

baskets off. Still, all in all, I wouldn't trade those showers for anything, despite this subsequent attending and inevitable misery.

The bicentennial year of 1976 was the driest in my sixteen years at Blackhawk Country Club; ask Bob Erdahl about that summer. He was my assistant. During the summer of 1976 I asked Vincent the same question I'd asked my grandfather twenty years previous. Same answer — 1936.

And in that summer, in my childhood, in the 1950s, when we needed that rain so badly, I remember praying for rain for the first time in my life. In July of 1901, seven Boston clergymen preached on the topic, "Can Prayer Bring Rain?" Four of them concluded that it could and three of them had reservations. It is not recorded whether or not they made a field test.

But I did this time. And this time, my prayers for rain were answered.

Thank you, Lord, for this beautiful rain.

MONGE WINS "JAMES R. LOVE" SCHOLARSHIP

Todd Monge has been chosen to receive this year's Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association "James R. Love" Turfgrass Scholarship. Monge is a junior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he is majoring in Soil Science with the Turfgrass Management specialty.

Todd has been employed at the Nakoma Golf Club and worked under WGCSA member Randy Smith since May of 1985. In addition to learning the practical aspects of golf turf management at Nakoma, he has participated in the CALS Internship Program. His studies in this area included *Poa annua* invasion of golf green approaches and a golf course construction project.

Our congratulations to Todd along with the best of luck in his turfgrass management career.



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