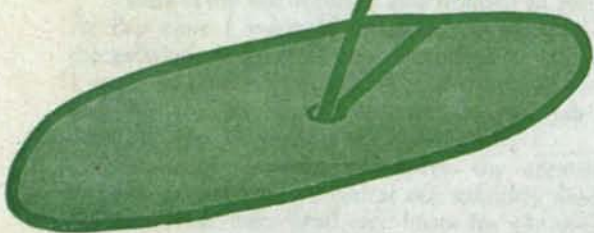




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CLARENCE MUELLER

**THE DECEMBER MEETING
GLENDALE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
CLARENCE MUELLER, OUR HOST
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1958**

**GOLF — SOCIAL MEETING
DINNER — 6:30 P.M.
ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF
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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our next meeting will be the Annual Meeting and will be held on Monday, December 1st at the Glendale Country Club. Our host will be Clarence Mueller whose hospitality has been excellent everytime that we have been to Glendale. The highlight of the meeting will be the election of new officers and directors who will guide our organization through its operations for the coming year. Wes Updegraff, Education Chairman has arranged a panel discussion for this meeting. The topic, "New Improvements."

This is my last message as President of the Midwest. At this time I want to thank all of you for giving me the privilege to serve as your President for the year 1958. I want to especially thank all the members of the board and heads of the committees for the fine job they have done for the Midwest during my term.

I would also like to express my appreciation for the nice attendance we had at our monthly meetings. To the men that have been our hosts for the year and the Club Managers who took such good care of us a big "Thank You" to all of you.

The fall dinner dance at Elmhurst Country Club and the Turf Clinic at Olympia Fields has ended this years special activities. Never before has the interest run so high in any project or activity that is planned for the Association. You are all to be congratulated for your fine support.

In closing I would like to say "Thank You" to each one of you for your fine support and it's really been a pleasure for me to serve as your President this past year. I have really enjoyed it.

Ed Stewart, *President*

OUR 6th ANNUAL CLINIC

Our Clinic held at Olympia Fields November 18-19 was, as in other years, most interesting and all who attended got a lot of information out of it. There were about 90 in attendance and most of them attended both days and stayed until the last word was spoken. The meeting was called to order by Education Committee Chairman, Wes Updegraf. Masters of ceremonies were Charlie Wilson and Jim Holmes. Speakers on the program were Ed Muzik, Jim Brandt, Carl Bretzlaff, Ed Stewart, Dr. Paul Sartoretto, Marvin Gruening, Paul Voykin, Ted Woehrle, Tom Gillman, Don Gerber, Tom Mascaro, Mr. Packard, Bert Rost, John MacGregor, Norm Kramer and Bill Stuppel. Probably one of the most interesting parts of the program was the talks given by the younger Superintendents. They knew what they were talking about and put it over in an expert manner. At our banquet, we were very well entertained by Roger Franz who gave us a talk on improving our memories and we had a lot of fun trying out his methods of trying to get us to remember better.

Our thanks to all who made this a fine meeting and especially to Gordon Brinkworth, our host, for his superb hospitality.

THE DECEMBER MEETING

We will meet at Glendale Golf & Country Club on December 1 for our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. Clarence Mueller will be our host. There will be golf if the weather permits, social meeting, dinner and the meeting. Education Chairman, Wes Updegraff announces that there will be a panel discussion.

THE NOVEMBER MEETING

November 3 was a beautiful day and 30 members and guests toured the tough South Course at Silver Lake. From all reports it was in excellent condition and Norm Kramer and John Coghill received many compliments. After a social get-together, 83 sat down to a fine roast beef dinner with all the trimmings including apple pie. Everybody had a fine time. The Nominating Committee reported that they needed more time and would make their report at the December meeting.

FALL DANCE BIG SUCCESS

Norm Kramer, Entertainment Committee Chairman, reports that the Fall Dinner Dance held at Elmhurst Country Club on November 8 was a great success. The total attendance was 152 and everybody had a wonderful time.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

Mrs. Henry Lange, Mrs. Betty Dorband, Mrs. Helen Lemke, Robert Powers, Mrs. Robert Williams, Mrs. Beryl Dearie, Mrs. Ethel Sander, Mrs. Donna Mastroleo, Mrs. Grace Coghill, Mrs. William Woody, Mrs. Jo Gerber, Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. Ray Runnfeldt, Mrs. Irene Danlon.

BOOBY PRIZES

Joe Venturella, Mrs. Roy Nelson, Don Stewart, Geo. Dahlman.

