

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1977

Serving as your president this past year will always count as a high point in my life. It has been a very full and rewarding servicership and I hope I have served you well. I would like to give special thanks to the fifteen people who chaired the various committees and their members. Each year your association grows and the demand on each committee steadily increases. This year's committees rose to the occasion and should be commended for a fine effort. Our association has benefited greatly by the progress of each committee. I hope in the future more of our members will want to become involved, ensuring our association of continued growth and progress.

Our one day seminar in March was so well received that I am sure there is a message for the future. Our association should place it's greatest emphasis on education for it is through education that each and every one of us is able to prepare for the future.

The job referral system which was implemented at the start of this year has had far reaching success. I have received calls from North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and all over Minnesota. Clubs that have used our referrals have expressed thanks to our association for helping them locate a qualified man. It is very gratifying to note that there are so many qualified people in our area that they do not have to advertise nationally. This membership service should do nothing but improve as more and more clubs become aware of it's existence.

Our associate members who continue to support our organization have expressed some concern over advertising in our HOLE NOTES. Something for us to think about might be for our association to become an umbrella association encompassing all the people in turf-related fields. The national association is presently contemplating similar action and we might do well to watch the direction they choose.

I want to thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your president. My warmest thanks for this honor and here's hoping the holiday season and the future will be good to each and every member of our association.

Jim Lindblad
President

Vetter Joins Northrup King



Northrup King Co., Minneapolis, recently announced the appointment of Larry G. Vetter as Manager, Professional Turf Products Division.

He has over fifteen years of experience in the turfgrass field including eleven years as Golf Course Superintendent and Superintendent of Grounds for Minikahda Club, Minneapolis; four years as Assistant Golf Course Superintendent for Park Land Country Club, Muscatine, Iowa and one year as the owner and operator of a commercial and home lawn maintenance company. Vetter has a B.S. degree in horticulture and turfgrass management from Iowa State University where he received the Top Turfgrass Senior Award in 1965. He was assigned to Iowa State University's turfgrass research program during 1965. Vetter also earned a degree in business administration from State University of Iowa in 1962. He has served as Director, Vice-President and President of the M.G.C.S.A.