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## NEXT MEETING

The April meeting of the MAGCSA will be held on April 14, 1970 at the Richmond Country Club in Richmond, Va. This will be the annual joint meeting with the Central Virginia group and we would really like to see as many members as possible attend this once a year doings.

Our host for the meeting will be Tom Frame, who has been the superintendent at the club for several years.

## DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB

From 95 get off at Parham Exit, go West on Parham Road to Patterson Rd., turn right on Patterson go approx. 4 miles. Club is on the right hand side.

## POSITION WANTED

Donald Hendrie is looking for a position as a superintendent at a club, preferably in our area. His address is 219 Garden Gate Lane, Annapolis, Md. His phone number is 301-267-7475 and he will supply a resume on request.

## HOW 'BOUT THIS?

From the December issue of the Canadian Greenmaster, we found the following article concerning the cost of living in Canada. You must admit, this article really makes you stop and look at your own situation, doesn't it?

## \$17,000 REQUIRED TO LIVE IN LARGE CANADIAN CITIES

A study by the Canadian Labour Congress has revealed that an annual income of \$17,000 is required for a family of four to make ends meet in the larger cities of the country. The study says families living in

smaller cities may get by on \$11,000. The average family spends \$245 monthly for housing, fuel, insurance and maintenance, \$180 for food, \$160 for transportation, including payments on a car that is probably not new and twenty dollars for recreation. It also spends \$192 for an annual vacation. Gross earnings of \$17,000 for a family of four means \$12,468 in take home pay.

The study also found:

"Almost every Canadian family lived beyond its income"

"The average annual gross income of a manufacturing worker is \$5,723."

"The poverty level in Ontario should be \$7,000 to \$8,000." Government policy now holds that the poverty level starts below the \$5,000 mark.

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## ARTIFICIAL GRASS COSTLY

Canadian winters have never been kind to football fields but at least one team has rejected the use of Astro-Turf, the miracle artificial grass.

The British Columbia Lions talked with the Astro-Turf people but balked at buying the surface for the Pacific National Exhibition Stadium.

It seems the Lions were concerned about fan control after games. Cigarette butts can burn holes in the otherwise indestructible turf and the team was reluctant to spend \$800,000 for the world's largest ashtray.

There once was a fellow named Pound  
Who, while mowing the lawn, was drowned.

It seems that he fell  
Down the shaft of a well -  
Didn't know his grass from a hole in the ground.

## HOT OFF THE PRESS

We received a copy of the American Society of Agronomy's new book just out entitled "Turfgrass Science." It was authored by 28 people who are all tops in the turf management field and the book is a must for everyone involved in our profession.

It can be ordered at a cost of \$12.50 from the ASA in Madison, Wisconsin. Dr. Felix Juska at Beltsville was a co-editor with Dr. A.A. Hanson, also with the USDA in Beltsville, so if there are any questions concerning the publication, either one would probably be more than happy to assist and answer.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

The following is a press release received from Mr. Irving Cantor, the V.P. of the MSGA, giving the vitals on the good work their group is doing in promoting interest in the affairs of our mutual areas. This is a terrific step in improving relations between the pros, the players and the supers and can do nothing but benefit the three groups involved. It would be interesting to find out if there are any other associations who are receiving aid from their area golf associations. This is a great step, so let's hope the boys who receive this money realize this field has other people besides just superintendents who are interested in seeing it not only survive, but get stronger as well.

## MARYLAND STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION

Robert W. Brownell, retiring President of the Maryland State Golf Association, announced at the Annual Meeting held at the Fountain Head Country Club, that the Association would sponsor two Scholarships at the University of Maryland during the Academic Year 1970-71.

These awards, known as the "Maryland State Golf Association Scholarships", each in the sum of \$500.00, will be given to students in the Department of Agronomy who are interested in turf grass work.

