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International Conference Booming Success

The 47th International Turfgrass Conference is over and in every aspect was a booming success. Approximately 4,300 people benefited from this conference and for Minnesota this has to be a record achievement.

I cannot even try to remember all the individuals who made a special effort to locate me and thank the Minnesota Association for the hospitality and warmth they felt at this conference. Each and every one of you left an impression that will be remembered throughout the years. I know it made me, as president, very proud of our Association and I want to thank all the members and wives for a job that was superbly done.

I feel a special thank you should be expressed to our co-chairmen, Larry Vetter and Jerry Murphy. These men did all the organizing and leg work prior to the conference. I know there were many days of planning involved and we certainly appreciated the giving of your time to the benefit of our Association.

I should also like to express the respect I have gained for Connie Scheetz and all of the national headquarters staff. Their organization and special attention to every detail is what makes something as big as this conference progress without a flaw. I know many of us never realized the magnitude of putting this conference together until we personally became involved. So from the Minnesota Chapter and all others, we thank you for a job well done.

Reflecting back on the events that have taken place, this conference has pulled this Association together like nothing else could have. Comradship has led to friendship, and through that, strength for the future. It brought forth the talents of many to reach a goal that in my estimation was surpassed many times over. Again, I say to all of you, thanks for a super job.

Dean Sime, President M.G.C.S.A.



FROM FAR AND NEAR. Minnesota President Dean Sime chats with new National President Richard Malpass, center, and at left, P.L. Machielse of Johannesburg, South Africa.



BIRD'S EYE VIEW. Equipment Show in the last stages of display set up.

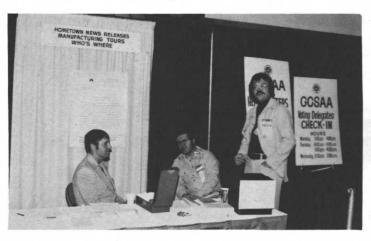
A Variety of Show Activities



ACTION ON THE OUTSIDE. Cars, buses, trucks and very few cabs deliver participants to the Convention Hall on a balmy February day.



HAPPY WELCOME FACES. John Heimsness, left and Mr. & Mrs. Dick Williams prepare to extend a warm Minnesota greeting to conference visitors.



READY AND WAITING. Bill Johnson, left, Keith Scott, center, and Jim Lindblad, right, were responsible for hometown news releases and manufacturing tours.



HEADQUARTERS STAFF. Bonnie Stephenson of GCSAA and her local aides, George Ostler, left, John Fuller, second from right and Dick DeSplinter, right.



INTERNATIONAL CONVERSATION. Dunvar McDonnell of Melborne, Australia, left, trades secrets with outgoing national president, Palmer Maples, Jr., center and Carl Johnston of MGCSA.



HOSPITALITY PLUS. Mr. & Mrs. Larry Vetter, left and third from left, host Dr. and Mrs. Fred Grau in the Minnesota Hospitality Room at the Radisson Hotel.

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GCSAA Honors Leo J. Feser

Leo J. Feser, Mesa, Arizona has received the 1976 Distinguished Service Award of the Golf Course Superintendents' Association of America (GCSAA). Feser became only the twenty-fifth person in the Association's 50-year history to be named for this high honor. Selections to this august group are reserved for those who have made significant contributions to the golf course management profession.

Nominations for Feser, a charter member of the organization, pointed out his years of active service to GCSAA, both as an officer and as a regular member. In addition to serving the nation-wide group as vice president for a year and director for three years, he edited the Association's monthly professional journal. Cited in many letters of recommendation received from throughout the continent was Feser's total enthusiasm for and devotion to the organization he helped found.

Now 75 years old and retired in Mesa, Feser originally lived in Minnesota where he was superintendent of the Woodhill Country Club, Wayzata for some thirty years. During his professional career he built and owned two additional golf courses, one of 9-Holes, the other 18-Holes and he started the Minnesota Turf Conference in 1928.

Feser's official recognition took place during ceremonies officially opening GCSAA's 47th Annual International Turfgrass Conference and Show in Minneapolis, February 9, 1976. In addition to a commemorative plaque, he received the honor of having his name join the permanent list of recipients at the Association's headquarters office in Lawrence, Kansas. Among those who have previously received the award are John Morley, the organization's founding president; O. J. Noer, noted turfgrass researcher and Joe Dey, Jr., former head of the USGA and PGA.

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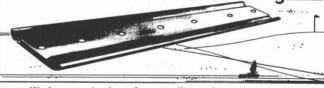
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Gould Co. Tour Slated

The March meeting of the MGCSA will consist of a two-fold affair on Monday, March 8. The first activity of the afternoon will be a tour of the R.L. Gould Co. located at 3711 Lexington Ave. North in St. Paul. Gordy Miller has generously arranged for us to arrive anytime after 1:00 p.m. and to tour the plant on an informal basis. The second part of the day's activities will be held at McGuire's Restaurant, 1201 W. County Road E, just a few steps from Gould's. The business meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. with dinner to follow at 6:15 p.m.

