

NATIONAL MEETING NEWS

Fifty-three people from Minnesota, including in many cases wives and children, swept into San Antonio to attend the National Conference of the Golf Course Superintendents' of America. While the weather was not what it usually is the attendants were not without interesting activities in addition to the conference and equipment show. The Alamo and the Space Needle rated the most attention, closely followed by the Old Spanish Market, the unique canal and river park and for the men, the North Star Brewery tours. Meanwhile, the Minnesota Golf Team, over in Corpus Christi, placed seventh in the nation. The team, comprised of Jim Lindblad, Leif Erickson, Bill Johnson, Carl Anderson and Dean Sime, learned what wind and cold were all about! Leif Erickson's 76 was the team low score while Bill Johnson and Carl Anderson won trophies for closest to the pin during the tournament. All in all a fine showing for our "out of practice" players.

Back at the conference, former Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz gave the best keynote speech in years. Total attendance reached 5,494 of which 1,403 were national members. The equipment show expanded to over 130,000 square feet and took two days to see properly. The banquet was attended by over 1,000 people and was truly a gala affair. Everyone was glad to see Executive Director Connie Scheetz back on his feet and well on the road to recovery. The Minnesota caucus attracted twenty-eight people who cared enough to take time off from a busy schedule to share their thoughts on the needs of the association and the industry. M.G.C.S.A. would like to express appreciation to R. L. Gould, Minnesota Toro, Turf Supply Co. and Northrup King for their hospitality at the National Conference. On to Atlanta in 1979!

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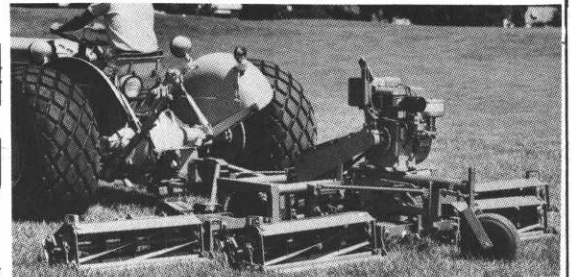
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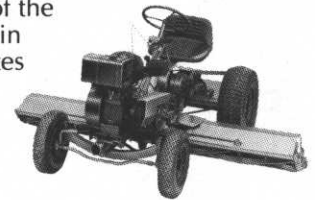
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