



# The Bull Sheet

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*Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents*



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Lake Shore Country Club

## **NEXT MEETING**

**LAKE SHORE COUNTRY CLUB**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1964**

**LUNCH — GOLF — DINNER**

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

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### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### Mother's Day—A Bit of Nostalgia:

In this modern day of sophistication and outright anti-sentimentalism; in this day of super jets and atom bombs and automation, it is well to turn to the simple beginnings where we first remember life just to recall how we have arrived at our present place of abode and to once again trace the roads we have traveled in our search of our particular peace in the community of man.

Three hounded and forty seven miles due South, across the Ohio River, over some high speed highways and a few byways not yet so modern and well paved, lies a farm in the valley known to me as Home. The resident there is known by me and two others as Mother, the source of our being; a wise dear lady of some eighty years, keen of mind but not so spry in body, yet with a bright outlook and an eagerness for life. What better time for a son to return home for a brief overnight stay than Mother's Day, 1964. While there, it was easy to recall the days of the past and never cease to wonder at the changes that have come over the face of Rural USA in the short period of forty-five years.

It is said that a child's first remembrances will be lasting ones. For me it is easy to recall being awakened one November night, the 11th to be exact, to be taken out on the front porch of this farm home to hear the ringing of the country church bells. This was indeed strange, the ringing of the church bells in the middle of the night. This was a joyful occasion, I was told, for the war across the great ocean was over. The year was 1918.

I vividly recall other Mother's Day events at one of these country churches. Of red roses snipped from the arbor out by the chimney to be worn by those of us whose mother was still living; of white roses worn by those of the congregation less fortunate whose loved ones had passed from the rural scene to the great beyond. The Easter egg hunts held in this church yard among the grass and red clover would delight today's modern youngster as it surely did us. Then too, there was the two mile walk over dusty or mud roads, depending on the season of the year, to attend the log, one room school, housing all eight grades.

After the first great war, the scene began to change. There was talk around the community about a machine called a tractor that was powered by a liquid which looked like water. Some said they had seen it pull two plows at one time. These same prophets claimed that some day this tractor would replace the horse and mule on the farm. Fantastic, said others.

I recall too of the yoke of oxen in the log woods; of the abundance of quail and rabbit at the fall hunting season and of the sounds of the night life made by the big 'Hoot Owl', the Mockingbird and especially the lonely Whippoorwill at eventide.

Rural living today is as modern as your home or mine. This is good. The tractor has replaced the horse as the 'beast of burden'. Telephone and electricity, with school modernization to meet educational needs has done the rest. The Nostalgia of the 'Good Ole Days' is but a fond memory.

These were but a few of my reflections on Mother's Day, 1964. I found her quite well, Thank You.  
Warren Bidwell, President

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### TEN YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

It was just ten short years ago this month that the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents held their meeting at Bonnie Dundee. There were 47 golfers that participated in the golfing events which incidently included a Seniors event which was won by Bill Stupple. Emil Mashie won Low Gross with a 70, followed by Joe Canale, Bill Kraft and several other members that are still winning all the events. Dr. Bill Daniel was the guest speaker that evening, talking on protective turf management.

Another big event for the golf course Superintendents was the organization of the Central Illinois Golf Course Superintendents Association. A meeting was held on June 21st at the Tilden Hall Hotel, Bloomington, Illinois, with 28 in attendance. Jim Brandt was elected President and C. W. Jones was elected Vice-President with Floyd Mendenhall being elected as Secretary-Treasurer.

This fine organization has come a long way since then and has already had its first representative on the National Board of Directors in the person of Jim Brandt, their first President. Jim is the Superintendent of the Danville Country Club where he has been doing an outstanding job for many years. Happy Birthday to our sister chapter.

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### COMING EVENTS

Bill Stupple of the Arrangements Committee reports the following meeting locations and dates.

