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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Forty-six years ago the first Greenkeeper was elected President of the C.A.G.C.S. It was my very special privilege to be elected the 27th President on November 13, at the Farms Country Club. Many things have changed since 1929, including the title, but the Organization's goal has not. We strive for the ever continuing improvement of our Association.

I personally thank you for accepting the slate of officers put forward. They are men of experience and are more than qualified to serve you. Your Officers and Directors are:

- Robert Osterman ..... *Vice President*
- David Stimson .... *Secretary-Treasurer*
- Robert Viera ..... *Education*
- Dave Roule ..... *Golf*
- Mark Loper ..... *Public Relations*
- Ron Holcomb ..... *Membership*
- Ed Anderson .... *Scholarship & Research*
- Steve Cadenelli ..... *Editor*

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- Lloyd Russell ..... *Associate Director*
- Frank Lamphier ..... *Welfare*

(Immediate Past President)

Communications is the key link between the Board and the membership. Never hesitate to speak to any of us about your ideas or your gripes.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you to attend the EPA Pesticide training session on December 9, followed by the test on December 11, at the Fairfield County Extension Service, Route 6 — Stoney Hill, Bethel, Connecticut.

The 47th National Conference is to be held in Minneapolis, Minn., during the week of February 8-13, 1976. I hope you will take advantage of the Educational Programs offered.

Wishing you and your family a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Bob Tosh  
*President*

**GRASS CATCHER**

BY STEVE CADENELLI

As noted on the front page, the CAGCS Annual Christmas party will be held at the Farms County Club Saturday, December 6. Those who attended last year's party at the Farms will attest to the fine time that was had. Lyle Mitchell, our host superintendent, has reported all is in readiness and is looking for another great time.

Bill Somers, of Somers Turf Supplies was selected for Honorary membership of the CAGCS at the Annual Meeting November 13. Bill was cited for his over thirty years of membership in the CAGCS and his service to the superintendent during this time. Bill is certainly deserving of this honor and we at the "Clippings" congratulate Bill and wish him many years of Honorary Membership.

The following conferences will be held prior to the next publication of the "Conn Clippings".

JANUARY 30, 1976

USGA Green Section Educational Conference, The Biltmore Hotel, Madison Ave. & 43 St. New York

FEBRUARY 12, 1976

CGSAA Annual Turfgrass Conference and Show, Minneapolis Auditorium and Convention Hall, Minneapolis, Minn.

MARCH 3-5, 1976

University of Massachusetts Fine Turf Conference, Treadway Inn, Chicopee, Mass. (note: new location).

Robert Viera, newly elected educational chairman, has requested that any superintendents who wish to have a monthly meeting at their course during the coming year, contact him. Just as we wrap up one year year we must begin to plan ahead. Bob's job as educational chairman is a time consuming po-

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**KURP GRISWOLD MEMORIAL PLANTINGS**

Dick Cook, superintendent at Blackhall, C.C., reports that more than 260 trees, shrubs and bushes were planted along the Black Hall Club golf course during September and October as part of the Kurp Griswold Memorial Plantings project, initiated a year ago.

Starting at the left of the first tee and continuing around the course, some eighty white pines were planted either to divide open areas or to serve as background screens. A natural spectacular occurred when forty euonymus bushes in full red autumn foliage were mass-planted on the far side of the first hole pond. A flanking planting of bayberry bushes was also installed on the left bank of the pond.

Other specimens installed along the course include 33 azaleas of three different varieties and colors, pink and white Kousa dogwood, birch clumps, arborvitae, shadblow and high blueberry bushes. White and pink dogwood flank the third players coming off the eighth green.

A stand of scarlet oaks, followed by flowering crab apples, now urges golfers on the eighth tee not to venture into the practice fairway. In the large tree department, two honey locusts now stand at the west end of the parking lot and two sweet gums stand guard to the left of the tee-shot target area on seventeen.

The object of the Landscape Committee was to introduce indigenous plants that would help define playing areas without obstructing play or adding to maintenance problems, as well as to heighten the visual interest alongside each hole and behind certain greens. The materials selected should afford an exciting array of coloring as the golfing season progresses from spring through summer and into fall.

## CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS

President ..... Robert Tosh  
Vice President ..... Bob Osterman  
Secretary ..... David Stimson  
Treasurer ..... David Stimson

### Board of Directors

Ed Anderson                      Dave Roule  
Ron Holcomb                      Bob Viera

Mark Loper

Lloyd Russell, *Associate Director*  
Frank Lamphier, *Immediate Past Pres.*

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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## DATES SET FOR PESTICIDE SEMINAR AND EXAMINATION

Mark Loper, chairman of the pesticide committee, has announced that a day long seminar covering all material on the pesticide examination for superintendents, will be held Tuesday, December 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the field office of the University of Connecticut's Cooperative Extension Service in Bethel, Conn. This will be followed by the examination on Thursday, December 11 at the same location. Those passing the exam will receive the Custom Grounds license for Golf Course Superintendents only. It will not allow for any outside commercial use other than on the superintendents own course.

