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THE DECEMBER MEETING
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another year has almost rolled around. It seems like it was last month that I was elected President of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents. The opportunity to administer the duties of the office of the President and to participate in the activities of this Association has been enjoyable and educational. It was enjoyable because I had the privilege of working with so many capable people, I became better acquainted with others, and I acquired many new friends. It was educational because I had the opportunity to visit many fine clubs, and because the educational programs at the meetings were well planned and very informative. I would like to summarize briefly the activities of our Association during the past year.

On January 6th, 122 members and guests enjoyed the fine hospitality of the George A. Davis Co. O. J. Noer and Charlie Wilson, representatives of the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission, presented a very interesting educational program. During the last week in January we were the hosts for the 1959 Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Turfgrass Conference and Equipment Show at which the attendance exceeded that of any previous Conference. Our Midwest Association is proud that our efforts may have contributed to its success.

No meeting was scheduled during February.

On March 10th Joe Dinelli and the Evanston Golf Club were excellent hosts to seventy-two Midwest members. Nels Johnson spoke on the topic of tree spraying.

Paul Voykin was a very competent host to over eighty members and guests for the April meeting at the Calumet Country Club. At this meeting we were honored to have the following guests: Mr. Elmer Border, President of the G.C.S.A.A., Camarillo, California; Dr. Gene Nutter, Executive Director of the G.C.S.A.A., Jacksonville Beach, Florida; Mr. James Holmes, agronomist, U.S.G.A. Greens Section; and Dr. William Daniel and Mr. J. B. Beard from Purdue University who presented the educational program.

Eighty-nine attended the May 4th meeting at the Hinsdale Golf Club. Our host, Bill Schwantz, provided an excellent groomed golf course for the first scheduled golf events of the year. The educational portion of the program consisted of question-box panel moderated by Frank Dinelli.

On June 2nd Marvin Gruening was host to ninety-six members and guests at the Midwest Coutry Club. Forty-four golfers inaugurated nine new holes that Marv had constructed himself. All of the greens at Midwest have C15 strain of bentgrass. "New Horizons" was the title of a very inspirational address by the principal speaker of the evening, Dr. Gene Nutter, Executive Director of the G.C.S.A.A. We were happy to have with us at this meeting our good friends Mr. Ward Cornwall and Mr. Bill Meline from Detroit, and Dr. Bill Daniel from Purdue University.

Amos Lapp and the St. Andrews Golf Club were our host for the July meeting. Seventy-six members attended, of which forty-four played golf on Amos's beautiful bluegrass fairways. Al Johnson again prepared an excellent educational program which moderator Frank Dinelli and his panel presented so well.

Although the weatherman played tricks on us and washed out the golf events of the August meeting at the White Pines Golf Club, our host, Al Hinz, pacified us with a fine steak dinner which over eighty members and guests enjoyed very much. Our mental appetites were satisfied by an exceptionally interesting program which Al Johnson arranged and Frank Dinelli directed. Several Superintendents were asked to talk extemporaneously and answer questions from the floor on a given subject. It was an extremely worth-while program.

Our joint meeting with the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association was held at the McHenry Country Club on September 8th. Seventy-one members and guests played golf on a course that has been tendered by our host, Al Purvey, for the past thirty-eight years. The educational program was presented by Charlie Wilson from the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission who did a splendid Job (he always does).

Heavy rains during the night and early morning of October 6th made it necessary to postpone our annual golf tournament at the Biltmore Country Club. In spite of the poor weather ninety-four members attended and enjoyed a delicious charcoal broiled steak dinner. John Ebel, our host, was very disappointed about the weather but extended to us a tentative invitation to return at another time. Dr. Mike Britton, plant pathologist from the University of Illinois, was present and explained to us the details involved in getting a research and experimental program started.

