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## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the MAGCSA will be held at the Ft. Leslie McNair Golf Club on December 8, 1970. Our host will be Roy Walker who has been at the club for years. This is a very important meeting since it is our annual election of officers.

## DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB

From the south — Come Route 95 onto 14th Street. Take Maine Avenue to 4th Street. The club is at the end of 4th Street.

From the north — Go south on 295 to South Capital Street. Take South Capital to M Street. M Street to 4th and left on 4th to the club.

## RETURN TO SENDER

Enclosed with the Newsletter this month you will find a self - addressed stamped postcard to be used in updating our soon to be revised membership directory. Please fill it out and return it even if the information has not changed. If you don't send it back, you may have an incorrect listing in the directory and miss out on all the thrill packed issues of the Newsletter!

## SURVEY IDEAS

George Quigley, the Director of the Institute of Applied Agriculture at the U of Md. sent us the following letter. It is good to get ideas and possible explanations as to the results of some of these categories.

Mr. Denny McCammon  
8301 Keene Mill Road  
Springfield, Virginia 22150

Dear Mr. McCammon:

I was very much interested in the survey which appeared in the September, 1970, MID - ATLANTIC NEWS LETTER. Of special interest to me was the changing educational background of superintendents.

For example, from 1967 to 1970 the person having only grade school education had almost disappeared — 2%. The high school only category had changed remarkably; in 1967 almost half had high school only, and this had decreased to 33% or 1/3. The increased technical training needs of the superintendent are reflected in the increase of those having some college training. I would interpret this as meaning two - year technical courses such as we have at Maryland, or courses elsewhere. The number with a college degree has been reduced by one - half, from 32% to 15%. Possibly these figures indicate that the scientifically educated college man is tending to go into teaching, research and development as a career.

I am sorry to hear that my neighbor Ed Dembnicki is leaving Indian Springs for C.C. of North Carolina near Southern Pines. My long - time associate, Dr. H.M. DeVolt, who lives at Southern Pines and who is a died - in - the - wool golf addict, may possibly be one of his customers.

Yours very truly,

George D. Quigley, Director  
Institute of Applied Agriculture

## WHAT NEXT, OH GREAT HICKEL?

Dick Silver sent the following goody from the 10/29 issue of the Baltimore Sun. The golf course mentioned is city owned and is called Pine Ridge C.C. What are we to do as turf growers? There is a full scale problem here with no clear way out. (See editorial)

## GOLF COURSE FUNGICIDE BANNED

The use of lethal mercury - based fungicide on the greens of a golf course next to Loch Raven Reservoir, the city's main water supply, has been stopped by the city health department. The order banning the fungicide came yesterday from the health department, two days after Dr. Neil Solomon, secretary of the state Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, asked for an investigation of its use. The fungicide,

Tersan (OM), was banned from all federal lands this summer by Walter J. Hickel, the Secretary of the Interior.

### RECOGNITION; THAT'S WHAT I LIKE!!!

Tom Doerer from Ft. Belvoir got his name and picture in the post publication last month. It is unusual to see the super giving out awards. Bet there was a big kiss from all the winners, what do you want to bet? Read on --



**MRS. ALBERT BALL is congratulated on winning the 1970 Belvoir Women's Golf Tournament. Presenting her with the top spot trophy is Thomas Doerer, superintendent of the North 18 golf course. ( U.S. Army Photo by Earl Davy)**

The Ft. Belvoir Women's Fall Golf Tournament ended this month with Mrs. Albert Ball winning the club championship by defeating Mrs. Thomas Twisdale on the first hole of a sudden death playoff following the 36 holes of championship competition.

Mrs. John Schick was the tournament medalist with a score of 81. Awards were presented by Thomas Doerer, superintendent of the North 18 golf course, during a luncheon on the club patio.

### LET'S EAT!

This is a personal plea as well as a plea from at least 75% of the supers in our group. If you are going to be a host for one of our monthly meetings next year, please, please get together with your manager, chef or whoever will be in charge of the meal and don't have roast beef, green beans with almonds and apple pie! We all like roast beef, but enough's enough!!!!

Also, let's keep the price reasonable. Certainly we want the club to make money on our meetings, but good grief! We don't want them paying their bills for a month or two just off our meal alone! Get together with

them and decide on a fair price to them and to us. Roast beef - gick!

### REALLY GOING IN CIRCLES

Tom Harris from G.L. Cornell Co. submitted an interesting piece of information. Jacobsen Mfg. ran a test on a 30" fairway cutting unit and found out that in one mile, a reel touches the bedknife 42,500 times (plus or minus 2 or 3). When you multiply that times 7 (the number of units on a fairway tractor), the figure is over a quarter of a million times per 7 units in a mile or going another way, over 7000 times per mile per blade! Let's go even farther - say your course averages 7000 yards. When you mow you make 3 - 4 complete rounds per fairway. That makes the number of yards per fairway nearly 8 times 7000 or 40 miles per mowing!! Is it any wonder your units wear out?

