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The January meeting was held Jan. 7 at the Waltham Field Station. Dino Ruschioni, Supt. Simplex C. C., Winchendon, Mass. was noted an associate member.

Frank Lamphier, Supt. Woodstock C. C., Woodstock, Vt. was noted a regular member.

John Latvis, Supt. Tatnuck C. C. is home from the hospital and doing well.

Also doing well is Ed Beucher, Supt. Manchester C. C., N. H. after a long illness.

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Have you changed positions, or address, or had a telephone change? If so please send a post card with your new address and phone number to the secretary. Copies of the Association's by-laws are available to new members and may be obtained from the secretary.

Our Association voted Group membership in the Mass. Turf and Lawn Grass Council.

Joe Butler, Pres. and John Connors to serve represent our Association.

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The Scholarship Committee gave a favorable report and plans are underway to establish a Scholarship plan in the name of our Association in the near future.

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The March meeting will NOT be held March 4 at the Waltham Field Station but will be held in conjunction with the Turf Conference March 7 & 8, probably Friday, March 8 in the afternoon.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Analyzing and test equipment now offered by Little Brute Co., 317 E. First St., Monticello, Iowa, provides the small engine repairman with tools to increase efficiency in analyzing engine failure and in testing the accuracy of his repairs. Little Brute Shaft Saver, compression gauge, flywheel magneto tester, condenser and coil tester are all the products of this company.

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The Committees for 1963 are:

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John S. Dombek 56, Supt. Ludlow C. C. died suddenly Jan. 2 at his home. He was Supt. at Ludlow C. C. for 17 years.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his family.

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The February Meeting will be held Feb. 4 at Waltham.
Directors Meeting 10:00 A.M. - Business Meeting 11:00
Lunch 12:30 - Roast Beef
Educational Prog. 1:30

1. William Haskett, Plant Pathologist. Agricultural Development Upjohn Co.
2. Robert E. Cumings, Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce.
Film - "This is Boston", facilities available for a National Conference.
3. Prof. Joe Troll, University of Mass., Conference Plans, March 1963.
4. Prof. William Tunis - Waltham Field Station - Plans for 1963 at the field station.

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National Turf Conference & Show

February 11 - 15 - El Cortez Hotel, San Diego, Calif.

Pres. Joe Butler to be on the program. - Those National members not planning on attending please send proxy ballots to Art Anderson, Brae Burn C. C., Newton.

Weigh All the Facts

Use this formula: IC (Initial Cost) + M (Maintenance) + D (Depreciation) = Total Costs.

Use this 10-Question Economy Test to Judge Tractor and Equipment Value

- Is the original cost competitive and reasonable?
- What is the daily operating cost?
- How long will the equipment last?
- How much work can one man do with it?
- How fast and how much better will it get the job done?
- How many different jobs can it do?
- How fast can it convert from one job to another?
- Does the equipment exactly meet your job needs?
- Is proper service available to minimize down time?
- What advantages does it provide that others don't?

At the educational program, Prof. Tunis recommended precautions in handling and using insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, etc.

1. Read the label and follow directions for use and precautions for handling.

If protective clothing is recommended, rubber clothing, gloves, goggles, etc., they should be used.

Use caution when mixing or preparing chemicals for spraying or dusting.

Don't smoke when mixing or using.

Store chemicals properly and dispose of discarded containers.

Mr. Vigreau discussed the various types of insurance available.

Group Insurance coverage is now available to smaller groups 3 or 5 persons on a year-round basis.

Any Supt. interested can easily obtain all the facts and figures by calling a few local insurance agencies. Travelers Ins., Metropolitan Life Ins., also Blue Cross & Blue Shield have excellent programs.

This is an excellent opportunity for the Supt. to assume some initiative and responsibility and get a program started at his club, after all, most people are provided with some type of insurance benefits or fringe benefits. (How many club members do you suppose are not provided with benefits from their employer?)

Every year the labor problem becomes more acute. One reason is that almost every industry today provides fringe benefits, holidays with pay, pension plans, hospitalization, etc. Is it any wonder golf clubs have a problem obtaining conscientious, reliable help?

Certainly Supts. should make an effort to make the club officials familiar with plans for fringe benefits, maybe they (club officials) don't know plans are available to fit their particular situation.

Let's stop crying about the labor situation and do something to try and improve it.

the Editor -

Dick Blake