MEET YOUR SUPERINTENDENTS!



MARK SMITH is the new superintendent at the Minneapolis Golf Club. Although young in years, Mark is long in experience and we are sure he will do an outstanding job at this great golf course. Mark is a graduate of the Penn State Turfgrass Program and already has eight seasons of experience under his belt before joining the staff at Minneapolis. Six of those years were at the Marshall Golf Club, four as head superintendent, while the past two seasons he has worked as the assistant superintendent at the Minikahda Club. A member of M.G.C.S.A. since 1974, Mark and his wife have a one and one-half year old "ball of fire", Andrea Rosales. Playing golf is one of his favorite hobbies along with traveling through Mexico where he can put to good use his ability to speak Spanish fluently.



LYLE CRAN of the Stillwater Country Club quite probably holds the M.G.C.S.A.'s active longevity record for most years, continuously, at one club. Lyle started on the crew at Stillwater in 1947, became head superintendent in 1950 and thirty-years later is still there doing the same excellent job he has done since he started. A Quarter-Century Member of M.G.C.S.A., Lyle was an active and important member of the association during its formative years. Lyle was very instrumental in the planning and building of Stillwater's additional nine holes in 1959 and since has manicured this fine club into one that is perennially in excellent condition. Lyle also loves to play golf as he won M.G.C.S.A.'s annual tournament six of the first seven years he was a member. He and his wife, Mildred, have five children, ranging in age from fourteen to twenty-nine.

1979 ATLANTA CONFERENCE NEWS

The following slate of candidates for the 1979 election has been announced by the chairman of the Nominating Committee, John J. Spodnik: For President: Charles H. Tadge, CGCS; For Vice-President: Louis D. Haines, CGCS, Melvin B. Lucas, Jr., CGCS; For Directors (two to be elected for three year terms each): Michael R. Bavier, CGCS, Edward Dembnicki, CGCS, Daniel L. Hall, Jr., Robert W. Osterman, CGCS.

Keynote speaker at the opening session will be Dr. George H. Labovitz, Ph.D., a professor of organizational behavior at Boston University School of Management. His address is entitled, "Managing For Productivity" and deals with an integrated approach to management and organizational development.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE GEORGIA WORLD CONGRESS CENTER - SITE OF THE TURF CONFERENCE
The Georgia World Congress Center......

- ..is as long as the Eiffel Tower is high or the equivalent of a 50-story skyscraper on its side;
- ..exhibit hall is 14,784,000 cubic feet or 8 acres or equivalent to 8 football fields side-by-side;

..has 5,500 tons of steel, enough to make 5,000 automobiles;

- ..has enough wall framing, wallboard, doors, plumbing, lighting, carpet and glass to build 200 houses;
- ..AND LAST, BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST-In designing the building, architects had to allow 1/8 inch variance at each end of the building to conform to the natural curvature of the earth.