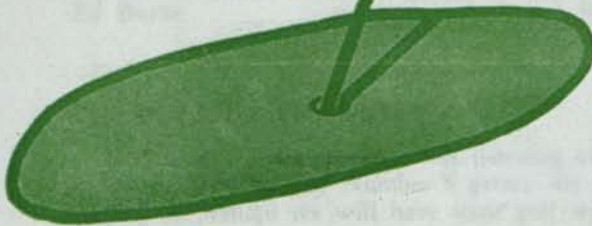




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THE JUNE MEETING
SILVER LAKE GOLF CLUB
TUESDAY, JUNE 7th, 1960
GOLF — SPEAKER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I look out my window this morning of May 12, I can see frost on our Number 8 green, the sun is also shining so perhaps we will have some golf weather this week end. According to the news reports various courses in the Chicago district are having the same difficulties we are — to much rain and too cold.

About 80 members and guests were present at our May meeting which was held at the Calumet Country Club with Paul Voykin as our host. The speaker Mr. Shoemaker, whose topic was Irrigation, was introduced by Ted Woehrle our program chairman. This was a most fitting topic at this time and no doubt proved very helpful to most of us.

Following Mr. Shoemaker's talk a Question and answer period followed with Mr. Frank Dinelli who always does an A-1 job as moderator. Programs of this type always seem to be of interest to all and we can derive much information and practical knowledge from them.

Paul had the jump on some of us — his course was well groomed and I am sure that those who played golf enjoyed the course. Many thanks to Paul for his hospitality.

It was gratifying to see so many at the meeting, however, if members could arrive earlier at the meeting so that we might have our dinner not later than 6:30 P.M., then our meetings would not have to last until so late, in this way members living at a distance could arrive home earlier. I believe this would help our attendance quite a little and we would like to have all our members attend our monthly meetings. If we plan our work ahead we should all be entitled to one day a month off. Every meeting we attend is worth our while and there is always something new to learn and we never get through learning.

The June meeting will be held at John Coghills Silver Lake Golf Club on June 7th, Tuesday with Dudley Smith as host Superintendent.

Sincerely Emil Cassier, President

CLIPPINGS —

Gearld Dearie of Medinah Country Club reported that his crew at Medinah has planted 300 trees, all maples, that the courses are all fertilized and leaded and that he is having a hard time getting the grass cut. The lake is running full but Gearld hopes to start a weed control project to clear the lake of weeds this summer. The fish planted there the season before last are growing.

Emil Cassier at Sycamore Park District has had a very hard time all season long. The back nine of the course has been under water all season long, and the rain of this week flooded it again.

Ed Shoemaker, an engineer of the Rainy Sprinkler Sales Co. of Peoria, Ill., gave the talk for the Educational Committee at the May meeting. Ed brought out the possibility of changing sprinkling practices so that water could be supplied without displacing all the air in the soil. It was a most interesting talk.

Frank Mastroleo who recently resigned from the Geneva County Club, plans a trip to California to visit Dave and his family. Dave is doing well and working hard at his new course.

Deloris Jean Coutre, daughter of John and Mrs. Coutre of the Itasca Country Club, has made the Deans list at the Catherine Gibbs School in Boston, for two semesters. John and Mrs. Coutre are justly proud.

Course problems — The weather has been the best we have had, but compared with other years, has not made the job of the Superintendent too easy this year. Greens and tees and fairways are saturated, tractors slip, and grass cutting is getting behind. Disease has set in in some places. Help is definitely a problem, many of the experienced men have left and those who have taken their places have not yet learned the jobs. It is however, still too early for the new crop of ulcers to show up.

Ray Runfeldt of the Winnetka Park District, has had a busy season too. They are building a new par 3 course, a new half way house, 6 new football fields with the New Trier High School, and three new baseball diamonds. However, Ray plans to continue his boating on Lake Michigan when the weather settles down.

Don Smith formerly with Walter Fuchs at Glen Eagles Country Club, is now Superintendent at Southmoor Country Club.

Mrs. Eddie Wohlenberg, wife of Eddie Wohlenberg of the Gary Country Club, gave the following account of a most interesting week at Crete, their home town—
Crete families played host to 30 foreign guests from International House on the University of Chicago campus on April 29, 30th and May 1st. The guests were graduate students from India, Sweden, Norway, Indonesia, Japan, England, Germany and South Africa. It was an experiment in international relations that proved to be a mutual feeling of enjoyment and satisfaction.

