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The kindergarten lad rushed home from school and insisted his mother buy him a set of pistols, holsters and gun belt.

"Whatever for, dear?" his mother asked.
"You surely would not need anything like that for school, would you?"

"Yes, I do," he replied. "My teacher said that tomorrow she's going to teach us to draw."



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

DENNIS HENDRICKSON

It is my privilege to serve as President of this organization. I feel very honored to have been selected. I am very proud to be a member of the M.G.C.S.A. It is my hope that I will be able to serve this organization in such a way as to improve the image of the golf course superintendent in the eyes of the golfing public and to make this association even better. I plan to continue the many things that President Dick DeSplinter initiated last year and to initiate a few new programs which have been discussed by the Board of Directors.

I feel education is the key. There are many ways available to the members of the M.G.C.S.A. if we choose to educate ourselves further. One, of course, is the HOLE NOTES. We should all make it a point to read it and to contribute to it.

We can all learn from our peers at our monthly meetings. By the way, the next meeting will be our January outing which will be January 12, 1981 at Izaty's Lodge on Lake Mille Lacs. Jerry Dubbs and Wally Benson will be our hosts. This has become an enjoyable annual trip. By conversing with so many of our friends who have our same problems, we become aware of many ways of attacking them to find solutions. We should all make an attempt to meet new people at our meetings. The first step could be made by wearing our name tags which make it easier to approach someone to learn about him.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about myself. I am presently the superintendent of the Honeywell Country Club in Lakeville, Minnesota. I grew up on a farm near Paynesville, Minnesota. While attending high school my biology continued on Page 3

teacher, now Pastor DelRoy Johnson who spoke at our 1980 prayer breakfast, was the superintendent of the Koronis Hills Golf Club. I worked for him one summer after which he accepted a position teaching at a university in Iowa. He asked me to be his replacement at Koronis Hills. I served as superintendent there for four summers while attending Augsburg College, Minneapolis where I graduated in 1971 with a B.A. degree, majoring in biology, minoring in chemistry. After graduation I worked for Northrup King for ten months in Waterville and at the Eden Prairie Research Firm. I missed golf course work and then decided to try to get on a course in the metro area. I happened into Rolling Green Country Club one afternoon where I first met Jim Lindblad, then the superintendent there. He directed me to Dave Feser who was looking for an assistant at the Honeywell Country Club. I was interviewed and got the job. That summer I enrolled in a night course at the University of Minnesota in turf management, taught by Dr. White. Dave Feser left that fall for the Fiji Islands to build a golf course. I was interviewed for his job and was hired. In 1976 I became involved with the certification program offered by the Golf Course Superintendents' Association of America and became certified. I have been married for seven years to my wife, Sally. This past September we had our first child, Justin. We live in Burnsville, Minnesota.

We can also learn through research. Each one of us should support the expanding research program of the M.G.C.S.A. This year will be very interesting as Dr. Taylor continues his work in sand topdressing with help from Dr. White and Dr. Blake and as Dr. Stienstra explores an intriguing turf disease which we heard about at our Annual Conference. He will also be working with other diseases and fertilizer studies.

The Annual Conferences offered by the M.G.C.S.A. and the G.C.S.A.A. are very important if we are to keep up with current information available to the turfgrass industry. This year's M.G.C.S.A. Conference was a huge success. A special thank you goes to Don Lindblad and his committee and to all those who participated. Plans are already under way for next year's conference. We are going to try our best to have a CPR class in conjunction with the conference. The superintendent is most likely to be the first employee at the club to be contacted if a golfer has a heart attack so this class could save lives. This year the G.C.S.A.A. Conference will be held in Anaheim, California, January 25-30, 1981. It has all the indication of being the biggest and best ever. I hope to see many of you there.

I would like to welcome all the new directors to the Board. They are Irwin Fuller, Jr., Dale Caldwell, Nathan Dunn and Kerry Glader. I would also like to wish Jim Lindblad good luck as he runs for a directorship of the G.C.S.A.A. It looks like it will be an interesting year to belong to the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association. I hope I can get to meet each and every member and to be of service to you this year.

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