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### ANNUAL RYERSON MEETING APRIL 11

Starting 12 Noon

**The New North Shore  
Country Club**

If weather permits, a tour  
of the golf course.

#### **Dinner Provided**

Speaker: Dr. Thompson speak-  
ing on first aid.

A group picture will be taken,  
so be sure to attend.

## You Help Choose The Name

Say, how about a title for our bulletin; surely some of you can come up with one: Badger Banter, Flag-Stick News, Supt. News., anything you think we would like to call our newsletter. I cannot offer a trip to Florida, but you would be able to brag a bit that you named the newsletter.

I saw quite a few of you at the National Convention in Kansas City. As I have attended only three years I'm probably not an authority, but we had a good representation—25-30 people. That's great; I hope that next year in Washington, D.C., we will have as many.

Incidentally, why don't more of you people join the National, a real good organization? It's real easy, only costs you \$50 which you should be able to convince your club to pay. The benefits start there: you receive a very fine magazine, \$1,000 of life insurance, fellowship with superintendents from all over the country, and access to files of information. The National is a good organization, good for you.

This was a good conference this year. Kansas City had very good facilities, auditorium, the motel rooms were very good and the eating places, especially for steak, were excellent. The conferences were well attended, well worth your while, always something to suit everybody's varied interest. Mine in this particular case was water, and I found plenty of information on it at the conference.

I thought Roger Larson gave a fine talk; we should be proud of him, as California is now.

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**Ba nter**

by PETER MILLER

I received an invitation from Wisconsin Turf and Equipment Co. to attend their Tenth Anniversary at their business location in Janesville, Wisconsin. Bill Eckert and myself went down not knowing really what to expect.

We were very impressed. Someone had done a wonderful job laying out a very good program. Each company or supplier, of which there were nine represented, were placed so as to represent holes on a golf course, each hole being a dart board. The visitors then proceeded to play "golf", being scored on each hole and possibly winning a prize. Bill was lucky enough to win a bag of Milorganite; he can just add that to the 2,000 bags that he already has.

The whole group was fed a very good dinner at the Vet's Club in Janesville and then heard a tremendous speaker, subject—"Have a Happy Heart". I assure you not a person left without a happy heart, so that would mean there were 238 happy hearts.

I think that congratulations are due Ralph and Ray Christophersen and their crew for a very fine job, and also to wish them an equally successful future.

Say, how many of you attended the flower and garden show in Milwaukee? If you did not, I think that you missed a great opportunity. Try to see it next year.

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## Irv Johnson Is Good Example Of Correspondent

How many of you have a local newspaper or newsletter that the club puts out weekly or bi-weekly, that you could write an article for? Quite a few, I bet.

There is probably not a greater way to inform your club about what is happening and when. Also, this is a great way to let your members know that you take great pride and interest in your golf course, and that you would like them to do so also.

I have a very good example here, an article written by Irv Johnson for the *BDM Divots*, the newsletter put out by Butte Des Morts Golf Club. It reads as follows:

### *Greens and Fairways Stand Long Winter*

This year the golfers are off to a late start. Winter weather lasted through Easter. This may have been great for the many skiers at BDM and yours truly, but actually, I guess I would rather golf than ski.

Greens, fairways, and tees came through the winter in fine shape. Not so our creek crossings. Most culverts and some bridges were washed out by flood waters during the first week in April.

The new interceptor sewer which follows Mud Creek across holes 13, 14, 15, 12, 7, 4, leaves a bad scar. Flood waters uncovered much of the sewer line which was filled with loose soil awaiting a sodding job. Dry weather is needed now so that heavy trucks can bring in materials for finishing off this work. Bahr Construction has decided to sod all of this work to reduce the danger of more flood damage later before seed could get a firm sod built up. By June 1, the golf course should be in better shape than ever before and damage done by nature and man (or boys) should be completely healed.

Remember each individual that plays golf carries with him a responsibility to improve the course by his consideration of the people who follow him, and for the grounds. The better golfers more than ever must keep up the lead in setting a good example and by teaching others not to abuse or litter the golf course.

A new home for the superintendent is rapidly taking shape where the old one used to be. A heavy end loader and



## SELL'S CELL



by WILLIAM SELL

Many of the Superintendents in the Milwaukee area attended the 37th International Turfgrass Conference and Show in Kansas City, Mo., the week of February 13th. Even though the area was fairly well represented there could have been many more present. The benefits derived from a conference and show are invaluable, and more superintendents should make an effort to attend.

Perhaps the officials of some of the clubs do not realize we have a National Organization; if they could be made aware of this, they may request the superintendent to become a member and to attend the meetings.

I was happy to hear that Ray Mertens of Racine Meadowbrook joined at Kansas City. Saw Roger Larson, Superintendent of golf courses for Del Monte Properties in California, and it was most interesting to hear how differently things are done on the Monterey Peninsula as compared to Wisconsin.

a couple of trucks made short work of the shack that was there. In two hours only a hole in the ground remained. It is the hope that this is the start of a continuing program to update the golf

course at BDM.

IRV JOHNSON

This is an excellent example of what you could be doing or should be doing for yourself and your golf course, whether your course is public or private.

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