

Eugene D. Johanningsmeier Elected President of Michigan Turf-Grass Foundation

E. D. Johanningsmeier, Agronomy graduate from the University of Purdue and currently with the Hiram F. Godwin & Son organization, of Detroit, has been elected to serve as President of the Michigan Turf-Grass Foundation for the coming season of '62.

Gene is well known throughout the Michigan Turf World, and is regarded as one of the finest young men to join the local ranks in many a year. He is not only a scholar in the field of turf and its habits, but is a well versed speaker and has a personality of some magnitude.

The Michigan Turf-Grass Foundation, it has been felt for some time, could well become one of the leading research centers in the country. It might be said at this time that it is in its infancy, however, with vital young men such as Gene leading the way, adulthood could come very rapidly.

The Michigan and Border Cities Golf Course Superintendent's Association, would like to convey to Mr. Johanningsmeier and his Directors a feeling of goodwill and continued success.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By ROBERT PRIESKORN *Western Country Club*

The year is now committed. No turning back. Spring is on the rampage and the hours become long and grueling, but the task is ahead and we go to meet it. Michigan Superintendents have and will continue to raise the golf course standards in the United States. It is with this in mind that the door to Spring is opened each year. Quality is the byword and experience is their staff.

The hall of Winter was their meeting place to confer, to join philosophies and to organize anew the battle plan to create a better turf and a more proficient all around program.

When Autumn breathes its last the Michigan Superintendent will have defended his title as "Expert," of this I am sure.

Forest Lake, Fine Host

By C. F. WHITE *Orchard Lake Country Club*

The March 28, meeting at Forest Lake Country Club, of the Michigan Supers, was well planned and well done.

Bouquets to FLCC President, Donald Green, Green Chairman Blaine Eynon and Club Manager John Maher for the outstanding facility provided.

Mr. Green's words of welcome and his expressed pride in our host Superintendent, Rich Navarre, added to a very warm evening.

Agronomist, Eugene Johanningsmeier climaxed the meeting with an authoritative and educational talk on "Winter Kill and Basic Fertilization."

We sincerely hope that the Forest Lakers will have us back again and again.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHEMICALS

By WILLIAM RAEBURN

Knollwood Country Club

One point uppermost in all Supt's minds, this time of year, is their chemical control programs — be it fungicidal, insect or weed treatments.

This column is not intended to tell you what chemical should or should not be used in these various categories — but let it be a reminder to each one not to use any chemical unless he fully understands "How it works."

Knowing how a chemical works is the very best guide on how it should be used. As an example, crabgrass can be eradicated with a contact chemical, one that translocates through the leaves, or one that works on the seeds of crabgrass (pre-emergence). Here no one chemical seems better than the other, its best time use because of the way it works, and you may prefer one to the other.

There are many chemicals on the market for a same given problem, whether it is a disease, pest or weed. Some might be more expensive than others but results may also prove their money well spent. On the other hand another chemical of lesser expense can be as effective as its higher priced alternate. This again is up to the individual, based nine times out of ten, on successful past experience.

If tempted and encouraged to try something new and unfamiliar, first test the product in your nursery. It is surprising what can be learned in these trial periods especially in safety use.

When using any chemical don't presume that if a little is good — a little extra is better. An over dose even to the slightest degree can have its ill fated effects, and timid under dosing will never prove anything. Either way results occur, but perhaps not what you or the manufacturer intended. Keep to specific instructions and your 'understanding' knowledge of whichever product preferred. Take a little time and impart this understanding to the man on the job, who will not only be more interested in his work, but repay with a job better done.

Remember at all times that it is always important to get the right chemical for the right job, at the right time, with the right amount applied in the right way, under right conditions; performed by the right man. Ignore any one of these steps and you will waste not only time and money but probably some grass.

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MEET HAL VOGLER

By R. A. NAVARRE *Forest Lake Country Club*

If you were to ask Mr. Hal Vogler to introduce himself, by way of an informal letter, it might go something like this;

"Hello — I'm Hal Vogler. Perhaps we have already met. If not you will be seeing me around, I'm the guy with the bewildered look on his face.

I bought Bill Miller's business in Birmingham. Bill has retired to his sob, oops sod farm in Lansing. Fortunately I'm the only change around the shop. Carl, George Carson, Bob Johns, Joe, Tom, Gay and the rest of the gang are still on the job.

Enough of the facts now for the minor things, my wife's name is June, one son Mark, 5 years old, and we live in a small house with a large mortgage in Beverly Hills.

I am looking forward to a long and pleasant association with you and your excellent organization."

Yesterday I looked upon a green
At golfers four with clubs in hand,
Everyone I mazed, did hole it clean.
The comments on that, brown, green were
grand.

Evergreens for Golf Courses

By LEO BISHOP *Red Run Country Club*

#1 White Pine (Semi-pyramidal type) they are hardy and attractive, provide shade and are ornamental. Small seedlings transplant readily. This pine adapts itself to a great variety of soil conditions and grows rapidly.

#2 Austrian Pine: (Massive spreading crown), this is a very desirable pine for dark contrast in a light landscape, it is hardy and is a fairly fast growing pine.

#3 Scotch Pine: (Massive spreading crown), this pine is a fast starter and will grow well in sandy soils as well as any other. It is especially good for group planting.

#4 White Spruce: (pyramidal type), is a vigorous, beautiful tree growing straight and tall, with horizontal branches. They are desirable to break the roundness of surrounding hills and groups of trees.

#5 Douglas Fir: (pyramidal type), are closely related to Hemlock. They have short stalked needles growing in a flatened spiral around the twig. They are hardy and fairly rapid growing, forming a symmetrical open crown. They are ideal on the course where height is required.

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