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CHARGE

--A Happy Thanksgiving--

The traditional day of Thanksgiving is here again. That good old American custom of adding up all of our blessings, big and small, and humbly giving thanks for what we have and what we are, should not be ignored. The present day elevated standard of living with all its home comforts and luxuries, the radio, the television, the automobile, the airplane, has changed our family life, and our thinking. With all these nice things perhaps we have become too satisfied, less appreciative, and less religious. On this 1955 Thanksgiving Day when we sit down to our special turkey dinner, why not offer a prayer of Thanksgiving. It will be good for you and good for the family. If it is not your custom, if you are hesitant or bashful about it, find an appropriate prayer and read it. Your family will admire you for it. Here is one suggestion by James Metcalf.

We thank You, God, for everything that we possess today
 Our happiness and comfort and our democratic way,
 The freedom of our country that we struggle to defend
 Against whatever enemy that tyranny may end,
 We thank You for the turkey and the delicious dressing
 And for our sweet potatoes we are grateful unto You,
 We thank You, God, for life on earth and for security
 As You have been The Guardian of every family,
 We thank You, God, with all our hearts on this Thanksgiving Day
 And with Your blessing may we live according to Your way.

It has been quite a spell since the last Newsletter was issued and a lot of water has gone over the dam, and we mean water. This has been a season of record extremes. Extremely hot, extremely dry, and extremely wet. Such a combination of abundance we hope we will never see again in one year.

"Not what we have, but what we enjoy constitutes our abundance".

J. Petit-Senn

A report on our meetings goes back first to October 10, the Supt-Pro tournament at Brae Burn. It was a beautiful day for it and a well groomed course to enjoy. There was a good turn out too. The top positions in the tournament all resulted in ties as follows,

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| Tony Caranci-Joe Pezulla | 79-70 |
| Paul O'Leary- John Mahoney | 76-70 |
| Tony Sperandio-Bud Trumbull | 81-73 |
| Milton Brown-Bernie Fautex | 76-73 |
| Bill McBride-Phil Friel | 82-74 |
| Norm Mucciarone-Francis Doyle | 89-74 |
| Bill Ash-Harold Goodwin | 86-74 |

the playoff for the Shanahan Shield between the two Rhode Island teams resulted in a win for O'Leary and Mahoney. Congratulations Paul and John and consolations Tony and Joe.

October 24, our last outdoor meeting was held at the Marshfield Country Club. This too was a well attended and thoroughly enjoyed meeting, thanks to Mel Kelly, Alex Bird and the Club officials. A light lunch at noon, tournament in the afternoon, and a friendly, spirited dinner at the nearby Light House Inn was the order of events. The winners of this two ball best-ball tourney were,

R. Mucciarone-J. Sperandio	Net 67
M. Brown-W. Carter	" 72
W. Ash-M. O'Grady	" 74
P. Cassidy-H. Darling	" 74

It was noted while playing that Chlordane had recently been applied quite generally over this well kept, interesting course. Mel Kelly reported that it was an airplane job over the entire course for Jap Beetle control done by a skilled aviator apparently who flew only a few feet from the ground. The cost was quite reasonable. At the business meeting which preceded the evening meal, the two leading issues up for discussion were, A Code of Ethics For the Club, and The Dale Carnegie Course. The Code of Ethics Committee submitted their report and after a discussion the report was accepted and the contents moved to be included in our by-laws subject of course to the customary one meeting layover and the necessary two thirds vote. The report follows,

Code of Ethics Committee Report

This report is submitted with the best interest of the members in mind and the knowledge that certain past incidents indicate a strong step is necessary to insure the professional dignity of the individual member and the Association as a whole.

The committee recommends the adoption of the following article to be inserted in the Constitution and By-Laws as article VII. The present article VII would become article VIII, etc.

The proposed article:

Article VII

"The Association's Code of Ethics"

- (a) In the end that honor and respect may be enjoyed by all Golf Course Superintendents the strict observance of the Code of Ethics is demanded.
- (b) A member shall be deemed to have violated the Code of Ethics By:
 1. Acting and speaking in a manner which could cause discredit to the profession.
 2. Abusing the privilege of playing golf at any of the member clubs by bringing uninvited guests or failing to make his presence known to the home superintendent when visiting a club.

3. Applying for a position without the definite knowledge of its vacancy.
4. Expressing opinions to, or visiting with, Golf Club officials or members in regard to maintenance practices without the express permission and knowledge of the Superintendent of the Club in question whether a member of this Association or not.

Respectfully submitted,
Code of Ethics Committee.

Narry Sperandio
Philip Cassidy
Arthur Cody
George Rommell

The pros and cons of taking the Dale Carnegie Course were discussed. Present to answer questions was Mr. Bowman from the Dale Carnegie Institute. Conclusions were as follows,

1. It would be a definite benefit to any member regardless of education, by giving him renewed confidence in expressing himself, and an improved polish in his contacts with club members and employees.
2. The course would cost \$25.00 less per individual signing up as a club.
3. It was felt that more would take the course if we did sign as a club.
4. The matter of time and meeting place was an important factor to consider. The course requires 14 weeks, meeting once a week consecutively, each meeting requiring four hours. A class of 30 to 40 is preferred.
5. Because of questionable winter weather and possible absence of two weeks by many who may attend the National Convention it seemed unwise to start the course at this time. But it is recommended that a course be started the last week in February and going through the third week in May 1956.
6. The Waltham Field Station was a suggested meeting place.
7. Because of the distance some may have to travel, afternoon sessions seems to be the solution. One afternoon a week (say Monday) for an important personal improvement course would not be too great a hardship at that time of the year (Feb. to May 22.)
8. It is important that everyone interested in the course be present at our December meeting so that definite action may be counted on and further plans made.

" If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be built; now put foundation under them."
Thoreau

President O'Grady announced the names of the following nominating committee whose duty it is to submit a slate of 1956 officers at the December meeting. Phil Cassidy, Arthur Cody, Arthur Anderson, Paul O'Leary and Sam Mitchell (Homer Darling, Alternate)

Big Time Tournament Cooperation.

Frank Wilson, through the Newsletter, extends his grateful appreciation to all Golf Course Superintendents who aided him during the Carling tournament and his thanks to Orville Clapper for contacting these men. Frank suggests that our organization might be mobilized and ready as an association project to help Francis Malone during the 1956 P.G.A. Tournament at Blue Hill, and John Kealty at the Country Club for the 1957 National Amateur. Space does not permit a complete discussion on this subject, but it will be reported fully at the December meeting.

OUR NEXT MEETING-----DECEMBER 5th.

WALTHAM FIELD STATION

SPECIAL LUNCHEON 12:00 NOON

THIS THE ANNUAL DEALER GATHERING

THE OUTLOOK FOR THE COMING YEAR ON

MATERIAL AND PRICES

Also A talk by George Rommell on The Cape

"Happiness Adds and Multiplies as we Divide it with others".

A. Nielen

H. Darling, Editor