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BOB OSTERMAN NEW CONN. CLIPPINGS EDITOR

Robert W. Osterman has recently been appointed editor of the Conn. Clippings by Robert Viera, President of the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents. He succeeds retiring editor Charles Baskin, who started the newsletter and served as its editor for four years.

Bob is the golf course superintendent at the Golf Club at Aspetuck in Easton, Conn. Bob came to the Golf Club at Aspetuck in 1966 during the construction of the golf course. The course was opened for play in 1968. In October 1969, he was named golf course superintendent.

Bob attended the 1968 University of Massachusetts Turfmanagement Winter School where he was president of his class.

Prior to coming to Aspetuck, Bob had spent four years in the Navy as a meteorologist but he still cannot predict the weather.

Bob and his wife, Beverly, have three boys: Keith, Kenneth and Kurt. Their ages range from 8 years to 9 months old.

"Involvement" is part of Bob's life as he is very active in his community. He is secretary of the Easton Park and Recreation Committee, a member of the Democratic Town Committee and a coach in Easton's Little League program.

Bob has progressed very rapidly in learning and developing his skills as a golfer. As an example, last June at the Willimantic Country Club while in his second year of playing golf, he shot a hole in one.

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GCSAA CONFERENCE

A record-breaking registration of over 4000 was announced at the 43rd International Turfgrass Conference and Show which was held February 13-18, 1972, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sponsored by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA), the Conference drew well over the previous high of golf course superintendents who attended the 1970 Houston Meeting.

Highlight of the Conference was crusader Ralph Nader, who headed more than 50 speakers qualified to speak on ecology, fine turfgrass, the financial impact of golf courses on municipalities and many other topics of interest to the golfer and nongolfer.

Richard C. Blake, GCSAA president emeritus, stated that this year's Conference was the most significant yet, in view of the unusually difficult turf maintenance problems experienced in almost every section of the country throughout the 1971 season. The care and cultivation of golf courses is a highly technical operation and is considered by the experts to be the most sophisticated form of agriculture.

In addition to the educational portion of the meeting, there was a huge exhibit of the latest equipment and services available for golf courses. Displays of equipment, supplies and services offered by over 150 leading firms of the golf industry utilized some 40,000 feet of exhibit space at the Convention-Exposition Center.

During the conference, the golf course superintendents were able to speak face-to-face with manufacturers' representatives, and in many cases with the designers and engineers of the equipment.

THE GRASS CATCHER

By Robert Osterman

An educational tour of Hawaii was taken this past February by Joe and Helen Bidwell, Dave and Carol Stimson and Bob and Betty Viera. During their seven day visit they spent a lot of time studying the sand and water at various beaches on the island.

Women's lib is being heard again. One of Connecticut's better known golf courses has granted women equal rights on the golf course. At this course, men will not be given preferential treatment in obtaining starting times — even on weekends.

Lee Kowalski from the Country Club of Fairfield has been named to the Quarter Century Club of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. Lee achieved this distinction through his many years of loyal support of GCSAA and his dedication to the profession of golf course superintendency.

There are many qualified men coming out of our turf schools who are looking for work as assistant golf course superintendents. They have work experience on golf courses and their educational background varies from completing an eight week course in turfmanagement to receiving a Master of Science Degree in Agronomy and Turfmanagement. For further information, please contact Dave Stimson, Employment Chairman.

Charlie Baskin, past president of our association, was recently appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

The latest Harris, Kerr, Forster & Co. statistical review of 150 city and country

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CHARLES TRAVERSE DAY

On Monday, April 10, 1972 at the Country Club of Fairfield, the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents will honor one of its outstanding members, Charles Traverse.

Charlie was the golf course superintendent at the Mill River Country Club for over 40 years until his retirement in 1962. The development of the Mill River Country Club over those years is a direct reflection of Charlie's skills in managing the maintenance of the golf course.

Charlie also has served the game of golf and his fellow superintendents through his efforts with the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents. In 1936, Charlie was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the association. He held both offices through 1965 for a total of 29 years. He continued on as Treasurer until last November. Charlie's leadership and devotion has played an important part in the growth of the association.

CONNECTICUT'S TURFGRASS SHORT COURSE

Through the joint efforts of the Conn. Association of Golf Course Superintendents, University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension Service and the University of Connecticut, Plant Science Department, a Turfgrass Short Course was held at the University of Connecticut. The two day short course was a complete success from the viewpoints of the participants and the three sponsoring groups. Enrollment was limited to 50 persons. A waiting list of over 30 persons developed as the enrollment of 50 was quickly obtained.

The course was designed for anyone interested in professional turf production. There was a good cross-section between superintendents and golf course workers.

John Perry, superintendent at the Country Club of Farmington, was on the program and covered the fundamentals of turfgrass fertilizer applications.

Based upon the first year's success, plans are now underway to continue with the Turfgrass Short Course next year.

INSECTICIDE MAY LEAD TO GYPSY MOTH CONTROL

A newly developed insecticide, bacillus thuringiensis (BT), has been selected by the State Department of Environmental Protection as the best way of controlling gypsy moth and elm span worm.