### I WILL

As you are probably aware, at least you'd better be, this coming meeting is the most important of the year. You will be electing your new officers of the association, and as soon as the officers and directors are firmed up, each director will be appointed his specific job. Just as a review, the committees are golf, publicity, editorial, program, meeting places and flower and social. Each of these committees can use all the volunteer help from within the membership that it can get. If you feel even the slightest bit inclined to help with any of these committees, just say the word.

### BOARD MEETING

A Board of Director's meeting was held on November 5 at the Soldier's Home and Dan Lynch, Research Director for Executive Consultants in D.C. was present. He was asked there to answer questions pertaining to the feasibility of retaining their services in the form of an executive secretary to reduce the load on 2 or 3 people within our organization. After our conversation and review of our wants and needs, it was decided their services were economically out of our reach but several suggestions were made by Mr. Lynch and are presently under study.

New memberships were read and they are as follows:

Dick Fisher, superintendent at Goose Creek C.C., Route 1, Box 392, Leesburg, Va. 22075. Dick is applying as a class E and Sam Kessel and Lee Dieter signed his application.

Richard M. Gustin, superintendent at Rossmoor Leisure World, 14901 Homecrest Rd., Silver Spring, Md. He is applying as a class E and Bob Shields and Bob Milligan signed the form.

Robert Terry, sales manager for Agrico Fertilizer, 10718 Faulkner Ridge in Columbia, Md. He is applying

as a class E.

Unless written objection to any of these applications is received within 5 days after release of this publication, the applicants will be accepted as members.

**EDITORIAL**

Let's play a game, OK? Let's pretend we are all back in grade school. We are taking an elementary art course and we are studying primary colors and what they produce when they are blended. When you mix red and blue, you get purple. When yellow and green are mixed, blue comes out. But when you mix black and white, you get gray. Now gray can represent many things. Gray represents dullness, lackluster or sort of puts one in a so - so frame of mind. What do you think of when you hear "a gray day" or a person who had a "gray complexion"?

What would the world be like if everything in it was gray? It would be a bleak, rather sorry place to live for sure. But many of the problems facing our world today have a gray cast to them. As we have already determined, black + white = gray. Let the issues and answers represent black and white. For the most part, the problems of major importance are clear cut or as plain as black and white. The war, civil rights, individual liberties, pollution - they're all there and all these problems and others have already been determined, studied and answers have been drawn up. But when these answers are put into effect, what happens? They are only carried out to just a small percentage of what they are supposed to be and presto - a gray condition.

Example: a neighboring county has strict outdoor burning laws. The problem was obvious and led to an obvious solution. Black and white - right? Well, a builder cleared some trees out of a woods and traded the county pollution control inspector a load of patio blocks for a burning permit! True, the character of the staunch, upright, honest high integrity of the county official is not to be forgotten, but here is a gray situation in the perfect form.

Example: Union Carbide a few months ago came out with an ad telling of a new device to help people with emphysema and other lung problems. Good! A problem and a solution. Black and white. But the one thing the ad did not mention is that one of their plants that is located in West Virginia throws 28,000 tons of crap into the air every year over a valley all around the plant. So who could buy a machine that helps people to breathe the air the same company is polluting?

Pollution is one of the biggest problems in the country and in the world today. One of the basic things about it is that air, water and land pollution all stem from one basic thing - people pollution.

The terrifying thing about the entire situation is that all one needs to do to see the results of overpopulation is to look at countries like China, India and Japan. People there are not poor. There are no words to describe the condition in which they live. But

out national brains have figured out that within the period of just a few decades, our national population will be approaching the same proportions as these other countries

What can be done? The brains have all the answers to the problem (black and white). But, initiating solutions and carrying them out are gray.

There is very little that we as individuals can do to make ourselves heard. We can promote ideas like bagging leaves instead of burning them. We can encourage young people that littering is bad and train them in conservation of all resources through church groups and scouting. But the rest of it - who knows? As it has been for almost 300 years the fate of our country is in the hands of our elected officials. With the elections just over, what comes next could be daylight or darkness.

As a general observation, the biggest flaw in this whole issue is the apathy of the majority of the population. People just don't give a damn! They're too busy with jobs, PTA, new houses and the rush of this hurry - up world to do anything other than tsk - tsk the kids and the economy.

So let's do what we can, whatever it may be to try and put some color (particularly green) into this gray world.

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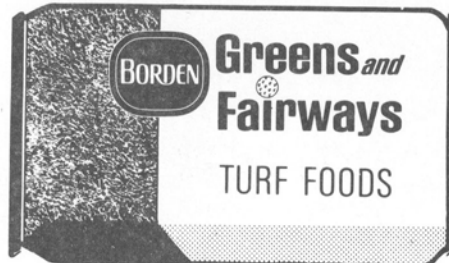
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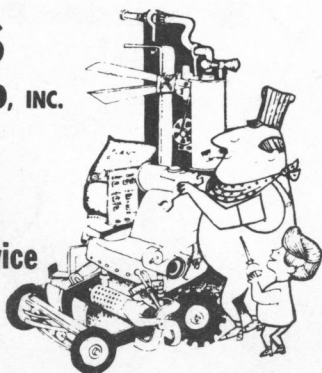
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