On November 3rd we enjoyed the fine hospitality of Ed Stewart and the River Forest Golf Club. Although no golf events had been scheduled, Ben Kronn, our golf committee chairman, had a few unexpected prizes for those members who found Ed's golf course to their liking. Frank Dinelli did a splendid job of moderating a question and answer period.

Ed Burke will be our host for the Annual Meeting on December 7th at the Elmhurst Country Club. Officers and Directors for 1960 will be elected at this meeting. I hope my successor receives the excellent cooperation during his year as President as I have received during mine.

Our activities during the past year have not been all business. A few social events took place. Many of you will remember the dinner and dance at the Butterfield Country Club on May 1st; the picnic at the Sacamore Golf Club on August 15th; and the dinner and dance at the Midwest Country Club on November 7th at which one hundred twenty members and guests enjoyed an evening of fun and relaxation that, we feel, was well earned.

DON'T FORGET - Attend the 7th Annual Turf Clinic on December 1st and 2nd at the Olympia Fields Country Club. The theme: Practical Research at Work.

Good luck, and may I express my profound appreciation for your excellent cooperation during the past year.

Ray Gerber, President

Following is a summary of the nominating committee report as presented at our November 3rd meeting:

President - Ed Stewart, Norman Kramer, Ted Woehrle and Emil Cassier.

1st Vice President — Ben Kronn, Wes Updegraff, and Dave Mastroleo.

2nd Vice President - Frank Dinelli, and Mary Gruen-

Secretary & Treasurer - Donald Gerber, and Howard

Directors (two to be elected) — John Ebel, Joe Canale, Al Bertucci, Roy Nelson, Walter Hoyt, and Donald Swenson.

> Respectfully submitted, Dominic Grotti, Al Johnson, Henry Lange, Adolf Bertucci, Robert Williams, Chairman

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

Fall Dinner Dance - Midwest Country Club Door Prize Winners.

Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Gustafson, Mr. Wm. Schwartz, 11r. Charles Schultz, Mr. George Dalman, Mr. Herman Woehrle, Mrs. Maham, Mrs. Ryder, Mrs. Paul Popp, Mrs. Gerald Dearie, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ed Stewart, Mrs. Wm. Saielli, Mrs. Ted Wiedenfeller, Mrs. Marvin Gruening, Mrs. Warren Roseman, Mrs. Ames Lapp, Mrs. Harold Reed, Mr. Ed Stewart, Mr. Norm Kramer, Mrs. Norm Kramer, Mr. Jack Smith, and Mrs. Art Smith.

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CLIPPINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Al Johnson are the proud grand parents of a daughter born to Mrs. and Mrs. William Koch, October 26th. Susie and Al are doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burdett, Sr. are taking a cruise down the Mississippi River. They will terminate their voyage at a Port in Texas, then plan to fly back from there.

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October 30. 1959

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These mowers certainly have performed to my satisfaction, and I highly recomment them the S7th. St. & Wester Lung of the S7th. St.

Ted Woehrle BEVERLY COUNTRY CLUB 87th St. & Western Ave. Chicago 20, Illinois

October 23, 1959

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I purchased four Toro Greensmasters in the spring of 1959.
They were completely satisfactory until about June, during a
period of lush growth when I
noticed some corrugation. Also,
felt the adjustment was too
touchy. After the application
of improved bed knives, I had
better performance. My greens
have had good putting surface
all year with no grainy conditions.

Bill Saielli Sunt INDIAN HILL CLUB Winnetka, Illinois

October 23, 1959

The Putting Green Mowers and have used them every day on 36 holes since I purchased them in April. 1959. They have been very satisfactory, giving a real good putting surface. We have had a minimum of bearing and other minor mechanical trouble, which was satisfactorily taken with the satisfactorily spring. I set the mowers as low spring. I set the mowers as low as I could, took out winter nap and grain without injury—set at 7,5° and left the mowers at that height throughout the year. I am expecting a good comb or brush system for next season on the mower which will improve it even more

Roland Bolte, Supt.