The insecticide, available commercially as Dipel, Biotrol and Thuricide, will halt feeding within two hours and kill the pests in three to five days, according to the department.

Commissioner Dan W. Lufkin said BT will do little damage to the environment and nature's control of gypsy moth and elm span worm.

Many pesticides used in Connecticut have raised havoc with the balance of nature, killing birds, bees and the natural enemies of the pests, as well as the pests themselves. BT affects the digestive system of the moth and worm, but allows them to linger on as a food source for predators and parasites.

Natural enemies of the gypsy moth are grackles and cuckoos, white-footed mice, short-tailed shrews, calosoma beetles, sucking bugs and a wilt disease known as Polyhedrosis.

Lufkin said it is important to apply BT at the proper time. He suggests the insecticide be applied early in the spring, or between the first and third weeks of May, so it will attack the moths and worms in their early stages. A second application should be made about 14 days later, if reinfestation occurs or rain washes off the first application.

Noting that the light-weight caterpillars can be blown over a wide area by the wind, Lufkin suggests that trees within 100 feet of an infested area also be treated with BT.

The gypsy moth can be eliminated in its egg stages by applying creosote to egg masses which resemble an inch-long piece of tan chamomise cloth and are usually found on the bark of trees, the underside of limbs and fallen branches and the underside of rocks in stone walks.

Gypsy moths prefer foliage on apple, aspen, birch, linden, oak and willow trees. Evergreens will be attacked only if other preferred foods are exhausted. Ash, locust, tulip, poplar and dogwood are relatively immune to attack.

LET ME GIVE YOU THE PICTURE

Truly effective communication, down and up, senior to junior and junior to senior, can improve the efficiency of administration in business.

To that end, here is a list of handy expressions — and their translations — which may be helpful to those of the new crop of people who have not encountered before the language of management in such pure clarity:

IT'S IN PROCESS — So wrapped up in red tape that the situation is almost hopeless.

WE WILL LOOK INTO IT — By the time the wheel makes a full turn, we assume you too will have forgotten about it.

A PROGRAM — Any assignment that can't be completed by a phone call.

EXPEDITE — To compound confusion with commotion.

CHANNELS — The trail left by inter-office memos.

CO-ORDINATOR — The guy who has a desk between two-expeditors.

TO ACTIVATE — Make carbons and add more names to the memo.

TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM — Hire more people and expand the office.

UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION We're looking in the files for it.

UNDER CONSIDERATION — Never heard of it before.

A MEETING — Mass milling about by masterminds.

A CONFERENCE — A place where conversation is substituted for the dreariness of labor and the loneliness of thought.

NEGOTIATION — A meeting of minds without knocking of heads.

REORIENTATION — Getting used to working again.

RELIABLE SOURCE — The guy you just met.

INFORMED SOURCE — The guy who told the guy you just met.

UNIMPEACHABLE SOURCE — The guy who started the rumor.

CLARIFICATION — To fill in the background with so many details that the foreground goes underground.

WE ARE MAKING A SURVEY — We need more time to think of an answer.

TO NOTE AND INITIAL — Let's spread the responsibility for this.

SEE ME OR LET'S DISCUSS IT — Come down to my office. I'm lonesome.

LET'S GET TOGETHER ON THIS — I'm assuming that you're confused as I am.

GIVE US THE BENEFIT OF YOUR PRESENT THINKING — We'll listen to what you have to say as long as it doesn't interfere with what we've already decided.

WILL ADVISE YOU IN DUE COURSE If we figure out what we're doing, we'll let you know.

TO GIVE SOMEONE THE PICTURE — A long, confused and inaccurate statement to a newcomer.

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The object of this association is to promote research, education and an exchange of practical experiences in the field of turf grass culture so that the increased knowledge will lead to more economic and efficient management of golf courses and related turf areas.

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MEMBERSHIP HANDICAPS FOR THE 1972 SEASON

(figured on the USGA slide rule system)

FLIGHT "A"

Anderson, Ed	15
Barrett, Roger	6
Bedus, Ed	6
Barry, B.	8
Bianowitz, Bob	13
Bonner, Steve	13
Bryant, Gary	14
Chaney, John	8
Cipriano, John	9
Cook, Dick	10
Coste, Pierre	11
Dinwoodie, A.	15
Dolan, J.	8
Dziedzie, Louie	11
Fenn, Francis	8
Furgess, Bert	12
Goodwin, D.	14
Gorton, George	14
Grywalski, Tom	11
Guttay, Bob	15
Kowalski, Ben	7
Kowalski, Lee	7
Kristof, Steve	12
Lamphier, Frank	3
Lowell, Walt	0
Mierzwa, Max	14
O'Conner, Pat	15

Ovian, Karnig	10
Ovian, Kay	7
Ovian, Mike	12
Parsons, Dick	15
Perry, John	12
Polidor, Tod	15
Rodgers, Fran	15
Roule, Dave	8
Ryan, Maurice	7
Scully, Ray	8
Scully, Robert	10
Thompson, Felix	7
Viera, Robert	9
Warner, W.	8
Whalen, Dick	15
Wiget, Floyd	10
Witkowski, R.	5
Zwolac, J.	13

