

is leading; is this trip necessary; and, **where** do we go from here?

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## ZONTEK LEAVES GREEN SECTION'S NCR; REPLACED BY LATHAM

The Wisconsin golf community is still reeling from surprise as a result of the news that Stanley J. Zontek is leaving the North Central Region. He is moving east to assume the directorship of the Mid-Atlantic Region for the USGA.

Adding to the shock of this move was the announcement that Stan's duties in the NCR will be handled by a new member of the Green Section staff, Mr. James M. Latham. Latham's leaving his position of manager of agronomy and promotion for the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District to rejoin the Green Section staff. His 25 years of active participation and involvement with the MMSD was pre-

ceded by 3½ years as an agronomist with the USGA.

Very few men in the grass business could have done a better job of developing a region, of capturing the loyalties of that region's Golf Course Superintendents, and have been as influential as Stanley has. Although we are all sad to see him leave, at least we were able to learn from his advice and counsel for four years. Maybe some friendly persuasion will get him back each year for the Symposium and for an occasional WGCSA meeting. Stan, his wife Marti and son Chris plan on settling somewhere between Philadelphia and Baltimore.

The selection of Jim Latham was an excellent move by the USGA. He brings along with his many years of experience the kind of formal training required of his new position — a B.S. degree and an M.S. degree from Texas A & M University. It is also a distinct advantage to us that he is so familiar with the midwest golf course industry. Beyond that, it is a pleasant thought to know we will have a good friend in this important USGA position.

Latham's absence will increase the work load at MMSD for Bob Welch, their National Distribution Manager. In addition to replacing Jim, the MMSD is interviewing for a new field agronomist's position.



Photo taken in 1960; left to right are Charlie Shiley, Ron Verhaalen, Jim Latham, John Stampfl, and Les Verhaalen. Latham joined MMSD in 1960.

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