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Ed Braunsky, Superintendent Hickory Hills Country Club.

The President's Message

Sitting at my desk casting a few reflections on snowy Washington, D.C. and our recent National Conference. In all cases I think our accommodations at the Hilton were excellent, but it will be a long time before we forget the exorbitant prices of everything.

Isn't it a disgrace that in our nation's capital, tourist attraction that it is, one must fear purse snatchers, muggers, and sidewalk holdups the minute he leaves the bright lights of the hotel lobby.

On the brighter side, wasn't the Gay Nineties Dance with the derby hats a welcome innovation? The boys in Frisco will have their hands full to outdo our Washington hosts.

Many of the wives heard Rev. Joseph Wick's "The Therapy of Laughter" on Monday morning, but missed a far more thought provoking talk later on. Mr. John Ott's information on the effects of infra red and ultra violet light on plants and mice was outstanding. His climax about our youngsters spending endless hours four feet in front of a TV tube, left us all spellbound.

Next years' Conference in San Francisco will be preceded by our golf tournament. The golf will be played on Monterrey Peninsula following the Bing Crosby Clambake. The Voykin brothers are already practicing hitting golf shots in a wind tunnel, and I've started to save my quarters.

Has your March calendar got these dates marked?
Purdue Conference, Lafayette—March 6-8
Iowa Conference, Des Moines—March 13-14
Midwest Meeting, River Forest C.C.—Tues. March 14
Mich. State Conference, East Lansing—March 15-16

In conclusion, I would thank our members and their wives, for making my mother so welcome in Washington. This was Mom's vacation from babysitting, and won't be forgotten.

Sincerely,
Dudley Smith,
President

MEET YOUR DIRECTORS

Ed Braunsky began his work in Turfgrass Management as a Trainee at the Kishwaukee Country Club in DeKalb, Ill., immediately after high school in 1950.

Upon completing two seasons at Kishwaukee Country Club, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving 4 years on active duty, was honorably discharged holding the rank of 2nd Class Petty Officer.

He resumed his work in Turf Management at the La Grange Country Club as a Trainee and later on as Assistant for the next 5 years under the supervision of Howard Barewall. During this time he attended short courses at Purdue and Urbana, completing correspondence courses.

He began working for Hickory Hills Country Club in 1958 as a Golf Course Superintendent, and now has taken the helm as General Manager of Hickory Hills Golf Club.

In December of 1964 he was elected to the Board of Directors of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents and has been re-elected for another 2-year term.

Mr. Braunsky is married and the father of 2 girls and 2 boys.

Golfing, fishing and hunting are his favorite hobbies.

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Gerald F. Dearie, Superintendent Medinah Country Club.

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Gerald Dearie was born at Ridgemoor Country Club where his dad, Gerald M., was foreman of the grounds under Ed Dearie. In 1936 the "Dearies" moved to Edgewater Country Club. Here Jerry grew up in the atmosphere that was the setting for his profession. His caddying at Edgewater was the start and in his sophomore year at high school he went to work on the grounds crew.

The first year was spent as an official trap raker. In 1949 Jerry started his formal education at Purdue, but Uncle Sam stepped in during the Korean conflict and said, "I want you!" While in the service Jerry married his Evanston high school sweetheart.

January 1, 1955 is a day that will be remembered because that's when the job of Course Superintendent of Edgewater Country Club was taken by Gerald F. Dearie. It took a golf course construction superintendent's position in Cucnavaca, Mexico to move Jerry. He helped build the "Club De Golf Monte Costello." His wife, Beryl, and their three children are bilingual by reason of the wonderful experience of living in Mexico.

After 2 years across the border Jerry came home in 1963 to his present position at Medina Country Club. One of the highlights of his career as a golf course superintendent was the opportunity to host the 1966 Western at his club. National recognition was given for the condition of the Number Three course.

Elected as director in 1965 and now as second vice president of our association, Jerry has shown that constant effort to better our professional standing is one of his objectives.

Jerry's hobbies include golf (low 80's), fishing and hunting.

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WASHINGTON REPORT

by Wilhemina Fuchs (Mrs. Walter H.)

It is with pleasure that I tell you of the Ladies Program at the International Turfgrass Conference held in Washington, D.C. 565 ladies attended the Conference this year.

The Mid-Atlantic Association put forth a great deal of effort to make the Conference the success that it was. In the lobby of the Conference Hotel the G.C.S.A.A. emblem was constructed in a circle using hyacinths of several colors. The entire circle was surrounded with evergreen trees of varying heights.