Roland Bolte, Supt. SPORTSMAN GOLF CLUB Northbrook, Illinois

October 23, 1959

We have operated four Toro Greensmaster Putting Green Mowers during the 1959 Golf Season. We had mechanical troubles involving the motors and some adjustment difficulties due to bearing failure and reel to bed knite adjustment. On my greens I feel the mowers have tended to corrugate the putting surfaces. I did not apply the improved bed knives which should help in this espect. Also I would like a more convenient throttle lever, as we are unhappy with the one now on the mower. I have had excellent service from Davis promptly at all times with my complaints. My men like the mower, the way it handles and performs. From the cutting standpoint, I like these mowers as well or even better that those previously used. My green are clean and free of mat am grain.

Wes Updegraff, Supt. OAK PARK COUNTRY CLU Oak Park, Illinois

October 26, 1959

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At Ridgemoor, we have used four Toro Greensmaster Putting Green Mowers all season. We started them out with the first cutting, My Greens Cutters like them very much. They handle easily on the greens and they like the ease with which they are transported from green to green. Our mechanical difficulties were few and certainly not more than average with any Putting Green Mower. In my estimation, our greens were excellent all summer. We had no damage from the mowers at any time other than negligence or the part of the operators. These new mowers have given us a good or better putting surfact than the old style mowers. Ou Professional has been very happ with our greens all season.

Harold Reed, Supt.

Harold Reed, Supt. RIDGEMOOR COUNTRY CLUB Chicago, Illinois

October 23, 1959

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October 23, 1959

We are using four Toro Greensmaster Putting Green Mowers on our 23 championship course. I have been pleased with the job these mowers do. My greens have had no mat or grain, cut at 1%, all summer and have excellent putting surfaces. The few mechanical troubles we encountered were promptly corrected and were no more numerous or serious than any other type of mowers we operate. My men who operate the mowers like them and men from my other courses, who have used the old type mowers all season prefer the Greensmasters if they can get them. My members have complimented us throughout the season on the fine putting surfaces on #3 course greens.

Gerald Dearle, Supt.

Gerald Dearie, Supt. MEDINAH COUNTRY CLUB Medinah, Illinois

October 14, 1959

October 14, 1959

In the spring of 1959, we purchased six new Toro Greensmaster Putting Green Mowers. After a season of weather conditions which were unusual to say the least, we are more than pleased with the operation of these mowers. We feel it is the first major advance in greensmowers in 20 years. Not since the time we used the Toro Pony have we been as pleased with the mowing job. In our opinion, the success of failure of any mower is largely dependent on the maintenance which includes the right gasoline, close attention to oil and grease, and proper setting of cutting unit. With this close attention, we have had complete success.

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BRYN MAWR COUNTRY CLUB Orville Decker

October 23, 1959

October 23, 1959

We were ready last year to buy the old Toro Greensmowers, but waited for the new Greensmowers, but waited for the new Greensmasters. We have cut all our greens at Edgewood Valley with four new Toro Greensmasters all season. They have been very satisfactory. We have had a few mechanical difficulties, but at our Club, I have a good mechanic and he soon mastered the servicing of these mowers. Wy greens cutters like the mowers. Our putting green surfaces are very satisfactory to the membership.

Chet Randby, Supt.

Chet Randby, Supt. EDGEWOOD VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB LaGrange, Illinois

October 23, 1959

October 23, 1959

We have used three Toro
Greensmaster Putting Green Mowers during 1959. Under normal
cutting conditions, the use of
these mowers gave us a good
putting surface aver used. When
grass is lush, we had some corrugation which disappeared with
normal cutting conditions. I
have had some mechanical mofour trouble which can be eliminated and I also feel that the
adjustment of the cutting units
should be improved. I think
that with the elimination of mechanical flaws, this mower is a
good greensmower, which in my
opinion, with continued use will
eliminate all grain from the

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