

Plans Completed for 20th Annual GSA Conference

Plans for the 20th annual conference and equipment exhibition of the Greenkeeping Superintendents' Assn. have been virtually completed by the program committee, headed by Ray Gerber, Glen Oak CC, Glen Ellyn, Ill., and the show committee with Frank Ermer, 7506 Jameson road, Parma 9, Ohio, as its chairman. The committees, appointed by Pres. Chester Mendenhall, have been working closely with the Southern California supts. organization in assigning topics to authorities who'll address the four educational sessions and in arranging the exhibits of equipment and supplies to be presented at Memorial Coliseum, Los Angeles, Feb. 8, 9, 10, 11.

Alexandria Hotel, Los Angeles, will be official headquarters hotel. Convention visitors are urged to make reservations early.

After the usual official welcoming formalities the educational conference gets under way with a talk by Herb Graffis, GOLFDOM editor, on "What's Ahead for the Golf Business." The greenkeepers appear to be willing to take a chance with Graffis' forecast inasmuch as in March, 1948, in his column in the Chicago Sun-Times he forecast the election of Harry S. Truman. Joe Novak, pres. PGA of America and pro at Bel-Air CC (LA dist.) will speak on "The Golf Course We Like to Play," presenting the members' and pros' views.

Wm. H. Johnson, supt. of Los Angeles public courses, and the head of the employees' recreation program at one of the large Los Angeles area airplane plants will present practical information on handling "Golf in the Public Recreation Program."

Speakers are to be assigned to a symposium on smaller course maintenance and to "Practical Psychology in Golf Course Management."

Fred V. Grau, director, USGA Green Section, will talk on "Things to Come in Turf Management." Verne Stoutemeyer of UCLA will have as his subject "Research and Extension Turf Projects on a Regional Basis."

Colin C. Simpson, green chmn., Los An-

geles CC, is to speak on "How the Green-chairman and Greenkeeper Can be a Better Team." Simpson has worked very close with greenkeepers in getting the Southern California turf research program under way and has a good understanding of the greenkeepers' problems.

"Grooming the Course for Championship Play" will be covered by greenkeepers at courses where 1948 national championships were held as the final subject on the Wednesday program.

Thursday morning session will open with an address on saline and alkali soil properties and management; a subject of great importance in numerous western areas. New developments in insecticides and new developments in weed control will occupy the rest of the Thursday morning program.

William P. Bell will lead the Thursday afternoon program, talking on "The Greenkeeper-Architect Relationship in Course Architecture." H. A. Schoth is scheduled to talk on varieties, strains and methods in "Grass Seed Production on the West Coast." Other authorities will discuss other phases of West coast grass seed.

There'll be a session on "Renovation of Turf" in which qualified men will consider the renovating job with northern and southern grasses.

G. O. Mott of Purdue university will talk on "The Problem of Soil Compaction, Aeration and Drainage."

Greenkeepers to Play Too

Among the men's and women's entertainment features planned to precede and follow the business program is the golf tournament at Griffith Park, Feb. 7. There the supts. can make a first hand study of one of the busiest public golf plants in the country. With the exception of the eastern and western GSA champions the rest of the field will play with handicaps.

This event will be run by the host association committee headed by Gomer (Potlikker) Sims, Meadowlark CC, Route 1, Box 440, Huntington Beach, Calif.

Sims asks that all greenkeepers intending to play in the event advise him as soon

as possible and let him know their names, nicknames, clubs, addresses and handicaps and whether they'll bring clubs or will want to borrow clubs.

Southern California Golf Course Supts. Assn., meeting at Bel-Air CC, Dec. 13, completed their part of arrangements for the national conference. Conference topics of special interest to Pacific Coast, southwestern and other areas west of the Mississippi were inserted in a well-balanced program of national interest.

Also added to the program was an inspection of the recently established Turf Experiment station on the UCLA campus at Los Angeles. This tour will be conducted by Dr. V. T. Stoutemeyer, head of UCLA Ornamental Horticulture dept. A particularly interesting feature of the plots is that of simulating growing conditions encountered in 24 different areas of the U. S.

Detroit Managers Complete Plans for CMAA Convention

The 21st annual convention of the Club Managers Assn. of America will be held at Hotel Statler, Detroit, Feb. 6 through Feb. 9. The convention is expected to attract a record attendance of members, wives and guests. Sufficient rooms for all attending have been promised by the Statler but all are urged to make hotel reservations at once.

The convention will be officially opened at 10 a. m. in the ballroom of the Hotel Statler for both men and women. A special feature has been promised for the opening ceremony. A cocktail party Saturday evening has been arranged for those who arrive early and another Sunday evening following registration.

Monday afternoon the members will assemble for a special educational session followed in the evening by an informal party, dinner and entertainment at the Detroit Yacht Club. Mornings will be left open for committee meetings and informal discussions. Tuesday afternoon roundtable discussions have been scheduled with separate sessions for town club managers and country club managers.

The closing convention session will start at 12:30 Wednesday with short educational talks followed by convention business and election of officers. The formal convention banquet will be held in the Statler ballroom Wednesday evening preceded by a cocktail party and "president's reception."

John J. Pomeroy, manager, Red Run GC is president of the CMAA and working with him on the convention program and arrangements are Robert H. Thompson, Detroit GC, convention chairman and Edward M. Grenard, University Club of Detroit, convention secretary and treasurer.

Texas and Oklahoma to Hold Joint Turf Conference

More than 200 are expected to attend the joint Oklahoma-Texas Turf Conference to be held in Dallas, Texas, February 2, 3. A full morning program is scheduled for each day with field trips to golf courses, athletic fields, and parks in the afternoon. Greenkeepers and professionals at Lakewood CC, Dallas CC, and Brook Hollow GC will lead on the spot discussion of maintenance practices carried on at their respective clubs.

Officers of the Texas GA have joined with the Oklahoma and Texas groups to present an educational and entertaining two-day meeting. Speakers and discussion leaders and their subjects for the general morning sessions at the Baker Hotel include Dr. Thomas C. Longnecker, Texas Research Foundation—Basic Principles of Bent Grass Management; Robert C. Dunning, Tulsa, Okla.—Special Problems of Maintaining Bent Grass Greens in Hot Humid Weather; Dr. O. J. Noer, Milwaukee, Wis.—Modern Equipment for Turf Maintenance; Alex Repin, Oklahoma—Fertilizing and Topdressing Bent Greens; Greenkeeper and Professional Relationships by Joe Dahlman, Okla. PGA; and Fred V. Grau, Dir., USGA Green Section—What's New In Turf.

Dr. Glen W. Burton, U. S. Dept. of Agri., Tifton, Ga., will discuss Breeding Bermuda Grass and Other Southern Grasses, on the Thursday morning program; Prof. H. F. Murphy will report on the Turf Research work at the Okla. Agri. Exp. Station and a special feature will be a roundtable discussion on soil sterilization and control of bermuda grass in which the following will participate: Gordon Jones, CAA, Bob Ervine, Oaks CC, Tulsa, Okla., and John Price, Southern Hills CC, Tulsa.

Architects To Meet

American Society of Golf Course Architects will hold its annual meeting at Hotel Bellevue, Bellaire, Fla., Jan. 12-15. Details of eligibility may be secured from the association's sec., Robert Trent Jones, 20 Vesey St., New York.