

# Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents Association

Affiliated with the National Golf Course Superintendents' Association

## HOLE



## NOTES

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At times it is necessary to reflect and view with introspection the workings of our minds and the development of our opinions. Many years ago Bacon, in his essay, "Of Custom and Education", made the statement, "Men's thoughts are much according to their learning and infused opinions." This statement is part of the criticism of the thinking in the educational world of that day but does set the stage for giving us more understanding of the many differences between thought and action. Bacon indicated that men think as they please but act as they feel they should. Also associated with this type of thought is the basic metaphysical concept that all of our ideas and all thought comes from pre-existing thought. Thus, right or wrong, all of our ideas have stemmed from previous ideas or situations that we modify to fit our purposes.

What would these philosophies mean, directly, to a golf course superintendent? They should mean, first, that it is difficult to achieve effectiveness under conditions of idea isolation. Progress and planning for improvement and future development in golf courses should require not only introspection and study of existing situations but also should mean exploration into new variations from original themes. Certainly each situation, each locale, will set the stage for the final, most logical conclusions. The ingenuity required to achieve these solutions is difficult to attain if the superintendent is not exposed to more than his own provincial conditions.

Therefore, in addition to utilizing the talents of all individuals at hand, it is necessary to broaden the scope and recognize other possible solutions and new approaches by attending monthly meetings of your compatriots and, even further, national conferences. Thought-sharing that occurs through contact with leaders on the national level in the various fields should be deemed vital. In that way the superintendent escapes the narrowness of his individual golf course and develops a livened approach to solving both today's and tomorrow's problems.

A Personal Note to Jim Graham: Who besides Leo Feser could say such flattery about you and yet not tell a falsehood? Re: The Buckhorn Party.

Summer Crew: Plan now to use an agronomy or turf student for your summer crew. To quote Dr. Nutter: "Golf superintendents must recognize their obligation to colleges who offer courses in turf-grass management. Students must receive "on the job training" during the summer months if they are to round out their education and be of the greatest value in our industry."

Men can be acquired by contacting Dr. Donald White, Univ. of Minnesota or Dr. Elliot Roberts at Iowa State University.

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The Annual Minnesota Educational Conference date has been changed to February 27, 28 and March 1, 1963, in order to better space the time between other educational conferences. REMEMBER FEBRUARY 27, 28 & MARCH 1 at the LOWRY HOTEL, ST. PAUL.

MINNESOTA TORO will host a January Appreciation Party. Please, if you are asked, show your appreciation by responding to the R.S.V.P. (re'pondez s'il vous plait)

MORE ON JOE -- If you recall in the last issue of "Hole Notes", it was reported that Joe (R.?) met with a facetious accident. It has since been reported that after picking himself up and walking the two hundred and fifty feet back to the highway and to the car from which he was thrown, the waiting police cited him with leaving the scene of an accident.

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