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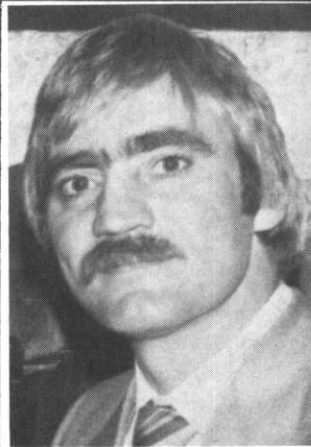
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**THE MAIN DIFFERENCE**

... between private enterprise and government is found in this comparison: The formulas for making Coca-Cola and Kentucky Fried Chicken are still secrets. How to make a hydrogen bomb is on the newsstand.



**FROM THE  
PRESIDENT'S  
DESK**

Now is the time to make our decisions on what we are going to do and how we are going to protect our turf from winter injury. Many chemicals or combinations of chemicals are available to effectively control snow mold. However, winter injury, as was proven to us last spring, is more severe sometimes than diseased damaged turf.

Are there any alternatives? Yes, I think there may be. However, there may be as many solutions as problems. One solution may be late fall very heavy top dressing of greens and tees. I, along with many other superintendents, have tried top dressing and have realized some satisfying results.

More important than applying materials to protect the turf from winter injury problems is to very carefully inspect our courses for situations which may lead to the problem. So what I'm saying is that the majority of our problems we may have next spring are the results of existing situations today. The present situations that may later be problems are compaction, low fertility, shallow roots, water logged soils or all of the above.

The more proficient we become at identifying situations that later become problems, the more effective we can be in correcting those situations. It's rather like noticing some surface rust on the fender of our automobiles. If we do nothing to eliminate the rust, by next spring that fender may require costly repair. Maybe it's like the ad on T.V., "You can pay me now or pay me later".

Next month's meeting will be at the Hanson House in Long Lake, Minn.

On behalf of all members, Thank You, Host Superintendent Steve Schumacher and all the people at the Hastings Country Club. The weather on October 13 was a little chilly, but the hospitality was very warm.