We just have to write something about the wonderful weather of 1958. Never in the memory of our oldest members have we enjoyed such a delightful summer and fall as we have this year. The summer was cool with just enough rain to keep the grass nice and green and the fall was beautiful if a little on the dry side. Some of the Superintendents were worried late in October and the first part of November because their greens were drying out and the water systems were drained. However, everything is rosy now due to the rains of the middle of November and the resulting greening up of the grass with the warm weather which accompanied it. It is hard to believe, but dollar spot and snow mold, or a similiar fungus, was detected on a fairway the 17th day of November. However, the forecast is for a real cold winter according to the fishermen who make their predictions by the way the perch in Lake Michigan act at this time of year. If the perch are caught in deep water now, it means a tough winter and vice versa.

Elmer Bertucci is out of the Hospital and at home and says he is feeling much better.

One of the North Side Superintendents who has had Curling ice maintenance as an added duty at his club, reports that he made ice and cut greens on the same day in November.

Looking over the Educational Program for the National meeting in Chicago in January, it looks like the Superintendent is getting a program which will be very much to his liking.

SLATE PRESENTED BY GCSA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate for the election of officers and directors for 1959: President—To be elected for term of one year.

Elmer G. Border (Golf Course Supts. Assn. of Northern Calif.) Las Posos Country Club, Camarillo, California.

Vice-President—One to be elected for term of one year.

James E. Thomas (Mid-Atlantic Golf Course Supts. Assn.) Army-Navy Country Club, Arlington, Virginia

Henson E. Maples (Carolina Golf Course Supts. Assn.) Pinehurst Country Club, Pinehurst, N. Carolina

Directors—Three to be elected for two-year terms.
Roy W. Nelson (Midwest Assn. of Golf Course Supts.) Ravisloe Country Club, Homewood, Illinois

L. R. Shields (Mid-Atlantic Golf Course Supts. Assn.) Woodmont Country Club, Rockville, Maryland

Andrew A. Bertoni (Michigan & Border Cities Golf Course Supts. Assn.) Meadowbrook Country Club, Northville, Michigan

L. W. DuBose (Texas Turf Association) Houston Country Club, Houston, Texas

Lawrence G. Mattei (Northeastern Golf Course Supts. Assn.) Kingsboro Golf Club, Gloversville, New York

Theodore J. Rupel (Rocky Mountain Golf Course Supts. Assn.) Cherry Hills Country Club, Englewood, Colorado

In compliance with the By-Laws, additional nominations for all offices may be made from the floor at the proper time.

The Nominating Committee expresses appreciation for the cooperation received from district associations and individual Members with suggestions for the Committee to consider.

Respectfully submitted,

Chester Mendenhall, Chairman; Carl A. Bretzlaff, George L. Lanphear, Leo J. Feser, Arthur A. Snyder

Voting for this election as well as upon all matters coming before the Annual Meeting can be done in person, by proxy, or by the delegate of a District Association having the required 60% National membership strength. Proxy forms will be sent to all Members in sufficient time for use.

Very truly yours,
Agar M. Brown, Secretary

Driving up to the Superintendent's house to deliver the family's ninth baby, the doctor almost ran over a duck.

"Is that your duck out front?" asked the doctor.

"Yep, it's ours" replied the weary father, "but it ain't no duck. It's just a stork with its legs worn short."

The Superintendent was paying his son's college bills, and his friend asked him if it was expensive to keep a boy in college.

"Well", he said "languages run pretty high. My check this month covered \$10.00 for English, \$15.00 for Latin and \$27.50 for Scotch."

Scotty Stewart attended the Prairie Turfgrass Conference in Winnipeg, Canada on Sept. 29th and 30th., where, along with Dr. Jim Watson, Dr. Charlie Wilson, and Vern Fish of Toro Mfg. Co., he gave a talk on golf course irrigation design.

SPREADING IT THIN

Charlie Schultz has been very busy at Ruth Lake this fall. He has rebuilt 5 tees, increasing the size to an average of 3000 square feet and is now in the midst of building an even dozen new traps on the course.

John Boettger takes over his duties as Superintendent at Joliet Country Club on December 1. John is a real old timer among Superintendents despite his youthful appearance. He started his greenkeeping career under the late Fred Krueger of Olympia Fields Country Club many years ago. We want to wish John success on his new job.

George Roloff says that he can now take the brace off his leg when he is at home and is getting around very well. We hope you can soon throw the crutches away, George.

We are happy to report that Walter Killmer is gaining strength and putting on weight. If our recollection is right, it is just about one year that Walter has been on the sick list, and we are very happy that he now seems on the road to complete recovery. Herman Woehrle says that Walter has been to Kankakee several times to see him.

Frank and Dave Mastroleo and families are leaving for California on December 10 to spend Christmas there.

Walter Hintz is hoping that the good weather will hold out. He has several large projects on the fire at Mohawk and White Pines.

Clarence Mueller of Glendale says that it will be OK to play golf on the day of our December meeting there even if it is under 2 feet of snow. Snow or rain is about the only thing that stops some of our Winter golfers from playing.

