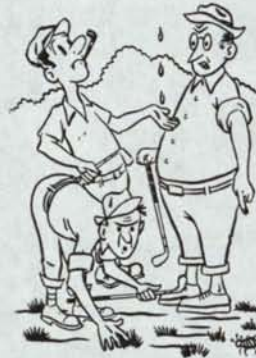
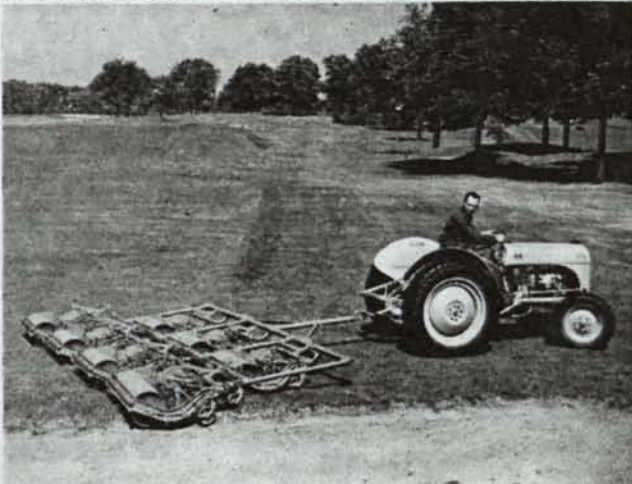
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