

National News Briefs

Palmer Maples, Jr., Decatur, Ga., will be the new Director of Education of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA), Conrad Scheetz, GCSAA Executive Director, has announced.

Maples will join the GCSAA Headquarters staff in Lawrence, Kansas in December following his resignation as golf course superintendent of The Standard Club in Atlanta, Ga. He succeeds William E. Knoop, who resigned in July to join the faculty of Iowa State University in Ames.

In making the announcement, Scheetz said, "After an extensive investigation of candidates from throughout the country, we are thoroughly satisfied that Palmer will enhance the Association's ability to provide meaningful educational opportunities for its members and the profession. He brings to the position a sound academic background, valuable practical knowledge and experience in the field of golf course management and a thorough understanding of the Association's structure and activities.

"We welcome Palmer to our staff and look forward to working with him to advance GCSAA's educational programs."

Maples' responsibilities will include determining and defining the educational needs of Association members and providing the means by which these needs can be satisfied. In order to help golf course superintendents maintain high levels of professional competence, he will also produce and disseminate training and teaching aids that assist superintendents in the many areas in which they deal. His immediate duties will include coordinating the educational program for the upcoming International Turfgrass Conference and Show in Portland, overseeing GCSAA's Certification Program, developing educational seminars and assisting with the GCSAA Scholarship and Research Fund.

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America will sponsor its 48th International Turfgrass Conference and Show February 6-11 in Portland, Oregon.

With over 150 companies filling exhibit space of 100,800 square feet in the \$8-million Portland Memorial Coliseum and Exhibit Hall, a record breaking attendance of over 5,000 persons is expected.

"Turfgrass Management: A Synergistic Approach" is the theme of the conference and its education program will focus on the interdependence and interrelationship among the many parts of golf course management. A total of 70 speakers from universities, industry, government and the ranks of the Association itself will present the most up-to-date information in the world of turfgrass management.

Heywood Hale Broun, famed sports writer and CBS television sports essayist and commentator, will be the keynote speaker of the conference. He will speak on "The Role of Big Games in Society".

Prior to the official opening of the conference, the Association will once again hold Certification and Recertification examinations and a series of seminars on landscaping, management, pesticides and turfgrass nutrition. Other features of the week long event are the association's annual meeting and election, tours of Portland area golf courses, tours of the Oregon grass seed industry, a ladies' program and social events during the week.

Also the 1977 GCSAA Golf Tournament will be February 3 and 4 at three courses on the Monterey Peninsula in California including the prestigious Spyglass Hill layout.