The seminar will cover such areas as: Connecticut Pesticide laws, regulations, safety, plant functions, fertilizers, calibration, mode of action of herbicides and insecticides as well as identifying the basic weeds and grasses. Also covered will be diseases and their cures.

It should be noted that a license is needed only for the use of restricted chemicals. If such chemicals are not used then no license is needed.

## REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The past two years have been a most rewarding experience for me. Our association, in the person of Charles Baskin, attained the highest honor awarded in our National Association. Charles being elected to the office of President, should be a source of great satisfaction and pride to each and every Conn. Assn. member. Charlie has been a source of invaluable information in helping myself on the local level. His experience and help have been invaluable to me.

Our Scholarship and Research fund has become a reality, thanks to Ed Anderson and his committee. Many hours have been spent in this endeavor. Bob Tosh and his committee have papers of incorporation and new by-laws being drafted as of this writing. This has been most time consuming. Dave Roule has done a marvelous job with the golf committee, giving unselfishly of his time to provide us with a most diversified golf schedule. Our Membership Committee, in the most able hands of Karnig Ovia, has brought organization from utter chaos into the balloting and screening of new members. It has been a board I am most proud to have been a part of. Eight regular board meetings were held during the year, one week previous to our regular monthly membership meetings. Each meeting lasted a minimum of 2 hrs. upwards to 5 hrs. This has created a much smoother running organization.

We have proven, that as an association, we can also have access to the state Government offices in Hartford. We now have our own pesticide seminar and exam, to be held in December, thanks to Mark Loper, Hyman Stolman, and Steve Cadenelli. Many thanks for a job well done.

Our purpose, as Golf Course Superintendents, is to provide the finest possible playing conditions. Being a member of this association and attending meetings, I feel has helped me towards this goal. I have yet to attend a meeting without obtaining some little hint which might be helpful at a future date or in fact immediately. I feel it is my duty to my club to better myself each year and the Connecticut Association has been most instrumental in this respect. What, in reality I'm saying is, "once a month, get out and see what the hell is really going on." I find it most worthwhile.

Now that my term in office is over, I look back on two of the finest years of my life, serving an organization of

which I am justifiably proud. Please continue to support your new Board of Directors as you have supported myself and our board. Thanks to each and every member, and a special thanks to the board for a most enjoyable two years.

Respectfully submitted,  
FRANK LAMPHIER  
*President CAGCS*

### VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Having Frank Lamphier as President made my position as Vice President this year an easy task. I only had to fill in for Frank a few times. This year, Frank has initiated many changes in our association. It has been my privilege to be on the ground floor of these changes.

As appointed chairman of the By-Laws Committee, I have submitted a report on its progress.

I made a recommendation to the Board to have our Association incorporated. It was accepted and I engaged Mr. Morris Weissman as our attorney to file the necessary papers. A progress report has been filed with the President.

The auditing of the books was done by Bob Osterman and myself. This report was submitted to the President.

It has been a pleasure working with the Board and I want to thank the members of my committee for their unending patience and willingness to meet at all times.