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THE EFFECT OF ARSENATE OF LEAD ON WEED CONTROL

For some reason which has never been satisfactorily explained, arsenate of lead will control crabgrass in the vicinity of Chicago. A lot of lead has been used in other parts of the country but does not have a bit of effect on crabgrass. In the Chicago area courses which have used lead on the turf have been almost completely free of it for many years. Thirty years ago, a golf course on the north side of Chicago was having trouble with worm casts on the fairways. In fact the casts were so bad that it was the practice on that course to drag the fairways with steel mats to level the casts out before the grass could be cut. In the fall of 1927 it was decided to treat the fairways, greens and tees with arsenate of lead at the rate of 200 lbs. to the acre. The treatment was a big success, not only totally correcting the worm cast problem, but the following summer it dawned on the Superintendent in charge that he had little or no crabgrass anywhere in the area treated. Naturally he was delighted and figured that it must have been the lead that did the trick, as the leading was the only thing done that was not regular procedure. Subsequent treatments were made in the following years and this course has never had enough crabgrass on it to bother about. There was another course in the same area

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where the greens became so infested with crabgrass every summer that a number of women were hired to pick it out by hand. When the greens were finally treated with arsenate of lead, the crabgrass disappeared completely and has not been a problem since. We might add, also, that greens years ago would also become badly infested with mouse ear chickweed. It was found that the weed was completely eliminated when arsenate of lead was sprayed onto the leaves of the plant. Dry applications did not seem to be successful, but when the lead was sprayed on and allowed to remain on the leaves that the chickweed turned yellow and finally disappeared. At least one Superintendent in the Chicago district is experimenting with regular spraying of lead arsenate on Poa Annuua to determine whether it will have a like effect. It may be that spraying is the correct procedure and will give better results than the dry method. We might also add that there was a period when it was thought that Chlordane would take the place of lead arsenate, but although it is a necessary product to use, lead arsenate is still needed if we are to keep some of these weeds under control.

Turf has been wonderful this spring, but we have not been able to keep the grass trimmed the way we would like to and it gets a little ragged looking at times. There has been a lot of leaf spot in Kentucky blue grass and the other day we noted some fescue that was hard hit with a fungus disease. There has also been some early Dollar Spot and some of the disease in Poa Annuua which we have never had identified correctly. It appears in tees and other areas where there is a high percentage of Poa Annuua and even comes in areas that were immune to Snow Mold this last winter. It looks bad, but does not seem to do a lot of damage to the grass. As has been the case in other years, courses that are away from Lake Michigan are ahead of those near the shore. However, although it is colder there in the Spring, it is also cooler in the Summer, so there is no cause for complaint.

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Downers Grove Men's Garden Club and invited public, 45 attended.

Lisle Garden Club, 20 attended.

Valley View Home Owners Assoc., 44 attended.

Glen Ellyn Woods Home Owners Assoc., 46 attended.

Other station visitors, 15. Total 160

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Most disease control recommendations for blue grass include the addition of some type of wetting and sticking agent. I know of no recommendations for the use of these materials on bent grass putting greens, and the information in this letter is not a recommendation for the use of spreading and sticking agents on bent grass greens. If you are interested in trying a spreading and sticking agent to determine whether better disease protection can be obtained, I suggest that you do so on an experimental basis only. Also, contact your fungicide dealer for further information on materials that are available and for information on compatibility with the spray materials you are going to use. Caution should be used on bent grasses, spreader stickers should never be used when fertilizers are included in the spray mixtures or burning may occur.

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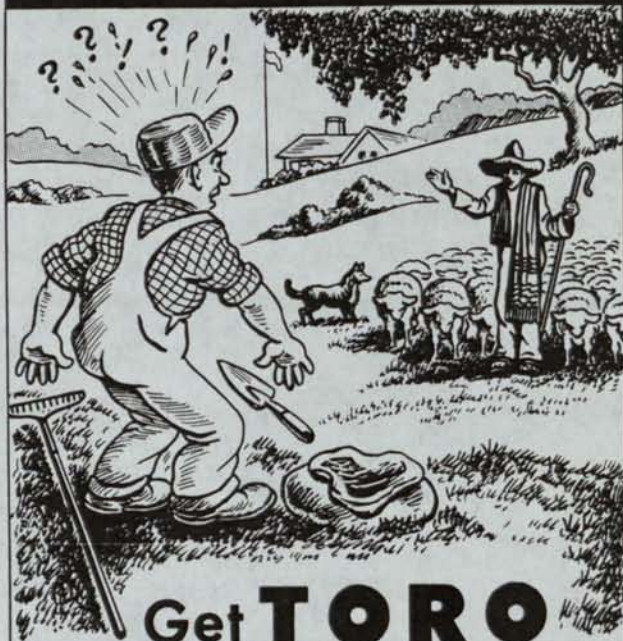
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