Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents Association

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JULY 1962

The following is an Open Letter to the Minikahda Golf Club Grounds personnel:

Fellows:

We have a tight and concentrated operation from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Hundreds of members of Minikahda look to the club for ideal golfing conditions, clean grounds, tennis courts and immaculate facilities. We do not have time for groups of our employees endlessly debating abstruse topics or making telephone calls to friends (or receiving) during working hours or disturbing the older personnel with way-out comments.

Therefore, we request that you forget for the next couple of hot months your existentialism, your logic, and the clippings about your glorious past. We request that you handle tools and equipment carefully, report any damage or irregularity in the golf course and equipment. Be observant and be a good walking advertisement for the grounds crew. Be alert and courteous with the people who pay your salaries, the members. Minikahda is privately owned, and any object found lying on or about the grounds belongs to the looser, as you would expect anything in your own yard returned to its rightful owner.

We want a certain spirit or "esprit de corps" within the grounds department. Grousing or complaining or feeling hurt or talking negatively does not help. We have assigned you to a job we think you can do and our only precaution is that you do not endanger the health, safety or morals of others (or your own). We want to be in a position to file a dissenting opinion to those who say "Todays labor" isn't worth the powder to blow it to hell.

John L. Kolb, Supt.

AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP The following is a quote from Dr. Gene C. Nutter in regard to our application for affiliation status:

"Let us congratulate you on your status as an official affiliate, and incidently, let me congratulate you on the very attractive Constitution and By-Laws publication of your chapter. This is nicely done and I am sure very useful to your chapter.

"As you know we consider your chapter one of the real solid organizations, and welcome very much your early application for official affiliation.

"Most cordial regards to all the membership."

TORO CITED AT WORLDS FAIR Toro Manufacturing Co., a sustaining member of the Minnesota Golf Course Supts. Assn., has had its line of power mowers chosen as the "Official World's Fair Tower Mowers". Thus the platoon of Toro lawn care machines will keep the Century 21 lawns at the Seattle Fair sleek during the duration of the Fair.

SERVICE TIP Ed Nohava vigorously proposes the following for keeping throttle control wires from sticking: "Generous applications of penetrating oil along the exterior of the flexible cable. Penetrating oil with graphite is ideal".

KUDOS is accepted by the Editor on the birth of a son on June 23, 1962. Our first born after two adoptions - total now three.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEAK Blessed is the Superintendent who is too busy to worry in the daytime and too sleepy to worry at night - Voice of Nazarene

ATPLICATIONS The following persons have made application for membership:

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Apprentice Clarence E. Larson -- Theodore Wirth Far 3 Russell Adams -- University of Minnesota Bernard E. Zimmer -- Greenhaven, Anoka

Associate
Lorne R. Dunham -- Chem Agro Corporation
Jake Balda -- Wyandotte Chemicals

CONGRATULATIONS to Orville Gerber, Verne Hanson and Donald Watrud in their climb to regular status via the examination thesis route:

Congratulations also to William Lundquist of Forest Hills Golf Club, Forest Lake, Minnesota on his acceptance as an apprentice member.

NEXT MEETING -- GOLDEN VALLEY G.C., JULY 10, 1962. The speaker for the evening will be a floriculturist from Northrup King and Co.

FOR SALE Mussers' new edition of Turf Management - 2 copies @ \$10.95 each. See Ed Nohava.

SUPERINTENDENT: Sir, I was not drunk but just drinking.
GROUNDS CHAIRMAN: That's different. In that case I'm not going to suspend you for a month but for only 30 days.

MORE WISDOM No man ever became eminent as a superintendent who did not have in his make-up a very considerable element of enthusiasm. Something more is needed than dull plodding work. -- Megiddo Message

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