

GCSAA CONFERENCE

The R. L. Gould group of the Minnesota Delegation arrived in New Orleans Sunday afternoon, February 16th to officially open the conference from the Minnesota standpoint. This group was again arranged for by Gordon Miller of the R. L. Gould Company, who took care of reservations for air flight and hotel and did his usual outstanding job. There were about 70 in the group and all enjoyed the trip tremendously.

The Rivergate Convention Center was open all day Sunday to handle conference and tour reservations and Clem McCann and his wife opened the Minnesota booth on their arrival and manned booths to answer questions and hand out literature to all those interested in attending the 1976 conference in Minneapolis.

The business part of the conference opened Monday morning with a kick-off and keynote address by Chris Schenkel, ABC Sports Commentator. He dwelt quite a bit on his activities as a sports commentator, which proved very interesting.

Monday afternoon educational sessions started and a lot was learned by those attending, and was greatly appreciated.

R. L. Gould played host to a Mississippi River Cruise on the Orange Blossom. There were more than 50 of our local people making the cruise and enjoying it.

The exhibits opened Tuesday morning and were attended by the largest number of superintendents at a national conference to date. The gross attendance over-all was down slightly from 1974 at Anaheim.

Wednesday evening Minnesota Toro hosted a cocktail party where all were able to get started for an evening on Bourbon Street with its French Quarter atmosphere which never lets up and there are many little shops, restaurants and night clubs, each with its own music and form of entertainment.

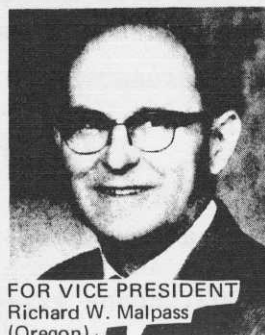
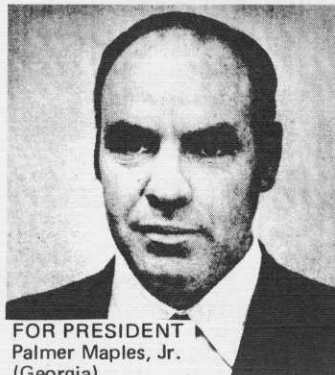
The conference closed Thursday evening with a Royal Banquet with entertainment by Ann-Marie Alberghetti. The meal was superb and it was amazing how the hotel staff could handle 1200 so cheerfully, serving a full course meal.

Friday was given over by the Minnesota delegation to golf course tours and on the same day R. L. Gould arranged for a post-conference trip to Biloxi for a couple of days of fishing and golfing. Jerry Murphy and George Jennrich will be glad to tell you how it is to get up and go fishing at 5 o'clock in the morning.

From that point on the delegation split up and went their respective ways, some to Florida, Texas, Kansas, Colorado and other point before returning home to prepare to get ready for the spring season.



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