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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dateline: September 14

It's a "beautiful day in Barrington" like the man says. A good day for almost doing anything. A good day just to breath and be alive. Two things remain to be accomplished on my aganda for the afternoon. One is to take in Barrington High Schools first football game of the season, which is an easy task because the football field is only a stones throw from my back yard. The second is to write this message not such an easy task at times. However, the football game is giving me an idea.

As most of you know football is a game that involves two opposing teams of eleven men each. Played on a field 100 yds. long. Briefly, the object is to move the ball across a goal line at the other end of the field defended by the opposition. Usually one man commands a team and either hands off or throws the ball to someone who then attempts to carry it over the goal line. The object of the opposing team at this time is to prevent the ball carrier from doing this. This is a very brief and crude explanation of the game but I'm sure most of you know the rules better than I do anyway.

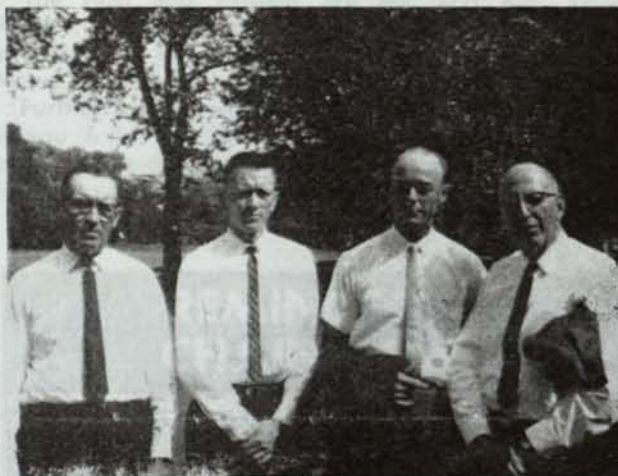
OH NO!! Look out there he goes. Barrington just had a pass intercepted and Racine returned it for a touch-down. Oh well, there's plenty of time left yet. I hope.

Life can be sort of a football game at times. We might be the commanding quarterback one day or the ball carrier the next. As I see the quarterback hand off the ball to one of his teammates I'm sure he is confident that the ball carrier will carry the ball to the best of his ability no matter what the odds or how big the tackles are.

The same can be said for responsibility of daily living whether it be in our work or in extra-curricular activities. When we are given the ball of responsibility we must carry it as best we can no matter what. Likewise, when the occasion arises and we give the ball to someone else we expect the same. A simple assumption but a very important one nevertheless. If we do not want the responsibility of carrying the ball the easiest souldion I can think of is not to get into the game in the first place.

Well, the dust has cleared from the field and Barrington has come out on the short end of a 33 to 21 score. You can't win 'em all but keep on trying anyway.

John Ebel, President



RAY GERBER, DON GERBER, and AL JOHNSON
l. to r., talking to **MARSHALL FARNHAM** (far right)
our guest speaker.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

The September meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents was held at the Rolling Green Country Club in conjunction with the Wisconsin Chapter of Golf Course Superintendents, on September 9th. This meeting was one of the most successful meetings of this type during the past ten years. There were 106 that played golf and 140 stayed for dinner. Our guest speaker was outstanding and presented a timely subject. "The Philosophy of the Superintendent" was the title of Mr. Marshall Farnham's talk. Some of the points which were stressed in his presentation were; We are not interested in the nature of things and we generally are not hungry enough for education. We should have a constant visualization of our goals. Often we are satisfied with our accomplishments.

Mr. Farnham went on to tell us about some of the background of the early gatherings of inquisitive Superintendents and how some of the desires for education were met by the men in those days. The USGA played an important part in helping the Superintendent solve some of their turf problems.

