

## **GCSA Pres. Bob Williams Is A Superintendent's Supt.**

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Bob Williams, the new GCSA pres., got his turf indoctrination early. When he was 12 years of age, his father became the owner of a semi-private club and Bob was immediately installed as a working hand in the course maintenance dept. Love of things related to turf prompted Bob to further his education by enrolling at Prof. Lawrence Dickinson's Massachusetts State winter school for three successive years. During this time, Williams worked at Medinah CC in Chicago as an asst. supt.

In 1941 he became asst. to John McCoy at Ohio State University GC. Shortly after this he went into service. He was with the combat engineers for three years, serving in the ETO and getting his discharge as a captain. After two more years as an assistant at Ohio State, Bob got the chance to take over as head man at Beverly CC in Chicago. He has been running the maintenance dept. there since 1947.

The new GCSA pres. has been very active in sectional association work, both in Central Ohio and the Midwest, since 1941. He was pres. of the Midwest group in 1956, a director of the national organization in '53 and its vp in 1956.

Williams is known in his profession as a man with superior technical knowledge and great administrative ability. He also is an extremely fluent speaker. He isn't a bad golfer, either, often shooting in the 70's despite a tendency to hit what he calls a "banana" ball.

### **Border, GCSA VP, Veteran of 32 Years in Turf Work**

Elmer G. Border, the newly elected vp of the GCSA, is supt. of the Olympic Club, San Francisco, the site of this year's USGA Amateur. Most of his 32 years in the greenkeeping profession have been spent in California, although from 1950 to 1954, he was in charge of course maintenance programs at clubs in Mexico.

Border's first job as a Supt. was at Lake Arrowhead (Calif.) GC. Following this he worked for two years as a construction supervisor for Max Behr, the architect. He returned to course maintenance work when he took over as supt. at Rancho Santa Fe (Calif.) GC and then followed jobs at Virginia CC, Long Beach, and Orinda CC.

He left Orinda to become supt. at Mexico City CC and later served in this capacity at Club de Golf, Mexico, before returning to the U. S. and his present post.

Elmer was a director of the GCSA in 1956-57. He has been pres. of the Northern GCSA, Northern Calif. Turfgrass Council and Federated Turfgrass Councils of Calif., and during 1939-40 served as secy. of the Southern Calif. GCSA.

## **Schalestock Would Air Condition Course with Nuclear Curtain**

Some thinking out loud by Charley Schalestock, supt. at Norbeck (Md.) CC, stirred up lot of interest at the GCSA convention and got a big play in the Washington, D. C. newspapers.

"About 10 years from now," Schalestock said, "we're going to have air conditioned golf courses. When nuclear energy becomes so cheap that we can afford to put it to work for us, we're going to be using it at our clubs and in other large outdoor areas to regulate temperatures."

### **Curtain of Air**

Schalestock's scheme, which sounds like something out of Rube Goldberg and Space Cadets, but probably will become a reality sounds like this: An air curtain, 150 ft. high, will extend around the periphery of the course with the power on something akin to a third rail. On mid-summer days when the temperatures soar to the 90s, the curtain will reduce them to the pleasant 70s. In the fall or spring, unseasonal snows will be converted to rain and play will continue. The curtain also will be used to block off cold waves when people want to play golf in mid-winter.

### **Would Give Course A Rest**

Since every course needs a rest, Schalestock will provide for that. He'll let the snow fall for a week or so during January and then when a thaw sets in, draw the curtain around the course so the ground inside remains frozen. If he so chooses, he can keep the snow on the ground for a month or even longer if he thinks it necessary.

Schalestock didn't say whether he has done any work on the nuclear curtain project. Probably not. Just having a thought as gigantic in scope as this undoubtedly has left Charley so tired he'll want to rest until it's time for planting the spring stolons.