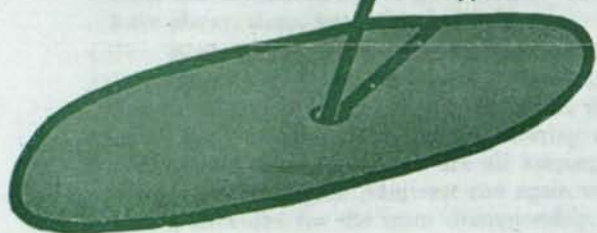




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Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents



RAY DAVIS

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING
NORTH SHORE COUNTRY CLUB
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1957
GLENVIEW, ILLINOIS
RAY DAVIS, OUR HOST
GOLF IN AFTERNOON
SOCIAL HOUR
DINNER — 6:30 P.M.
JOINT MEETING WITH WISCONSIN
GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS
ASSOCIATION

*Dr. James Watson will be
our guest speaker at the meeting.
Let us all be at North Shore
to greet our Wisconsin friends.*

MIDWEST REGIONAL TURF FOUNDATION FIELD DAYS, SEPT. 16 — 17,
PURDUE UNIVERSITY, WEST LAFAYETTE, IND.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I think that all of us who attended the last meeting held at Edgewood Valley Country Club on August 5 thoroughly enjoyed the excellent talk by Charley Wilson. To those of you who did not — perhaps could not — attend, I think we all feel you really missed something worth while.

Our joint meeting with Wisconsin on September 9 will be held at North Shore Country Club — Ray Davis, host. Ray promises to "put out the RED CARPET" for all who attend. I hope we can have a good turnout and show the Wisconsin boys a good time — the same as they have always done for us in the past.

With Labor Day in the background and the season just about "over the hump" we will have our fall work to concentrate on. A day of relaxation before this will do all of us good, so plan to attend the meeting and enjoy the activities. Trust you fellows are all keeping your golf in shape for that day, so Midwest can again win the annual trophy awarded for the team championship.

AMOS E. LAPP
President

COMING EVENTS

The September Meeting, North Shore Country Club, Glenview, Ill., Monday, September 9. Joint meeting with Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Midwest Regional Turf Foundation Fall Field Days, September 16 and September 17. Purdue University.

The October Meeting, Medinah Country Club. Annual Fall Golf Tournament. Date to be announced.

The November Meeting will include a tour of International Fertilizer Company plant and dinner and meeting at Chicago Heights Country Club in the evening.

The December Meeting, Glendale Country Club. Annual Meeting and election of officers.

NEW MEMBERS

We wish to welcome the following as new members of our Association; Charles Otto Rack, Howard Joseph Howey, and George Micheal Weidner.

Four members never did make the meeting at Edgewood Valley. Bill Saielli was driving Frank Dinelli, Dom Grotti and Bill Stupple to the meeting. A woman driver went thru a stop sign at an intersection and smashed into the car broadside. Fortunately, nobody was seriously injured although they suffered various bumps, cuts and bruises. Frank was nearest the point of impact and was hurt the worst. He was unable to get out of his house for 10 days afterward. However, he is up and around, although he says his back is still sore. Bill's car was so badly wrecked that he now has a new one.

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our September meeting will be our Annual Joint Meeting with Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association. We will meet this year at North Shore Country Club, Glenview, Illinois on Monday, September 9. Ray Davis will be our host. It has long been a tradition that this meeting is a happy get together of the two associations and a chance for the men to mingle and exchange ideas relative to turf management in their respective locations. As has been the custom for a number of years, there will be a golf tournament in the afternoon featuring team play between the two associations for the Midwest — Wisconsin Trophy. There will also be many individual prizes and it promises to be a very pleasant affair. Now if we can get the weather man to cooperate, it will complete the day.

It has also been the custom in recent years for Dr. James Watson to be on hand as our guest speaker. Jim is always interesting and you will not want to miss his talk, so let's all turn out to greet our friends from Wisconsin and make it a great meeting. As to directions to reach North Shore Country Club, the club is in the east side of Glenview and can be reached by the Wisconsin men from US 41 or Illinois 42A. If coming down 41, turn west on Lake Avenue, then South on Wagner Ave. to Glenview Road and West to the Club. If coming in on 42A, turn East on Glenview Road to the Club.

