

GCSAA



Show Notes

Future host cities for the Golf Course Superintendents Assn. of America Conference and Show are likely to be measured against Houston for the quality and convenience of their convention facilities. Superintendents and exhibitors at the 41st conference were delighted with the layout of the massive Albert Thomas Convention Center. Exhibits showed off to best advantage under the well-lighted ceiling of the hall, and the record traffic (some 3,600 people) moved easily and comfortably.

Attendance at the educational sessions also appeared to have broken previous records, perhaps due to the easy accessibility of the conference rooms from the exhibit hall. Some 35 speakers dealt with topics related to such themes as, For a Better World, Man and His Fellow Man, Research—A Basis of Progress, and Automatic Irrigation. Among the distinguished group were research scientists, agronomists, top golf course superintendents,

including John Campbell, Links Supervisor of the noble St. Andrews GC in Scotland.

Superintendents took time out to elect new GCSAA officers. Norman W. Kramer, superintendent at Point O' Woods CC, Benton, Mich., will serve as president and Richard C. Blake, superintendent at Mt. Pleasant CC, Boylston, Mass., will fill the position of vice president. Palmer Maples Jr., Charlotte CC, Charlotte, N.C.; Garold Murphy, Somerset CC, St. Paul; and Clifford A. Wagoner, Del Rio CC, Modesto, Calif., were elected to two-year terms as directors.

All was not business, however. At the close of Monday's session, superintendents and their families were treated to a glimpse of Houston's Western heritage at the host association's rodeo and barbecue.

Along with providing outstanding facilities, Houston even put its best foot forward with mild, sunny weather.

—Bill Smart