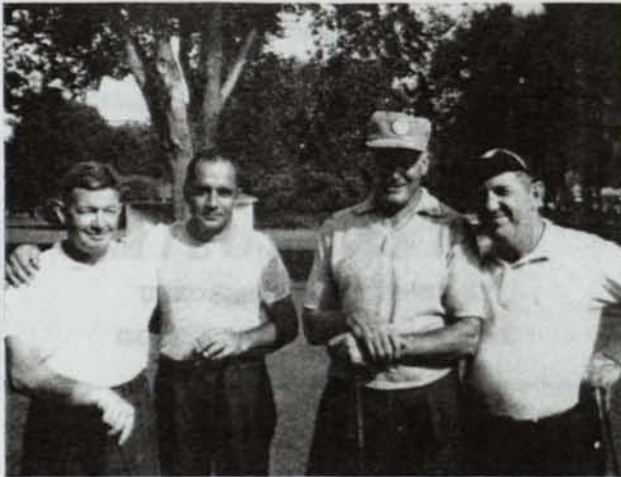
He also pointed out that we should be more aware of the interference we sometimes cause the golfers during our maintenance procedures on the course. We should practice perfecting our administrative qualities. Salesmanship is playing a bigger and bigger part in our operation each year. We must be able to sell our programs if we wish to continue our success.

GOLF WINNERS

Emil Mashie played one of his finest rounds this year to win the Low Gross honors from some of our hot-shot golfers. He fired a 73 to claim this honor. The Midwest Association won the team honors also. The imaginary cup was presented to the Midwest.

Other winners for the day were: Harold Hall, Peter Voykin, Tony Meyer, R. H. Schultz, John Coghill Sr., and Frank Roark. Ed Braunsky and Harold Michels, Milt Cummings, Dick Puzin, Bob Welsh, Sy Graham and Vern Rascher were also winners. The remainder of the winners were Lou Roseman, Frank Dinelli, Barney Wendt, Art Fairhead, Paul Cloy, Dom Grotti, Al Bertucci, Al Cress, Bob Winter, Tom Leed and John Crew. In talking to Charlie Shiley we learned that Rolling Green is the course where he got his start under Graham Gardner in 1932.

Superintendent Dennis Straus had the course in fine order for the event of the day and served us with a very tasty dinner. This proved to be one of the finest meetings in a number of years. The refreshments for the players out on the course were furnished by IMC. Thank Dick Hedberg the next time you see him.



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The Host and Hostess are Mr. and Mrs. Doug Jabaay. Cocktails at 6:30 P.M. followed by dinner and dancing. The music will be played by the "Musical Notes." There will be door prizes.

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NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

It is our pleasure next month to be invited to play Chicagoland's best known and finest Club. We will be playing the great Medinah Country Club for our annual Golf Tournament. Our Host Superintendent is Gerald Dearie, long time member of the Association.

Sharpen up your game and come out and enjoy yourself. (You might want to bring a few extra balls along to replace the ones you lose in the lakes). This should be one of the tightest races for the Championship in many years. No one person has won two monthly events this year.

Peter Voykin won at Ridge in May, Benny Kronn won at Beverly in June, Harold Michels won at McHenry in July, Bill Saielli and Peter Voykin tied at Palos Country Club in August and Emil Mashie won at Rolling Green in September.

PURDUE FIELD DAY

The Midwest Regional Turf Foundation presented another fine Field Day at Purdue University on September 9 and 10. Much work has been done on the Practice putting Green on the Campus in new Bent Selections and Calcined Clay. New products continue to be tested for Crabgrass Control. At present there are nine products on the market that give good control for crabgrass.

Purdue has released a new Zoysia called Midwest. It joins Meyer and Emerald. It is a vigorous, darker green, Course-leaved selection.

Much work is still being done on Bluegrass selection and Breeding. The blending of some of the better Bluegrasses is still being recommended for best results. Some study is being conducted on Cutting Height on new Bluegrasses.

Fertilizer studies on Nitrogen Sources are also being studied by the University.

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NOVEMBER MEETING

The November Meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents will be held at the Inverness Country Club on November 5th. Mr. George Roloff will be Host.