The first award, during the current year, was won by William J. Blackert of Mt. Airy, Md. Mr. Blackert, who will graduate from the University in June 1970, has been working with the United States Department of Agriculture at Beltsville, doing research on herbicides and turfgrasses.

The scholarship program was developed by an Association Committee headed by Irving E. Cantor, Vice-President of the MSGA, in cooperation with Dr. James R. Miller, Head of the Department of Agronomy, and Dr. H. Palmer Hopkins, Director of Student Aid, both of the University of Maryland at College Park.

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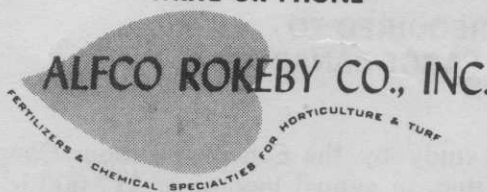
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## NEWS FROM BALTIMORE

Bob Miller, our membership chairman, gathered a little information from his area in and around Baltimore after the Houston trip.

We find Dave Cammarota has "migrated" to Sparrows Point to be Al Watson's assistant, Dave moved from his previous job at Five Farms in Baltimore.

Dick Silvar, super at Baltimore C.C. in Baltimore, did a fine job as moderator in the educational session Thursday afternoon in Houston.

Bob reports he is finishing up plans for an additional maintenance building at the Suburban Club. The new building will be 30' x 75' and should really be a big help to the total operation.

Jim Reid, Bob's predecessor at Suburban Club is in good health and high spirits, according to Bob. Any of Jim's friends can drop him a card at 4100 Colonial Road, Pikesville, Md. 21208.

## FOUR FOR TEXAS

Well, considerably more than four from the MAGCSA showed in the Lone Star state. NOT counting wives, of which there were many, 63 of our members registered. The general consensus of opinion was that the program, exhibits and all the facilities were excellent.

This plus the weather being on our side made the week a very refreshing break in the middle of the winter doldrums. As for the world travelers, George and Sue Cleaver and Ed and Kay Dembnicki went on to Mexico after the conference with the post conference tour. Russel and Dodie Roberts went south of the border too, but they flew down in Russel's own plane. The only way to go!

## VIRGINIA BOY MAKES GOOD

The Old Dominion's own Bob Martino, the swinger from Island View in Herndon, took prizes for the whole shabaz in the golf tournament in Houston. Bob slammed a 156 to take low gross first place, no less! He really brought home the bacon. Way to play, stick.

Bob said the two courses they played in Houston, the Westwood and River Bend, were in fine condition and played very well (except in the rain.) They must have played alright because another of our members, Joe Baidy from Manor Club, took 4th low net in the tourney. We can't overlook Joe for helping to get the Mid-Atlantic on the map with Bob. Nice work, guys!!

### EAT YOUR HEART OUT!

Dick Silvar from Baltimore C.C. sends the following crown jewel — don't you wish you could do this when you are under stress?

### TINY ORGANISM DRINKS ALCOHOL

Riverside Calif. — A specialist in research into habits of the nomatode, a tiny soil organism, says he's found one species that has learned to make and consume its own alcohol.

The result: Apparently a longer life span.

Alan Forbes Cooper, Jr., a research assistant at the University of California at Riverside, said this nomatode — called *Alphelenchus Avanae* — manufactures alcohol when it is under stress due to lack of oxygen.

### LIVE FOREVER

It then goes into a state of suspended animation and can, seemingly, live forever.

Upon coming out of this state, it consumes the alcohol.

The nomatode is less than a hair wide and one-sixteenth of a millimeter long.

Cooper hopes to use the nomatode in further studies of aging as it relates to oxygen.

### SPRING MUST BE HERE

Ed Heath opened the golf course at Needwood on the 21st of March and Buck Whetsell opened the Twin Lakes operation on the 14th. Can spring be far behind?

Ed said he is very pleased with his crew at Needwood and says they are a bunch of the best. It's good to see a boss who is able to really compliment his men. He's fortunate to have a crew worth giving good mention.