OUR AUGUST MEETING

It was a nice clear, cool day on August 5 when we met at Edgewood Valley Country Club for our August meeting. Chet Randby, our host, left nothing to be desired in the way of hospitality and to show us a wonderful time at his club. All who played were loud in their praise of the course. There were about eighty members and guests present for dinner that evening. After dinner, President Lapp called the meeting to order. Placement Committee Chairman, Ray Gerber reported that a new course being completed at Benton Harbor, Michigan was in need of a qualified Superintendent. It is a year-round job and a house is included. Anyone interested in this position should contact Ray Gerber. Our old friend Charlie Wilson was our guest speaker of the evening. Charlie always has a lot of good information for us and this time it was a discussion on topdressing. In his talk, he said that he was becoming more old fashioned all the time when it came to soils and advocated a return to some topdressing. Charlie said that he saw a trend to this all over the country. He brought out that when we are treating with fungicides and insecticides we are killing the good bugs as well as the bad. He discussed soil structures and textures and said that soil structure is much more important than soil texture. Any soil will deteriorate structurally under heavy play. Aerifying and spiking are still needed to increase water infiltration, air movement and correct layering, yet it is doubtful if this practice will improve soil structure. There is less complaint of leafspot complex diseases on courses that have continued to topdress. The golfer appreciates the results of topdressing. Turf is tight yet resilient. He said that if some topdressing is done each year there should not be a need to go to the almost pure sand mixtures advocated by some. After Charlie's talk, Golf Chairman, Dave Mastroleo distributed the golf and door prizes.

GOLF WINNERS

1st Low Gross, Ben Kronn. 1 Low Net; Jim Leanheart, 2 Kenny Lapp, 3 John Coghill, 4 Charley Schultz, 5 Don Swenson, 6 Jerry Transier. Seniors, Emil Cassier.

DOOR PRIZES

1 Oscar Borgmeier, 2 Bob Johnson, 3 Al Hintz, 4 C. E. (Scotty) Stewart.

MIDWEST TURF FIELD DAYS

The Midwest Turf Field Days will be held Monday, September 16, and repeated on Tuesday, September 17. Some people may prefer to drive down Monday morning, see the Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning programs, then return home. Some may come either Monday or Tuesday. Generally there are fewer there the second day which means people can see better on that day.

Our program will start with assembling on the experimental putting green located four blocks southwest of the Purdue Memorial Union, and we will talk about nitrogen fertilization and summertime maintenance programs, as well as new experimental treatments.

From there we will move to the Purdue Field House where we have extensive crabgrass control with experimental chemicals and observe the plots treated one year ago prior to the Field Days. From there to the Purdue golf course to observe nitrogen fertility studies, including the 1956 series with overtreatments during 1957.

After lunch we will assemble at the Purdue Agronomy Farm to observe fertility studies, lawn seed mixtures, bluegrass selections and Zoysia testing. Special exhibit on soil sterilization will be in progress and results of previous test observed. It is the type of program you can hardly afford to miss. It is the type of program that, although it takes travel time, plus the six hours of program, it just does not come in the books.

A Midwest Turf leaflet will be mailed prior to the meeting, outlining the program.

— Dr. William H. Daniel

The Entertainment Committee reports that our Fall Dinner Dance will be held at River Forest Country Club. Time and date to be announced at a later date.

Charlie Wilson says that grasses in cooler sections of the country may suffer much more from disease than grasses in warmer climates, due to plants not being accustomed to as severe weather as in the warmer sections.

OUR ERROR. It was reported in our last issue that Frank Dinelli's lake held 2 million gallons of water. Frank says that the lake has a capacity, when full, of 8 million gallons. The rains of early August filled the lake to overflowing, saving his club the expense of filling it from the city mains which would have been \$1,600.00. Frank says that along with the free water he got a lot of fish from the overflow of the Skokie ditch which adjoins Northmoor. He figures that a lot of bass and bluegills were washed into the ditch from Stupple's lake at Exmoor and he eventually got them.

CONGRATULATIONS

Jamie, weight an even 7 pounds was born July 26. The proud parents are Marilyn and Joe Dinelli. The junior Dinellis now have two girls.

DELTA KENTUCKY BLUE GRASS

(By Alfred Bloch)

History of Delta. Delta is an improved strain of common Kentucky bluegrass selected in the Athabasca region of northern Alberta, Canada, by the Canadian Department of Agriculture. Its outstanding characteristics brought this grass into the United States for observation and testing with much of the work being done by Jacklin Seed Co. and Pacific Northwest experiment stations as well as Canadian experimental stations. In all areas, Delta has been found to have exceptional seedling vigor, to show more tolerance to many diseases and considerable resistance to diseases, which common Kentucky blue grass has been susceptible to. For example, Delta shows considerable resistance to both mildew and rust. Also noted in the south is resistance to helminthosporium and heat resistance.

Delta a good competitor. Delta fits well into mixed lawn formulas. Being a superior blue grass with seedling vigor and ability to grow through the hot summer, this grass has done well in mixtures with improved fescues and other lawn grasses. Unlike Merion, it does not crowd out the other grasses, but is vigorous to the point that it maintains a nice balance between the bluegrass and other grasses in the mixture. Its blade texture, color, rate of growth and growth habit blend well with the mixing grasses.