Peter Bild spent most of October and half of November at Excelsior Springs, Missouri. Pete took the full treatment of baths, rubdowns and was on a strict diet. Here's hoping you are feeling better, Pete.

Marv Gruening continues with his construction work at Midwest Country Club. He is another one who hopes for a continuation of the good weather.

Don and Marg Strand enjoyed a rainy trip thru Michigan, Canada and Wisconsin in October. Don continues to gain weight and our best wishes for a continuation.

Gordon Brinkworth renovated 3 fairways on the No. 1 course at Olympia Fields this fall. His method was to burn off all existing vegetation on the fairways with a single application of Sodium Arsenite at the rate of 15 pounds per acre. He then plowed, disced and graded the ground and seeded with a mixture of Highland, Seaside and Astoria bents at the rate of 125 pounds to the acre. The fairways were coming along in fine shape when we were there on November 18-19.

Vandals ripped up large sections of turf on two of Bill Saielli's greens at Indian Hill Club early in November.

Bert Rost was in a hurry to get away from Olympia Fields on November 19. It was his 19th wedding anniversary.

The senior Paul Burdetts left on November 17 for a lieurely trip to New Orleans where they boarded a steamer for Puerto Rico. They expect to relax and enjoy themselves on the ship for several weeks.

Charlie Wilson made a big hit at the Clinic with his poetry quotations.

Dom Grotti had quite a surprise recently at Sunset Ridge Country Club. The members of the club in honor of his 25 years of service held a banquet for him and his family. This was all unbeknown to Dom and was a big surprise. Dom was presented with a handsome gold watch and a purse of \$100.00 for every year with Sunset Ridge. Members of the greenkeeping staff were also present at the dinner. Our congratulations, Dom.

It is gratifying to hear of such an occasion as this and it may mean that the Superintendent is not the forgotten man that he sometimes figures he is.

Al Bertucci of Old Elm Club locked the doors of his equipment buildings one evening in the latter part of October and left for home. Within half an hour one of the buildings was on fire and was soon a total loss with all the machinery within it. Lost were three tractors, a pickup truck, power sprayer, dirt screener and miscellaneous tools. Fortunately the fire did not spread to the shop and his other machinery. Al says that everything is being replaced except the dirt screener which was of an obsolete model but much prized by Al and his father, Elmer. Plans are now being made to rebuild with an up to date fireproof building.

The 12th green at Knollwood Country Club was ruined by vandals on Halloween. Butch Bernardini says that a car or cars and a motorcycle or scooter repeatedly ran over the green and made it necessary that it be replaced entirely. The culprits have not been found and a \$500.00 reward is out for their capture.

Roy Nelson of Ravisloe Country Club is busy replacing much of the pipe in the water system at his club. 1-1/2 inch plastic pipe is being used in place of the old one inch laterals on the course. Roy says that the saving in water pressure accomplished by this operation is fantastic.

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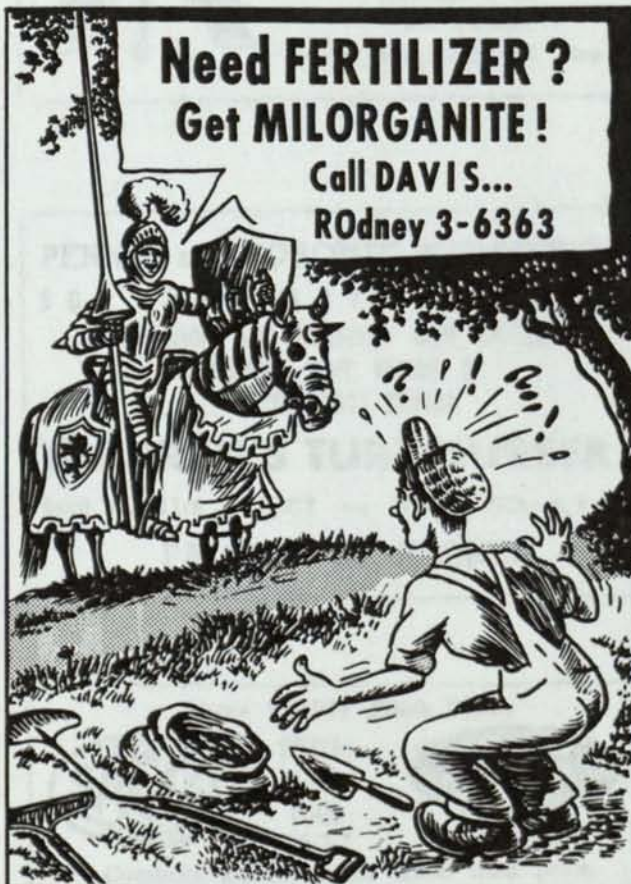
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