

## L.R. (Bob) Shields, CGCS

Bob died "with his boots on" in the true pioneer tradition, on September 8, 1982. Characteristically, he was active right to the end. He and I had talked about the late Dr. Ernest N. Cory only a few days earlier. He had searched his files for items about Dr. Cory. Bob had just placed an order for a load of topdressing from John Strickland.

As the 29th president (1965) of the G.C.S.A.A. Bob gave stature and dignity to the National. His leadership and his popularity has been evidenced by his four-time presidency of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents.

As superintendent of Woodmont C.C., Rockville, MD, for many years Bob was not afraid to try something new. He was one of the first to give U-3 bermudagrass a thorough workout. Together we planted half of No. 6 fairway to U-3. He established a tee that was half U-3, half Merion Ky. Bluegrass, for all-seasons play. He and his crew sprayed greens with powdered ureaform using a proportioner. I took many samples of warm season grasses to him which he planted and observed. In 1950 he was one of the leaders in planting a fairway as Fairfax C.C. to poysiagrasses.

As a friend Bob's loyalty knew no bounds. We had many confidential talks, often over lunch at the clubhouse with mutual friends Leopold Freudberg and Chips Cantor, leaders at Woodmont C.C.

When the proposal for a "Musser Tournament" in the Mid-Atlantic region was proposed Bob supported it enthusiastically. One of our last conversations dealt with the proposed 1983 tournament at Woodmont C.C. which has Chips Cantor's blessing. The event will be dedicated to Bob's memory.

The Maryland Turfgrass Council has been favored by Bob's counsel and attendance at meetings. The M.A.A.G.C.A. was well represented by him.

Bob's geniality, experience, friendship and professionalism has left an indelible mark on the world of turf which, with his family, was his life. May God rest his soul.

Fred V. Grau

## Members Encouraged to Write

GCSAA is always on the lookout for ideas and articles for publication in GOLF COURSE MANAGEMENT. There are several sections in the magazine where input from members can be used. Of course, we always are very pleased to receive articles written by superintendents, but the Thinking Superintendent and Ideas to Share are areas in which shorter less detailed written pieces are valuable.

Any member who submits copy for the magazine that is used as an article or in the Thinking Superintendent or Ideas to Share sections will receive an honorarium of \$150, \$50 or \$25 respectively.

Any questions or written copy should be directed to Zahid Iqbal at the GCSAA Headquarters office.

## To the Mid-Atlantic members

Please express my appreciation of the most generous check from the members of the Mid-Atlantic. It will be used to place a bronze memorial plaque at the grave site at Parklawn Cemetery.

I am most grateful for all the wonderful friends and their kindness.

Bernice Shields



"By the way, did the course manager ever give the greenskeeper the raise he demanded?"

## \* \* Wanted to Trade \* \*

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