FLIGHT "B"

Bachand, F.	28
Barrett, P.	17
Baskin, Charles	16
Bator, Richard	16
Bidwell, Joe	22
Chalifour, Bob	22
Christie, George	21
Dest, William	20
Hawkins, Al	24
Kelliher, Kenneth	36
Knoblock, Carl	20
Ladzinski, Paul	21
Lindenmuth, H. T.	20
Lynch, John	30
McDonald, Jim	24
Meusel, Harry	22
Osterman, Bob	21
Silva, Robert	17
Stimson, Dave	22
Suchinski, Hank	16
Tosh, Robert	18
Whitley, B.	23
Wiacek, Ed	21
Wydra, Adam	24
Wydra, John	18
Zenisky, Edward	31

SENIORS FLIGHT

Jenkins, Chet	28
Lentine, Andy	20
Russell, Lloyd	30
Sherman, Henry	15

ASSOCIATES FLIGHT

Arison, Al	20
Callahan, John	24
Carson, Purdy	16
Colt, John	16
Downey, Frank	12
Kennedy, Robert	9
Purdy, Al	30
Sanson, Edward	17
Scally, Thomas	28
Somers, William	12
Terhune, Sid	23
Ryiz, Paul	10
Wallace, Carl	31

CONN. ASSOC. OF GOLF COURSE SUPT. MEETING SCHEDULE

APRIL 10, 1972 - Monday
 Country Club of Fairfield
 Fairfield, Conn.
 Host: Leon Kowalski
 "Charlie Traverse Day"

MAY 18, 1972 - Thursday
 Country Club of Darien
 Darien, Conn.
 Host: Vernon Burnham

JUNE 6, 1972 - Tuesday
 The Farms Country Club
 Wallingford, Conn.
 Host: Lyle Mitchell
 Speaker: Dr. Joseph Troll
 University of Mass.

FOR THE COMPLETE ORGANIC PROGRAM

Scientists at the Pittsburgh Energy Research Center of the U. S. Bureau of Mines have devised a means of converting animal manure to fuel by heating it under pressure with carbon monoxide to produce oil. Three barrels of oil can be produced from a ton of dry manure.

One researcher noted, "if all animal wastes could be collected and converted to oil, it would satisfy about half of this country's oil needs, or about 2.45 billion barrels of oil annually. In effect, it's a way to harness the sun's energy in an economical manner."

Another scheme for using animal wastes has been developed in Devonshire, England, where automotive fuel has been processed from chicken and pig manure, although any organic waste will suffice.

The fresh manure is composted briefly and placed in a digester where methane gas is generated by bacterial action. To complete the process, a simple gas converter has been devised by Harold Bate, Devonshire, which will feed methane into the carburetor of a car. Total installation cost of the converter is less than \$100.

Besides solving the animal waste disposal problem, the manure-powered car contributes to cleaner air; methane gas affords nearly complete combustion — about 97% — while gas only gives about 27% combustion with the remaining unburned fuel being emitted in the car's exhaust.

In addition, the manure-powered vehicle is efficient and inexpensive to run. Bate estimates the equivalent of one gallon of premium gasoline costs 3¢ and causes very little wear on the car.

GCSAA ANNOUNCES BOSTON FOR '73

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America announced that Boston, Massachusetts has been selected as the site for the 44th International Turfgrass Conference and Show. The dates of the Conference will be January 7-12, 1973 and Sheraton-Boston Hotel will serve as the association's headquarters.

"The Conference this year has been the best ever both in terms of our meaningful educational program and the broad and extensive display of equipment and products at our show. We expect the Conference and attendance in Boston to even exceed the response in Cincinnati," stated newly elected GCSAA president Robert V. Mitchell, who is superintendent of Portage CC, Akron, Ohio.

THE GRASS CATCHER (continued from page 1)

clubs shows that the industry apparently joined other segments of the national economy in falling victim to the inflationary spiral.

The figures from clubs — 75 city and 75 country — with fiscal years ending through June 30, 1971, indicate that although revenue and dues income showed nominal gains over last year, the increase in total operating costs and expenses proved far greater.

The impact of inflation and its resultant decrease in the purchasing power of the dollar has been the major contributing factor in increasing the costs of

operating a city club by 45 per cent and a country club by 66 per cent in the last 15 years, according to the national accounting firm.

The greatest increase in expenses has been for payroll and related costs — up 59 per cent in city clubs and 85 per cent in country clubs. All other operating costs advanced 31 per cent in city clubs and 49 per cent in country clubs during the 15-year period.

WANTED - GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS

There are two semi-private, 18 hole country clubs in Connecticut that are seeking golf course superintendents. Numerous other job opportunities are still available outside Connecticut. For further information, contact Dave Stimson, Employment Chairman.

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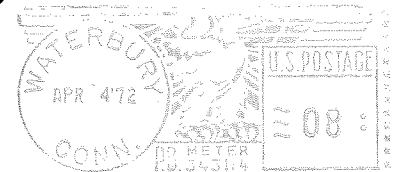
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