

If you value your money and time, invest wisely – attend the January 7-8 Mid-Atlantic turf conference and you will return home with renewed enthusiasm for your job, renewed acquaintances with old friends, and renewed knowledge of turf maintenance.

AMERICAN LIFE CYCLE

Article from *Divot News* - So. Calif.

An electric light company received the following letter from one of its customers:

“Dear Electric Light Company:

“You have asked why I have not sent a check in payment of the bill I owe you and are threatening to turn off my current. Let me explain:

“The present condition of my bank account is due to laws—federal laws, state laws, county laws, city laws and trade association laws. The only laws that do not affect my small business are outlaws. We have never been robbed illegally; only by elected officials.

“Because of these laws of many kinds I am compelled to pay taxes—a business tax, amusement tax, head tax, bank tax, school tax, gas tax, light tax, water tax, sales tax, excise tax, auto tax, phone tax, sewer tax, garbage tax, fire tax, highway tax and three kinds of income tax—federal, state and city.

“These laws also require me to get licenses at varying fees for my small meat store—a business license, refrigeration license, retailers’ license, sanitation license, inspection license, weighers’ license, dairy license, carter’s license, delivery truck license and interstate deliverer’s license. I bought two licenses voluntarily, a marriage license and a dog license.

“My trade association insists that I contribute to causes. I have given to the Red Cross, Community Chest, United Fund, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies, Salvation Army, Heart Fund, Cerebral Palsy Fund, Muscular Dystrophy Fund, Child Care Center, Old Folks’ Center, Fund for the Blind, Fund for the Indigent, four hospitals, four churches, one synagogue and two volunteer fire companies.

“I have one employee. I must pay his Blue Cross, Blue Shield, unemployment compensation, workmen’s compensation, Social Security, Retirement Pension Fund, and company life insurance premiums.

“For the sake of my bank, my creditors and my business, I am required by law to carry life insurance, property insurance, liability insurance, burglar insurance, fire insurance, accident insurance, windstorm, flood and earthquake insurance, and freezer-loss insurance.

“I must pay these premiums promptly or my insurance coverage, like my electricity, will be turned off.

“I am inspected, suspected and disrespected, and though I am bled white while maintaining a constant flow of money to other people, there simply does not seem to be enough to go around.

“Please do not turn off my electricity, for due to a miraculous stroke of good fortune, you will get your money. While chopping out a loin of pork this morning, I was lucky enough to miss and completely sever my thumb. It was insured. The money will arrive next week, at which time I will endorse the check and forward it to you.

“I shall be grateful for your patience.

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CAN WE COME TO YOUR CLUB IN 1974?

Our Mid-Atlantic Association has a membership of over 100 superintendents, 80 of which are at clubs which have clubhouse facilities. We are aware that some clubs do not permit outside organizational meetings, but this only accounts for a small percentage of potential meeting places.

This message is aimed at those of you who have not had our association at your club, as well as some of you who have not hosted our group in several years.

If you would be interested in hosting a monthly meeting, please contact Lee Dieter at Washington Golf and Country Club, Arlington, Virginia, phone 538-6800, or contact any board member. Please act soon so that we may plan our 1974 meeting schedule early.

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