George Jennrich, Chairman of the Arrangements Committee, has asked us to mention that there are still many sites to be found for the upcoming meetings. If your facilities are available for one of these meetings, you are asked to please contact him as soon as possible.

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National Officers Elected

Elections of new officers was one of the important functions that took place at the GCSAA Annual Meeting held February 11, 1976 in conjunction with the International Turf Conference and Show. Mr. Richard W. Malpass of Portland, Oregon was elected president of GCSAA for 1976. The slate of candidates for the office of vice-president numbered three, all presently directors of GCSAA. When the votes were tabulated, Mr. Theodore W. Woehrle had been elected vice-president. Mr. Woehrle had served in 1975 as the chairman of the Editorial Committee for the Golf Superintendent the official publication of the GCSAA. Six candidates had been nominated for the office of director, of which three would be elected for two year terms. The winners were Mr. David C. Holler, Mr. Melvin B. Lucas, Jr. and Mr. Charles H. Tadge.

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Green Clippings

CLIP 1: The Grand Rapids Recreation Department is now accepting applications for the position of Golf Course Superintendent. Grand Rapids is located 190 miles north of Minneapolis in a lake resort area. The city has purchased the 9-Hole Pokegama Golf Course and will operate for the 1976 season as such. Construction of an additional nine holes will commence this spring. Experience, either formal training or on the job performance in golf course maintenance and development, is necessary. Salary will be commensurate with experience and training. Applicants should send a letter of intent and personal resume by March 12, 1976 to: Mr. Michael Hendricks, Director, Recreation and Park Department, City Hall, Grand Rapids, Minnesota 55744.

CLIP 2: HOLE NOTES has also received notice that applications are now being taken for the position of Golf Course Superintendent at the Mitchell Country Club, Mitchell, South Dakota. The country club is a 9-Hole course with a Par of 36. The golf season length is approximately from April 15 to October 15. Interested parties should send a letter of intent and personal resume to: Mr. Allen Murray, 123 East 3rd Avenue, Mitchell, South Dakota 57301, Phone 605/996-5641.

CLIP 3: Dr. J. R. Watson of Minneapolis has been selected for the United States Golf Association's Green Section Award for distinguished service to golf through work with turfgrass. Dr. Watson, an honorary member of MGCSA, has long been active in turfgrass research and is currently Vice-President of Customer Relations for the Toro Co. of Minneapolis. He directed a research program at Texas A&M while a Professor in the Agronomy Department and is the author of a number of articles dealing with the subject. Dr. Watson is a native of Leesville, La. and was graduated from Texas A&M in 1947. He later earned his PhD at Penn State where he studied under Dr. H. Burton Musser, an earlier recipient of the Green Section Award.



CLIP 4: The MGCSA has received a thank you note from Mrs. Jean Long, a staff member of the GCSAA and a very active participant and worker in the International Turf Conference and Show which has just ended. In her note she extended a warm thank you to all of the MGCSA members for their "friendliness, kindness and willingness to help". She echoed the sentiments of most visitors when she remarked, "I will remember Anaheim and New Orleans for their climates, but I will remember Minneapolis for its warm people".

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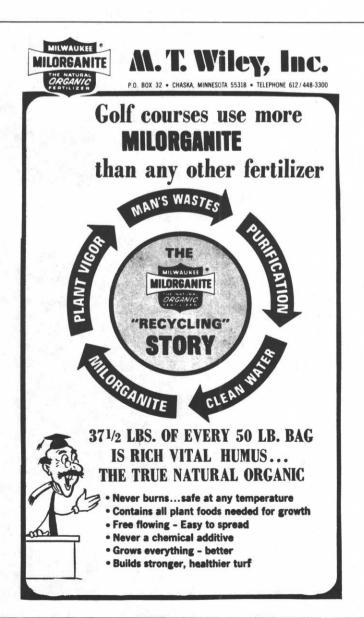
It's Portland in 1977

Portland, Oregon was announced as the host city for the 1977 International Turfgrass Conference and Show as the 47th edition of the event drew to a close in Minneapolis. Richard Malpass, CGCS, newly elected president of the sponsoring organization, the Golf Course Superintendents' Association of America (GCSAA) made the announcement.

Malpass, superintendent of the Riverside Golf and Country Club, Portland, noted, "This will be the first time in the Association's 50-year history that the Conference has been in the Pacific Northwest. As the largest show of its type in the world, we hope that all golf course superintendents and officials in the northwest will attend and we naturally expect a larger than ever contingent from Japan and other countries on the Pacific.

"The Minneapolis conference we have now concluded was an outstanding kick-off for our golden anniversary year, and based upon the excitement generated here, we can only expect that 1976 will be a great year for the association and its 4000 members."

The International Turfgrass Conference typically draws some 5000 registrants from throughout the world who come to participate in the week long educational sessions and view industrial exhibits. Registrations are available to non-members at the site of the conference and show.



New GCSAA President



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