- July 7, — Woodridge Country Club
- August 3, — Olympia Fields Country Club
- September — Joint Meeting with Wisconsin
- October — Annual Golf Tournament — Briarwood Country Club
- November — Silver Lake Country Club
- December — Glendale Country Club



**TOM IVERSON**  
 Guest Speaker at Calumet

### LAST MONTH'S MEETING

The May meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents was held at the Calumet Country Club on May 11th. Over 30 members enjoyed the beautiful day on the course, and 81 sat down to a delicious chicken dinner. Donald "Jack" Smith was the host Superintendent and Mr. Roth was the Manager. They both did an excellent job of supplying us with excellent facilities and service.

The golf prizes for the Peoria System event were donated by the Calumet Country Club and one of its members, Mr. Kickert, the owner of the carts. All the income from the carts for the day was turned in by Mr. Kickert and the Club, and prizes were purchased. Contributions such as these are always welcomed and deeply appreciated by the Association. Thank You.

Our after dinner speaker on the Educational Program was our good friend Tom Iverson of the Garfield Park Conservatory here in Chicago. Tom gave us an insight into the numerous problems facing him in his work with flower beds and their arrangements throughout the parks. If any of you have ever seen his excellent work you will realize what an outstanding job he does.

We were happy to see some of our friends back with us after their illness. Oscar Borgmeier, John Coghill and Paul E. Burdett were with us once again. Glad to see you all feeling well and looking so good.

### POINTERS FROM TALK GIVEN BY TOM IVERSON AT CALUMET COUNTRY CLUB

Flower pots made of Sugar Cane Surplus are better for planting than Peat pots because of better water movement. — A good poison bait for cut worms is made of Paris Green plus Sorgum or Molasses plus Bran.

### Some Highlight from the talk at Calumet C. C.

Among some of the outstanding colored slides shown by Tom Iverson last month, were some showing the Bark Beetle responsible for the Dutch Elm Disease. Several shots included the beetle in its burrows with several eggs that were visible. The females lay clusters of five to seven eggs and they hatch progressively over a period of 10 to 14 days. This is why a dormant spray is so effective.

Tom also pointed out that aphids bare living young. These all seem to be females until in September when she also bares some males which will breed with all the females that have preceeded them.

He showed some pictures of the Pine Shoot Moth, Long Horned Beetle and a selection of spiders, pointing out that spiders are our friends and that we should not be afraid of them. Tom also pointed out that the Laced Wing Fly is beneficial because it hatches into Aphid Lions which help to control aphids. He showed a picture of a Caterpillar Killer which was perhaps the ugliest of them all.

Some of Tom's favorite varieties of flowers included: Pink Satan Petunias, St. John's Fire Salvia, White Magic and Popcorn White Petunias. Some good color combinations are Red Geraniums and White Petunias. Don't make the mistake of trying to grow Petunias in the shade. By all means do not over water them either. They like dry conditions.

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Pete Voykin won the Low Gross Prize with a 77. Nice going Pete. Winners of the Blind Bogey Event were Norm Kramer, John Ebel, Ed Braunsky, Ted Hammerschmidt, Dom Grotti, Ted Woehrle, Dick Trevarthan and Joe Dinelli.

Once again thanks to Mr. Kickert and the Calumet Country Club for the wonderful prizes.

Refreshments served out on the course were supplied by the Illinois Lawn Equipment Co. They were appreciated by all of us that played. Thanks Bob.

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents will be held at the Lake Shore Country Club, Glencoe, Illinois, on Tuesday, June 9. Adolph Bertucci will be our Host. Lake Shore is one of the finest conditioned courses in the world.

Mr. DeWees, the Club Manager, promises us the best in food and service. There will be a luncheon buffet ready in the Locker Grill at 11:00 A.M.

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We are featuring this day as Senior's Day in addition to our usual monthly golf Tournament.

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### REMINDER

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Fungi spread from plant to plant and one turf area to another by wind- or water-borne spores; use of infested seed, soil, or topdressing; in clippings; or soil adhering to shoes, and various types of equipment.

#### Diagnosis

For successful disease control, early and accurate diagnosis is essential. Different fungicides and cultural practices are effective against different disease-causing fungi. An incorrect disease diagnosis may easily lead to serious loss of turf before an effective fungicide and cultural control program are used. When a new problem arises, determine the real cause and the best possible methods of control.

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#### When Disease Strikes

1. Make an early and correct diagnosis.
2. Carry out recommended control practices.
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