### MONEY

One interesting side note that came out at the National was the fact that two magazines, the Golf Superintendent and Golfdom, are paying for articles written by superintendents. The theme in all the talks seemed to be "get involved" this year, and what better way is there to do this than by writing a short article for one of these publications? In talking to the editors of both these publications, they said the articles need not be lengthy, but should deal with a subject that is within the scope of the turf management area. This is much more than just a way to earn a few bucks. Publicity is one thing that no amount of money can buy and you'll be amazed with the reaction your club officials will have.

### LA-LA-LA

Lest we forget — our own Bob Shields and his lovely voice at the annual banquet.

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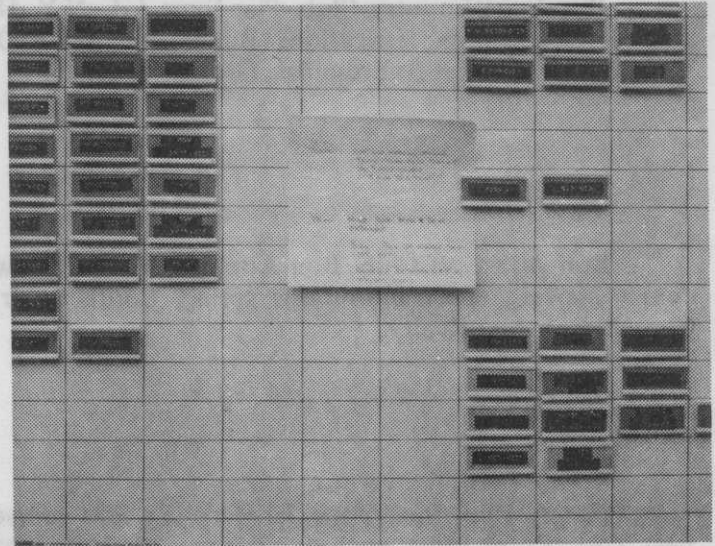
AT THE INTERSECTION  
OF RT 29 AND RT 32

## BIG NAME BOARD

Al Watson from Sparrows Point sends the following item showing how he schedules daily work for his men. The board looks good, and Al has this to say; "Here at the Point, we have been using a magnetic board in setting up our daily work schedules. If my assistant or I are not available, a man completing a job doesn't have to wait around wondering what his next job may be. He just checks the board on which his daily routine is listed. If explanations are necessary, they are written down on a piece of paper, which is folded and placed under the magnetic holder adjacent to the man's name.

The overall dimensions of the board are 25" x 19" and it comes with magnetic holders and perforated tabs as a kit. We use 3/8" tapewriter tape for the man's name and job descriptions. Descriptions are shortened in order to fit on the 1" x 2" tabs. We place the names on the left side of the board with the jobs placed to the right of the man's name. If additional space is needed, the board can be arranged accordingly.

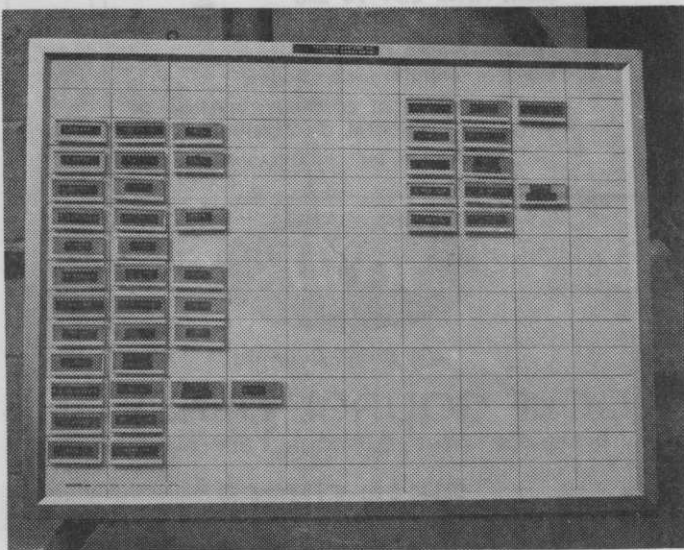
Our board was purchased from CaddyLak Systems, Inc., 139 Linden Ave., Westbury, New York. The entire kit costs \$39.95.



## EMPLOYMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

In August of 1967, the late Frank Haske reported the results of an employment survey he had undertaken. The results came back and showed that only 67% of the supers receiving the survey forms sent them back. This year we are going to report the results of the survey on a comparative basis with the one from 1967. The first figure that should be way up is the total percentage of supers sending their forms back. Let's all co-operate because it can do nothing but help us all.

The questionnaire will be kept strictly confidential. Your name or the name of your club need not be put on the form. All we ask is that it be sent back completed. We will distribute the forms in person to as many supers as is possible. For those of you who may be overlooked for one reason or another, call any of the men listed on the back of the Newsletter. Results will be published as soon as possible.

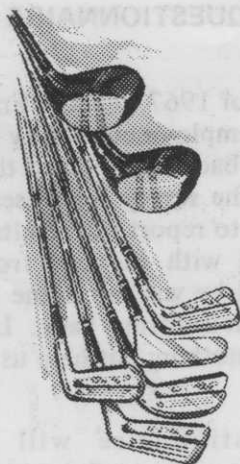


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Plandome Country Club, Plandome L.I., N.Y. 18 Holes; Automatic irrigation. Budget — \$80,000. Contact: Mr. Charles Andromidas, Greens chairman.

Bon Aire Golf Club, Bon Aire, Va. This is a new course starting construction this spring. Contact: Mr. Cornell, Bon Aire Realty.

Honey Run, Inc., York, Pa. This is a new course near York, Pa. and they are looking for a superintendent to start by April of this year. Contact: Mr. John Baker, President, 232 E. Market Street, York, Pa. 17403. Phone collect 717-848-1501.



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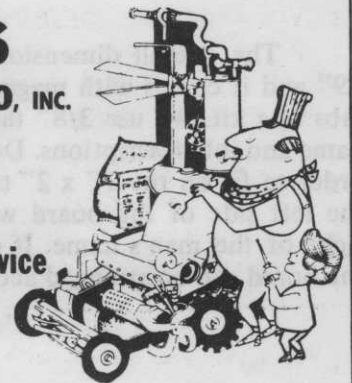
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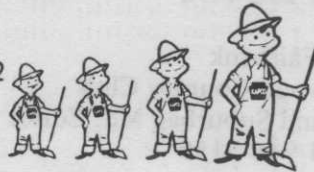
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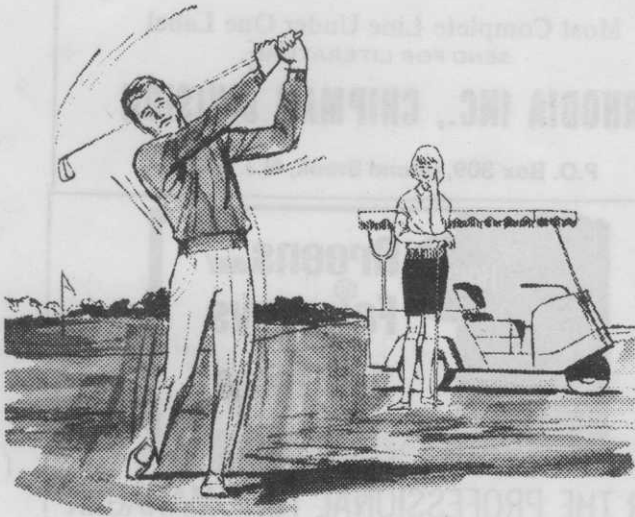
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