Thank you.  
ROBERT TOSH  
*Vice President*

### BY-LAWS REPORT

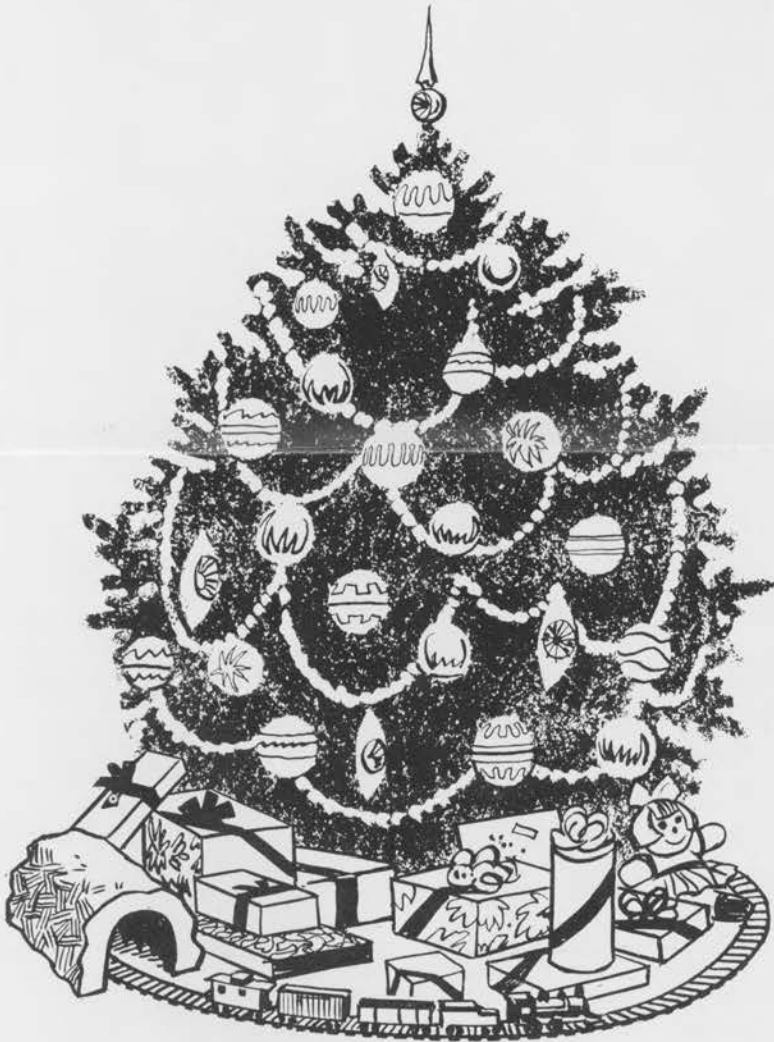
The By-Laws Committee, Ron Holcomb, Sherwood Moore, Vernon Burnham and I have met several times in the past months to propose revisions in our By-Laws. We sent out a questionnaire to all our members with thirty-three returns.

I have contacted Mr. O'Neil Kelly and on October 29, 1975 our Committee met with him at the Rockrimmon Country Club. We discussed at great length the changes we proposed and felt were necessary.

Mr. Kelly has accepted the task and is going to send me a draft of the proposed revisions and will meet with the Board prior to submitting a final draft to the membership.

Changes, such as we have proposed in our By-Laws take time and must be carefully studied in order to benefit all of our members.

Thank you.  
ROBERT TOSH, *Chairman*  
*Vice President*



Merry  
Christmas

### REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

During the past year seventeen (17) new members were voted into our association. The breakdown is as follows:

Class A .....	7
Class B .....	6
Associate .....	4
TOTAL	17

Respectfully submitted,  
KARNIG OVIAN

### REPORT OF THE GOLF COMMITTEE

Winners were as follows:

*Superintendents' Championship*

Gross, Frank Lamphier

Runner-up, Dave Roule

*Tie - Match cards*

Net, Champ - Bob Osterman

Runner-up, Bob Chalifour

3 low net - Steve Cadenelli

4 low net - Armand Lasage

5 low net - Fred Bachand

*Senior Championship*

Gross, Tom Grywalski

Net, Bill Somerski

*Associate Championship*

Gross, Bob Kennedy

Net, Al Arison

*Most Improved*

Charles York

### REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

During the past year scholarships of \$250 were awarded to: Paul J. Mierzejewski, 1100 Wallingford Road, Cheshire, Conn., and Allen Lee Semprebon, 12 Heather Road, Ellington, Conn. The sum of \$200 was given to Gary Carlson, 6 Greta Street, West Haven, Conn.

As of November 1, 1975 the balance in the account is \$1,964.40. \$1,568.00 was realized from the sale of Raffle Tickets with \$741.75 worth of prizes being awarded. This left a net profit of \$826.25.

Respectfully Submitted,  
ED ANDERSON

### EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

I'd like to thank the Board of Directors for the confidence they have showed in me by selecting me as the new editor of the "Conn. Clippings". My two predecessors have set very high examples for me to follow. I will do as best I can to follow these examples and to carry on the excellence which they have established. I hope also to be a bit innovative and to offer some new ideas as we go along. This cannot be done alone. I will need the help of every member who might offer ideas

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### AUDIT REPORT

I was asked to audit the Treasury Ledger for the annual Board meeting to be held on November 13, 1975 at the Farms Country Club.

I met on October 14, 1975 at 3:00 p.m. with Robert Osterman, who is the Association's Secretary-Treasurer. Edward Anderson is also a member of this committee but could not attend the meeting.

Robert and I went over the Ledger and it was noted that Bob took over the Ledger on August 1, 1975 from Jim MacDonald. Everything was in order and accounted for at this time.

As of October 14, 1975 we have in our checking account:

Working Capital	\$2,143.74
Scholarship & Research	2,164.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,308.14</b>

Thank you.

Respectfully,  
**ROBERT TOSH**  
*Vice President*

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and material for the news letter. I will constantly be encouraging members to write articles and provide information as to what is happening in our association and our state. Hopefully, by working together we can make this news-letter informative and create a strong line of communication among all of our members.

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sition so give him a hand and volunteer your club.

On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.

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