

Superintendents '41 Meeting

Four days of well-planned activity, attendance, augur well for an out —

BY the time this issue of GOLFDOM reaches its readers, the fifteen annual National Turf Conference and Equipment Show of the Greenkeeping Superintendents Assn. will be getting under way in Detroit—the town that played host to the first national greenkeepers convention fourteen years ago. The 1941 convention is being held on four days—Tuesday through Friday, Feb. 4-7. The Book-Cadillac Hotel is conference headquarters.

The convention program will get under way Tuesday morning, February 4, when Mayor Jeffries of Detroit gives the official welcoming address to the assembled greenkeepers. The remainder of the day will be devoted entirely to the exhibits; more exhibit space, incidentally, has been reserved for this convention than for any other show, according to Show Committee Chairman Don Boyd.

The first session of the educational conference will be held Wednesday afternoon, and the first membership meeting is scheduled for that evening. Annual greenkeepers banquet will be held Thursday evening, February 6, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be concluded Friday, February 7, with a second membership meeting in the morning (at which time GSA officers for 1941 will be selected), and the final educational session will be held that afternoon.

Shave Is Chairman

Convention general chairman is the veteran Herb Shave, supt. at Oakland Hills (Detroit) CC. Other committee chairman and their assistants are: Educational committee—Herb Shave, chairman; Bruce Matthews, Ben Bertrand and Hiram Godwin. Welcoming committee—Clarence Wolfrom, chairman; Ward Cornwell, Roy Jones and Jim Provan. Banquet and General Entertainment—Dave Kennedy and Reuben Scott. Official host for this 15th annual conference is the Michigan-Border Cities Golf Supts. Assn. Clarence Wolfrom is president of this group.

Toastmaster at the annual banquet will be Harvey G. Campbell, vice-president of

the Detroit Board of Trade. Those at the speakers table will include Edgar A. Guest; Edward L. Warner and J. Standish of the Detroit District GA; William G. Burton, chairman, Detroit Green Section committee; Mayor Jeffries and Herb Graffis, editor of GOLFDOM.

The complete educational program for the convention follows:

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5

2:00 P.M.

"Weed Control in Fairways and Rough," (Illustrated), by Fred V. Grau, agronomist, Penn State College, and H. C. Purdy, supt., Toronto, (Ont.) CC.

3:00 P.M.

Henry G. Weaver, director of consumer research, General Motors. Will select own subject.

3:30 P.M.

"Public Golf," by H. L. Bancroft, supt. city parks, Lansing, Mich., and Reuben Scott, supt. Detroit Municipal golf courses.

4:30 P.M.

"Landscaping the Golf Course," by Bruce Matthews, supt. Green Ridge CC, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Cleveland P. Grant, nationally known wild life lecturer and photographer. Motion pictures in natural colors.

THURSDAY, FEB. 6

2:00 P.M.

W. J. Cameron, Director of Public Relations, Ford Motor Co. Cameron will select own subject.

2:30 P.M.

"Insect Pests and Their Control," by Prof. Ray Hutson, Michigan State College.

3:30 P.M.

"Soil Germs, Their Role in Compost and Special Fertilizers," by Prof. M. L. Turk, Michigan State College.

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4:30 P.M.

"Qualifications of a Golf Course Superintendent," by C. H. Smith, green-chairman, Essex Town and CC, Windsor, Ont.; Wm. Smith, supt. Red Run GC, Royal Oak, Mich.

FRIDAY, FEB. 7

2:00 P.M.

"Rates of Seeding and Fertilizing," by J. W. Bengston, USGA Green Section, Washington, D. C.

2:45 P.M.

"Turf Diseases and Their Control," by Dr. John Montieth, Jr., chief, USGA Green Section.

3:30 P.M.

"Topdressing greens," by Dr. James Tyson, Michigan State College.

Convention educational chairman is Dr. James Tyson, Michigan State College. Honorary chairman is M. E. Farnham, supt., Philadelphia (Pa.) CC.

Up for president when balloting begins Friday morning to determine the GSA leader for 1941, is the incumbent, John Gray, Essex G&CC, Sandwich, Ont., whose club lies right across the river from the scene of the Detroit conclave, and Harold Stodola, greenkeeper at St. Paul's famed Keller course. On the nominating committee are Frank W. Ermer, chairman; Leonard Bloomquist, Graham Gardiner, H. T. Islieb, A. L. Waterbury and Clarence Wolfrom.

Word has been received to the effect that Columbus, Ohio, and Pittsburgh, Pa., are putting on big drives to get the 1942 convention; at least ten other cities have extended invitations.

The greenkeepers have been asked to wear green ties upon their arrival in the Motor City, so their identity may be easily established by the welcoming committee. Detroit District officials have laid elaborate

plans for this convention, and knowing that bunch as we do, we think it is more than safe to say that one of the finest conventions in the association's history will be the record left by the greensmen when they leave for their homes after the last business sessions Friday, Feb. 7. Charley Burns, the GSA's great publicitor, is all set to give the convention a big push in the press of the nation. Charley's No. 1 assistant in reporting the Detroit event will be Willie Smith, supt. at Detroit's Red Run GC.

SHORT COURSE CALENDAR

February 8—March 14—Massachusetts State College, Amherst, Mass., (2nd term)

17-21—Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J.

18-20—Denver (Colo.) District, Park Lane Hotel.

19-21—Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa.

25-26—Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.

27-March 1—Midwest Greenkeepers, U. of Chicago.

March 4-5—Iowa State College, Ames, Ia.

5-7—Minnesota Greenkeepers, Nicolett Hotel, Minneapolis.

13-14—Michigan State College, East Lansing, Mich.

14-16—Recreational Conference and Exhibition, Massachusetts State College.

For more complete information on turf short courses listed above, see January GOLFDOM, p. 12 and this issue, pp. 24 and 51.