We attended the opening of the first Educational Assembly. Wre Reverend Joseph Wick from Lafayette, Indiana spoke. He spoke with a bit of humor as well as on the serious side. He chose to speak on "The Therapy of Laughter."

That afternoon 300 or more ladies took bus tours along Embassy Row. Our particular bus stopped at the Israel Embassy and also at the Istam Mosque Temple. The Temple is beautiful. The pulpit is made of 12,000 pieces. The chandelier weighs 200 tons. It took the Egyptian craftsmen 3½ years to inlay the tile on the wall. At the Israel Embassy we were served a tea and shown a movie explaining life and the customs in Israel.

That evening the Annual Get Acquainted Party was held. There were 3300 people that attended the conference and I believe all were at the party. It looked that way, at least.

Another day we had an Optional V.I.P. Private White House Tour followed by a tour of the city and the U.S. Capitol, and luncheon in the Caucus Room at the Senate Office Building. In the White House we were in the Library, the Diplomat Room, the East Room, the Dining Room, the Blue Room, the Green Room, the Red Room, and the North Entrance. We also viewed the dishes that were used during each presidency.

In the Capitol we were in the Senate but it was not in session at the time. We did see Senator Dirksen walking across the Rotunda in the Capitol.

Washington is a pretty city. It is one of the few great cities where no one minds if you are a tourist. There are 97 statues in Washington. There is also the Washington Monument, the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials and many other structures and landmarks.

That afternoon there was an Optional Mt. Vernon and Old Alexandria Tour. We visited Arlington National Cemetery previously during our free time. We were saddened when we stood at the site of our late President John F. Kennedy's burial place and also at the sites of the Astronauts' Roger Chaffee and Virgil Grissom graves.

Another afternoon the ladies attended a luncheon at the Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland. Guest speaker was Mr. John Bostain of the State Department. He spoke of the different signals of communication that we use in our everyday life. We were a captive audience as he was interesting as well as humorous.

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Another evening the Mid-Atlantic Association gave a Gay Nineties Party. The music was enjoyable. A Gay Nineties motiff was carried throughout. This is the first conference that we have attended where there has been dancing and we believe it was an excellent thought.

We visited the Midwest Association's Friendship Room several times. The Committee and all the extra helpers were busy supplying everyone's need and they are to be commended. Mrs. Florence Smith, mother of Dudley Smith, attended the Conference. She resides in Kingston, New York. It was a pleasure being with her and we know she enjoyed herself tremendously.

The last evening the Annual G.C.S.A.A. Banquet was given. There were 960 people present for the dinner. The dinner was delicious and beautifully served. Entertainment followed. Featured were Joseph Sodja, Guitarist, formerly with Fred Waring; Singing Star Jeanne Steel, Singing Star from the Broadway hit "Gypsy"; and West and Maza, Unique Comedy Act.

There was more to see in Washington, D.C. California has extended to us an invitation to visit their state in '68. The Conference will be held in San Francisco. We are sure we will lose our heart in San Francisco.

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APRIL MEETING

In lieu of the educational program a general discussion will be held regarding Class E Associate Membership in the Midwest Association. All Class E members will be excused from attendance.

The week before our national conference, a letter was mailed to Chapter secretaries and voting delegates, authorized by the Midwest Board of Directors, endorsing Ted Woehrle as our candidate for director of the National Association. The letter related Woehrle's background, and qualifications for the position.

Walter Fuchs, first Vice President of Midwest Association, will give an address at the 32nd Iowa Conference on March 14th in Des Moines.

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The above photo was taken at the exhibits in Washington, D.C. earlier this month. It shows 3 wives of Golf Course Superintendents, but you might only recognize one, myself, for the other two are not from the Midwest, Mrs. Michael Ovia (center), Ellington Ridge C. C., Connecticut and Mrs. Richard Silvar, Knickerbocker C. C., New Jersey.

My first conference was in Chicago in 1959 and Jerry and I were Host and Hostess and on the entertainment committee. I was fortunate to meet a few gals from other parts of the country, Mrs. Richard Becker, Big Foot C. C., Wisconsin and Mrs. John Kolb, Minneapolis C. C., Minnesota. Christmas cards were exchanged and we met again in Houston 1960 where we gathered Mrs. Joe Dinelli, Northshore C. C., Ill., and Mrs. Ovia. This has grown every year and trying to all stay together during the conference is harder but we manage pretty well. The latest count is about 10—the above mentioned, and Mrs. John Bodcock, Purchase Hille, G. C., New York, Mrs. Harlan Simes, Interlachen C. C., Minnesota, Mrs. David Miller, Saucon Valley C. C., Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Jerry Dinelli, Northmoor C. C., Illinois.

