GCSA Convention Notes

Leo Feser, scheduled to be opening day ringmaster of the education session, couldn’t make it... He remained in Wayzata, Minn., under a heat pack... Aches and pains had caught up with him... Flashing light was rigged up under the speaker’s table to give the orators warning that they had only five minutes to go... Maybe something like this should be adapted for tees and greens to speed up play... Counter attraction at the Hotel Sherman was a corset and bra show... Some supts., who had yearnings to see the models, probably were kept in harness by their wives.

Carl Wagner, supt. Lambton GC, Toronto, made strong pitch for bringing 1961 convention to his home city... He assured everyone that Toronto has facilities for handling delegation the size of which the GCSA probably would send... Houston is the 1960 venue... The Caribbean area was represented by Marion Luke, who moved over to the Dorado Beach course in Puerto Rico last year after 12 years as supt. at Augusta National... Mexico didn’t send any delegates but Canada, as usual, was well represented.

GOLFDOM held its second father and son luncheon in the Ruby Room of the Sherman on Wednesday... Joe Graffis was host to about 60 persons who attended... The GCSA started something new this year by adding a 10 per cent levy to exhibitor booth space charges to finance the cocktail hour that preceded the annual banquet... Exhibitors agreed that this was a good idea because it put the conviviality interval, which they participated in, on a share-the-cost basis and did away with entertaining at individual parties... Eleven former heads of the GCSA were on hand for the Past Presidents’ breakfast, held on the second day of the conference.

Around $5,000 was spent by the GCSA in entertaining women who attended the conference... Membership in the GCSA has more than doubled in the last five years... 380 new members have enrolled in the organization since Dec. 1, 1957... 72 applications for membership were received on registration day at this year’s convention.

It was conservatively estimated that five per cent of the supts., who came to Chicago for the convention, were attending their first national turf show... It’s a pretty good bet that most of them had their eyes opened... Most, of course, were younger
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