Area of intended use. Delta blue grass seems to be well adapted from northern Canada to the southern United States. Its outstanding performances to date have been in the Pacific Northwest and in southern regions where heat resistance is important for blue grass. The grass start easily and grows rapidly. It maintains beautiful color and condition throughout the entire year and home owner reports are very complimentary.

At Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Montgomery, O. In September, 1955, we planted five acres of Delta Blue Grass into a field that had been in red clover for 2 years. The seeding rate was 22 lbs. per acre, the same that we used in planting Merion blue grass, directly adjoining, under the same conditions on the same day. The Delta germinated earlier and therefore showed a little more growth before winter weather set in.

The first week in March of 1956 proved two-thirds of the soil still showing through the planted areas of both the Merion and Delta blue grass plantings. Beginning in April, we applied another 500 lbs. of 10*6*4 with 2*4*D for weed control. By the middle of June, we had complete cover that enabled us to use a Farmal Tractor with an 80 inch rotary mower for the balance of the season, without doing any damage. We were then ready to use the sod in the fall, if needed. In June of 1957, we harvested the seed from both the Delta and Merion blue grass.

Following the seed harvest, we cut and removed the hay, followed by fertilization and aeration of the area. From then on, we have kept the grass cut to about two inches until we remove some of the sod — then we cut the grass to one inch.

The Delta blue grass has proven to be a tough and drought resistant type of blue grass. It may well do a good job when used with other types of grasses, and will take heavy traffic, such as playfields, school grounds and other public buildings may require.

— FROM "THE GREEN BREEZE"

THE PRICE OUTLOOK

Plentiful rainfall in most of the growing regions has produced bumper grass seed crops this summer. All grass seed is now down in price, some such as Merion Blue, Highland and Astoria Bent, and down 50%. The other common grasses, Kentucky Blue, Red Top, Fescues, and Rye Grasses are down about 33-1/3%. Seaside Bent is very scarce and will remain high until the new crop comes in late this fall.

Prices of Chemicals, Fertilizers, Insecticides, and Fungicides are unchanged and in plentiful supply, however, freight and truck rates have gone up again.

The price of steel was increased about two months ago. This is affecting the prices of equipment, and manufacturers are raising prices about 7%. This increase will spread to every item made of steel or metal such as tractors, mowers, sprayers and even tools. All business men realize that price increases are unpopular, but there seems to be little defense against increased costs. Labor, freight rates, taxes, and other costs have been going up continuously, with little or no control left to management. Many people are aroused by this continued inflation and the constant rise in the cost of living. There is now some evidence that control measures are having an effect.

C. O. Borgmeier

The weather during August was really delightful and we can be very thankful that it was not one of those typical blistering hot Augusts and we had in several of our bad years such as 1947, 1949, and 1952.

Billy Smith is reported to be fully recovered from being hit in the eye by a golf ball. He says he does not believe the eye will be affected. For that we are thankful, Billy.

Mrs. John MacGregor, at last report, was making a slow but sure recovery.

Maybe the grass on the other side of the fence looks greener because somebody is taking better care of it.

With even less than normal precipitation for the remainder of the year, 1957 will without doubt go down in the books as the wettest year in history in the Chicago district.

We note that our old friend Harry (Bill) Bailey has moved from Newton, Ohio and is now residing in Cincinnati.

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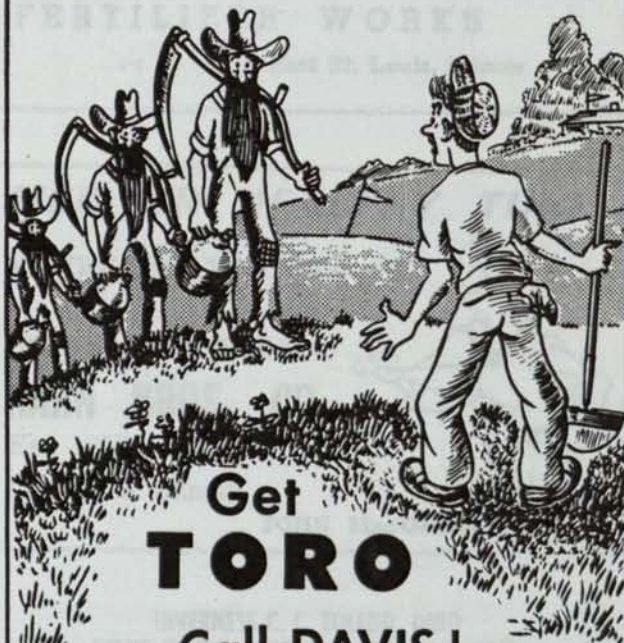
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