

## GCSAA Prayer Breakfast

The members of the GCSAA Prayer Breakfast Committee are happy and proud to announce that Dr. Houston Couch will be this year's speaker at the PB in Las Vegas. This will be the first time that we have had a member from our own profession to be our guest speaker.

Mr. Ben J. Staff of Hog Neck Golf Course in Easton Maryland will serve as chairman of the PB this year and hopefully for many more years to come. After having served as chairman for 11 years with the support of many fine people it's time now for some fresh faces. I hope that Ben will receive all the help and encouragement that has been given me over the years.

Because we were a little late in getting things lined up this year there has not been much advance notice in the GCSAA communications however there will be a PB in Las Vegas!

The Bull Sheet has many readers and we would like to remind them again that the date is February 10, 1991, Sunday, at 7:30 A.M., Riviera Hotel. Check for exact location.

Thank you for all your help in the past, now and in the future.

**John C. Ebel, Retiring chairman**

## Houston B. Couch

**Professor of Plant Pathology, Virginia Tech**

B.S. (Agronomy) — Tennessee Technological University, Ph.D. (Plant Pathology) — University of California.

1954 to 1965 — Assistant to Associate Professor of Plant Pathology, The Pennsylvania State University. Taught introductory plant pathology and a course on diseases of turfgrasses. Conducted research on the nature and control of turfgrass diseases — with particular emphasis on chemical control and the influence of nutrition, soil moisture and air temperature on the development of turfgrass diseases.

1965 to July 1974 — Professor of Plant Pathology and Head, Department of Plant Pathology and Physiology, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. In addition to administrative duties, taught introductory plant pathology and conducted research on the nature and control of turfgrass diseases.

July 1974 to present — Resumed full time duties in July 1974 in research and instruction as Professor of Plant Pathology at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Teach a course in graduate plant pathology. Conduct research on the chemical control of turfgrass diseases and the effect of various environmental factors on turfgrass disease development.

Author of the book "Diseases of Turfgrasses." First published in 1962. Second edition issued in December 1974. Third edition is scheduled for release in the Spring of 1991. Publisher: Robert Krieger Co., P. O. Box 9542, Melbourne, Florida 32091.

Has been married for 45 years. Father of five (four sons and a daughter), and grandfather of nine (6 boys and 3 girls — all of whom live no more than 15 minutes away!).



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