We all try to correspond during the year and while waiters and store clerks cringe when 10 gabby women invade their premises, we hope we can meet every year, for we all look forward to each and every conference no matter where. When tours are in progress, we usually try to get on the same bus and thoroughly enjoy all the activities and events planned for the women. We also try to enlarge the group every year, introducing our own local friends to the others and in that way we meet a lot of women, and while we might not remember the names, we always see lots of familiar and friendly faces each year, and while we're not all together at all times, you'll usually see two, three or four together.

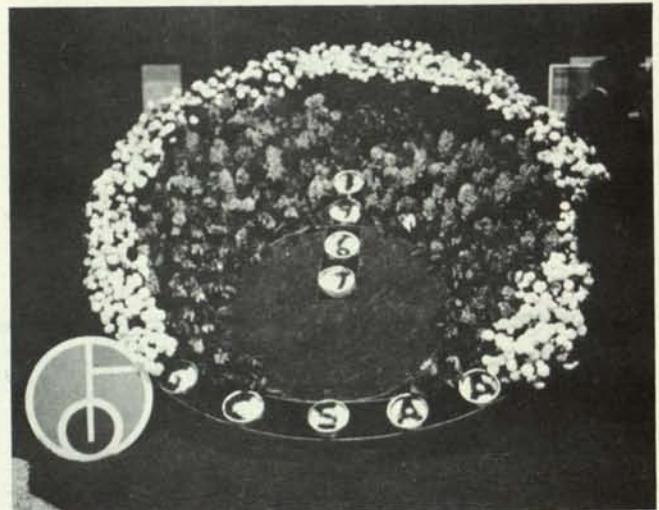
Our husbands heartily approve, for we're never bored while they're attending the sessions; standing and looking lost while they're engaged in conver-

sation, or trying to follow them around the exhibits.

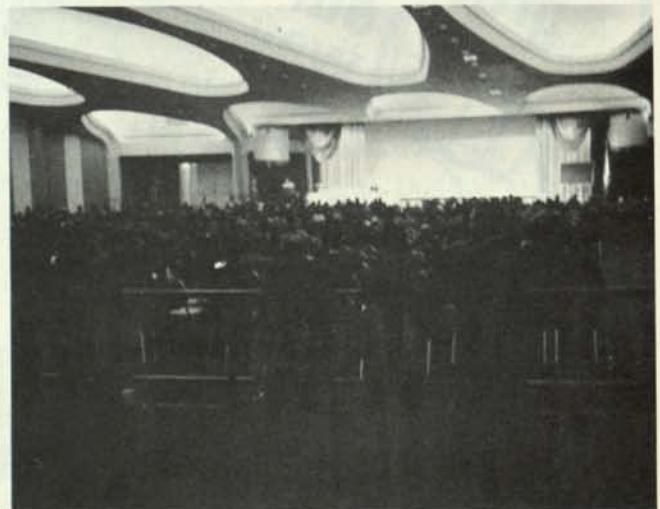
We don't try to all go out in the evenings as 20 people are rather hard to fit into a couple of cabs or cars, and also to seat at a restaurant. We realize this, but 8 or 10 are not too bad and we all have a lot of fun. This past year four couples brought slides, rented a projector and we had our own educational session. Homes and children were shown to all and then the golf courses took over and the men enjoyed exchanging ideas, problems, solutions and conditions of their various golf courses in different parts of the country—Illinois (ourselves), Minnesota (the Kolbs), New Jersey (the Silvars) and Connecticut (the Ovias).

Jerry and I have missed only one conference since our first in Chicago, and hope and look forward to making each and every one in the years to come.

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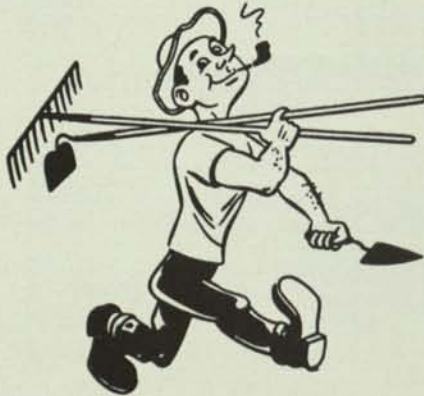
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