FALL CLINIC

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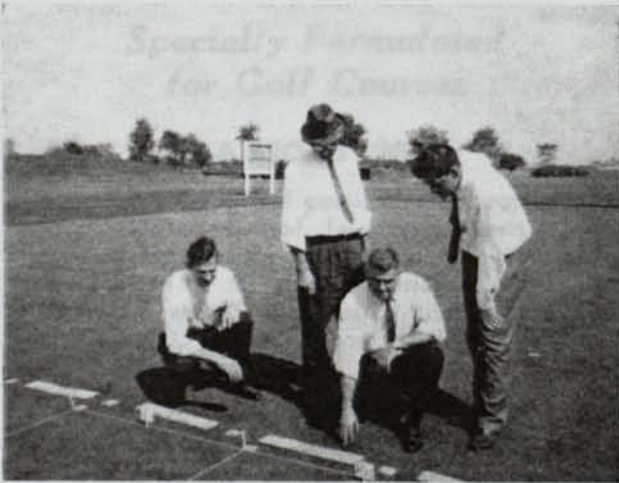
ILLINOIS FIELD DAY

The Illinois Turfgrass Foundation presented its third Annual Field Day at the University of Illinois on September 16. There were over 100 interested persons in attendance. Our Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents was well represented. We counted 41 members of our Association.

Some of the work being conducted at the University is greatly improved over last year. Some of the experiments involve: Mowing height in Bent, Crabgrass control in Bent. Varieties in Bent and their response to various maintenance procedures. Some work on Zoysia is being conducted along with fertilizer studies on Merion. A great deal of work is being done on selection of a shade tolerant grass. Experiments are being conducted in three intensities of light.

Out at the Savoy Country Club some work is being done on weed control in Bents plus fungicide trials are being conducted.

We were introduced to various people responsible for the fine work being conducted in turfgrass research.



DR. MIKE BRITTON, with hat, showing PETER BILD, ADOLPH BERTUCCI and PAUL VOYKIN turf plots at Illinois Field Day.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents will be held at the River Forest Country Club, December 2nd. This is the meeting in which new officers are elected and changes to the By-Laws are presented for membership approval or disapproval.

NEW GOLF COURSES IN CHICAGO

This is the beginning of a new series which I hope to continue for some time. I will need the cooperation of the Superintendents involved. This new column will deal with information about the various new clubs in our area. It will deal with statistics that each one of us is interested in.

The first Club that I would like to present is on the Southwest side where I do most of my golfing. It is a new nine holes at the Silver Lake Country Club, 147th Street and 82nd Avenue, Orland Park, Illinois.

John Coghill is the owner of the Course and Dudley Smith is the Superintendent. They have two 18 hole regulation golf courses in addition to this new nine which is called "Rolling Hills." The par is 29, consisting of seven par threes and two par fours.

The course was designed by Ray Didier under the guidance of John Coghill. Ray Didier built the course also. Work was started immediately after the 4th of July 1962 and it was opened for play last month. The greens are huge. They range from 6,500 sq. ft. to 13,000 sq. ft. averaging around 8,500 sq. ft. The terrain of the course is Rolling and very interesting to say the least. Most holes have a generous supply of trees surrounding them. The greens have good contour and very fine pin placements. Almost the entire green is usable.

The soil used for the green surface was mixed off site and hauled to the individual greens. They used a high sand content mixture of about 50% #2 torpedo sand. A calcined clay was mixed into the top three or four inches. Penncross seed was used for the greens. They have covered over very well and are putting beautifully.

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The course received some publicity the night before the first round of golf was played by the public. The Club sponsored a small tournament for the employees of the Club. The event was called "Dudley's Duffer Open." There were 24 entries and ranged from Bob Heindel, North Texas State College, who shot par, to Phil Rauch, 60 the carpenter, who wanted

to use his hammer to hit the ball, to Ted Weirsema, who has worked 32 years on golf courses and played for the first time in his life.

The course record to date is 25. A real accomplishment.

One of the sidelights in the construction of the course was in the building of the bridges and cart paths. The bridges were constructed by the crew maintaining the grounds. Used railroad ties were used for the approaches to help prevent erosion of the soil around the bridges. The supports of the bridge decks is made of concrete. The cart paths were built by one of the members in the Midwest Association, Ray Murphy of the Lemont Paving Company.

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AN INVITATION TO PLAY ROLLING GREEN

John Coghill and Dudley Smith have extended an invitation to all membership classes of the Midwest Association to play the new Rolling Hills Course at the Silver Lake Country Club on Thursday, October 10, 1963. Golf will begin after 12 noon and will be free. The "Open House" is being conducted for those people that would like to see and play one of Chicago's newest courses. Make up a game and come on out. Everybody is welcome.

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