THE preservation of golf as a vitality builder for vital national war production workers will be the theme of the 16th annual GSA National Turf Conference and Equipment Show to be held at Hotel Sherman in Chicago, February 10, 11, 12, 13.

Despite our national emergency, plans for this important annual event are going ahead and participants appear to be even more eager, since Pearl Harbor—to demonstrate to the public that members of the golf industry feel it their patriotic duty to provide necessary relaxation and healthful recreation for war-frayed nerves.

The conference program opens this year on Tuesday morning, Feb. 10, with an address of welcome by the Hon. Mayor Kelly of Chicago, and the rest of the day will be devoted to inspection and examination of commercial golf course equipment and supplies. Exhibit space reservations up until December 24th exceeded any in the past 10 years of the show and several new and novel displays from commercial outfits are anticipated.

The GSA board of directors go into session Sunday, Feb. 8, and will continue their meeting through Monday, Feb. 9th. Among the many important matters to be discussed by this group and recommended to the later membership meetings for approval is a recommendation to employ a full time executive secretary.

The educational program opens Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 2 P. M. and will continue through each afternoon for three days thereafter.

T. T. Taylor, supt., Westchester CC, Rye, N. Y., is acting as national educational chairman and he and his committee have spared no pains to line up a timely and attractive slate of speakers.

Ed. B. Cale, GSA vice-president and former educational chairman, is now serving the United States Government as a camouflage expert. His duties cover the advising of turf problems in connection with army airports and other military areas. The GSA is very proud of this official recognition to one of its leaders and of the fact that the necessity for such service was called to U. S. officials' attention during the greenkeepers' conference in Detroit last winter.

The annual banquet will be held Thursday evening, Feb. 12, an event which will draw most of the leading golf officials around Chicago. Efforts are being made now to arrange for the appearance of Geo. W. Blossom, Jr., Onwentsia CC, Chicago, president-elect of the USGA.

Serving as general chairman of the conference is John Darrah, Beverly CC, Chicago, and a member of the national directorate. The show committee is headed by Don Boyd, Portage CC, Akron, Ohio. Chairman of the banquet and entertainment committee is Graham Gardiner, Park Ridge CC, Park Ridge, Ill. Norman C. Johnson, Medinah CC, Chicago, is assist-

GSA Educational Program, Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Ill.

Wednesday, Feb. 11:
3:00 P. M. (subject undecided) Major John L. Griffith, commissioner of athletics, Western Conference.
4:00 P. M. "Landsccaping With a Gun," by Fred V. Grau, Penn State College, Pa.

Thursday, Feb. 12:
2:00 P. M. "Fairway Watering," by Norman Johnson, Medinah CC, Chicago, and C. E. Tregillus, Mill Road Farm, Chicago.
3:00 P. M.; (Subject undecided) Virgil K. Brown, director of recreation, Chicago, Ill.
4:00 P. M.; "War Among Plants," by Dr. O. S. Aamodt, chief agronomist, bureau of plant industry, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

Friday, Feb. 13:
2:00 P. M.; "Turf in the National Defense Program," by Dr. John Monteith, Director, USGA Green Section.
4:00 P. M.; "Japanese Beetle Control," by Prof. R. T. White, bureau of Entomology, Moorestown, N. J.
ing both the show and publicity committees. Other Chicago district greenkeepers who are cooperating in making the convention a successful one are John MacGregor, Chicago GC, and Ray Gerber, Glen Oak GC.

The annual election of GSA directors and officials will occur Friday morning, Feb. 13; slate was not available at GOLFDOM press time.

Mavor Boyd, Longwood CC, Dyer, Ind., is acting as chairman of the ladies’ committee and among some of the pleasant surprises he has lined up for the ‘fair ones’ is a visit to the world famous Cradle in Evanston. Plans are also under way for escorting visiting delegates through a few of Chicago’s famed industries and other significant spots of interest.

List of exhibitors as of December 24, which represents the greatest number ever signed at this date, follows:


Mrs. F. A. Bunte is W. W. Head—Women’s Western Golf Assn. 1941-42 president, elected at the annual meeting of the association held last fall at the Evanston (Ill.) GC, is Mrs. F. A. Bunte, Evanston GC. Mrs. Bunte succeeds Mrs. Charles B. Willard, of the Exmoor CC, Chicago.

Memorial to Ned Warner—A new trophy known as the E. L. Warner Bowl is to be competed for by Detroit District golfers of 60 years and more. The trophy is a memorial to the late Ned Warner, for many years sec. of the DDGA, and widely known and beloved in golf. Mr. Warner died early in December.

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