

## Distinguished Service Awards—

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a new clubhouse and maintenance building, two automatic watering systems and the construction of five new greens and tees. His son, Tom, came to work for John at age 16. After high school, Tom went to turf school and became his dad's assistant until John retired. He now works at Parkview in Eagan.

In January, 1987 the Fullers retired to northwestern Wisconsin at Voyager Village. He came down with a severe case of Lyme's disease and spent six days in the hospital and the rest of the summer recuperating, but, fortunately, he recovered very well.

Come January 1, 1992 John will have been a member of the MGCSA for 40 years. During that span he said he obtained much knowledge and gained many friends.

A member of the MGCSA Board of Directors for three years in the early '70s, he also is a 32-year member of the GCSAA. Next September he and his wife will be observing their 50th wedding anniversary.

### GEORGE OSTLER

George D. Ostler, who retired in January, 1988 after 36 years of service as head superintendent at Hillcrest Country Club in St. Paul, began his career shortly after World War II ended.

Born and reared in California, he came to Minnesota with his wife and infant daughter.

From an economic standpoint, he needed to get a job quickly. He happened to notice a help wanted newspaper advertisement placed by Midland Hills Country Club in St. Paul. The late Wally Mund was head professional as well as greenskeeper at the time, and he hired George to work on the grounds crew under, as he says, "an old fellow who was in charge."

After about two months, "the old fellow" was let go, and George was asked to fill in until a replacement could be found. However, George became head superintendent and remained at Midland for about 10 years.

**In December, 1955**, George accepted the head superintendency at Hillcrest and held that position until his January retirement two years ago.

Succeeding George was his son, also named George, who had worked for his father at Hillcrest for several years, and now father works part-time for his son, which, he says, "allows me to keep up with the ever-changing methods of golf course maintenance."

**George joined the MGCSA in 1949** and has been a member ever since. During the four decades that followed, he was elected to the Board of Directors. During his nine years on the Board he served as membership chairman, research chairman, treasurer, vice-president and, in 1979, he was elected president.

In 1957 he joined the GCSAA and attended most of the national conventions over the years. At two of them he was the voting delegate for the Minnesota association.

George now lives with his wife, Lorraine, in Oakdale.

## Ransomes Appoints Cushman As Its Distributor

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