

*Am very sorry you won't be able to go to Columbus
I'll certainly miss you but will carry on as best I can
to help get Bill re-elected.*

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TURF NEWS LETTER

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ANNUAL TURF CONFERENCE

Registration figures at Baltimore showed 62 Superintendents, 5 Military, 14 Commercial, 2 Newspaper Reporters and 10 Speakers and Demonstrators in attendance. Although attendance was not as good as the Christmas party it was a creditable showing.

We wonder how many golf clubs in the area were as visionary as Fairfax who invited their foreman Mike Burkholder to attend the conference.

Acknowledgement

Those in attendance will receive a bound volume of the proceedings compiled through the courtesy of West Point Lawn Products. As mentioned previously, registration was mandatory in order to receive this valuable educational publication. Therefore, it will be the purpose of this portion of the Newsletter to express the appreciation of the Mid-Atlantic Association to the speakers, demonstrators and participants who contributed so much to the success of our 1952 Turf Conference. We are indebted to:

- (1) The University of Maryland for Dr. Ernest N. Cory, Director of Entomology, who so ably arranged, coordinated and moderated the conference, and Dr. Edward Strickling, Director of Soils, Department of Agronomy, who conducted percolation demonstrations and furnished mechanical analyses on the soil profiles.
- (2) The Milwaukee Sewerage Commission for Dr. O. J. Noer our principal speaker on the first day who discussed the "Physical Makeup of Soils" in its many aspects, and made this difficult subject understandable to everyone. Also O. J. Noer furnished the instructions for mounting the soil profiles and many valuable suggestions to those in charge of arranging the program.
- (3) The Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents for its fine attendance and the participation of Admiral Phillips, Bill Glover, Jim Thomas, Bob Shields, Bob Scott Jr., Bob Scott Sr., Charlie Schalestock, Bob Smith, Reuben Hines, Hugh McRae, Jim Roach, Bill Schrieber, Walter Lindsay and Charlie Treacy in mounting the soil profiles, furnishing plugs and topdressing materials and speaking and demonstrating before the group.
- (4) The Public Housing Authority for Col. Bill Bonnell who took the banquet group on a kodachrome "Cooks Tour" of Japan.

(5) The United States Department of Agriculture for the Motion Picture, Soil Erosion, shown with interesting comments by Dr. A. M. Hedge.

(6) The United States Golf Association Green Section for Dr. Fred Grau's talk and slides on Better Turf for Every Purpose, and Al Radko's excellent summary on the National Coordinated Crabgrass Trials in 1951.

(7) West Point Lawn Products for Tom "Aerifier" Mascaro who so cheerfully has recorded the Mid-Atlantic Conferences for four years at no cost to this Association.

(8) The Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents for sending representatives. Present from that group were President Joe Ryan, Charlie Wilfong, Tom Doherty and others including Frank Shuman of the Philadelphia Toro Company.

EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR 1952

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Feature</u> | <u>Speaker (s)</u> |
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| Feb. 12 | Bureau Plant Industry | Tregaron - Movie Shape of Things to Come | McRae and Grau |
| March 4 | Open (Richmond) | Chickweed Control | Dr. Warren Shaw |
| April 1 | Manor C. C. | Spring Fertilization | McRae, Watson, Thomas, Hines |
| April 22 | Fairfax C. C. | Zoysia Fairway Project | Everyone |
| May 6 | Hershey C. C. | Turf Improvement | Dr. C. J. Noer |
| June 3 | Quantico C. C. | Warm-Season Grasses | Radko, Eisley, Coupe', Stanley |
| July 8 | Suburban C. C. | Aeration | Charles K. Hallowell |
| August 5 | Prince Georges C. C. | Fall Renovation | Rabbitt, Glover, Schreiber, Scott, Jr. |
| Sept. 9 | Rolling Road | Annual Tournament | |
| Oct. 7 | Columbia C.C. | Golf Course Records | Densmore, Schalestock, LeDuc |
| Nov. 4 | Woodholme C.C. | Election of Officers | |
| Dec. 2 | G. L. Cornell | Christmas Party | |

ZOYSIA FAIRWAY PROJECT

Purpose

The Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents in cooperation with, and under the supervision of, the United States Golf Association Green Section have entered into a joint project to establish a Zoysia fairway on one

of the golf courses in the Mid-Atlantic area. The purpose of this project is to allow players to pass judgement on playability and the desirability of a Zoysia turf for golf.

Who, When and Where

All members of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents are requested to assemble at the clubhouse, Fairfax Golf Club, Fairfax, Va. at 9:00 A.M. on April 22, 1952. Should it rain on this day, the planting will be postponed to the following week, April 29, 1952. Each member is requested to bring at least one worker, and each worker should have an asparagus knife or a weeding knife or a screwdriver.

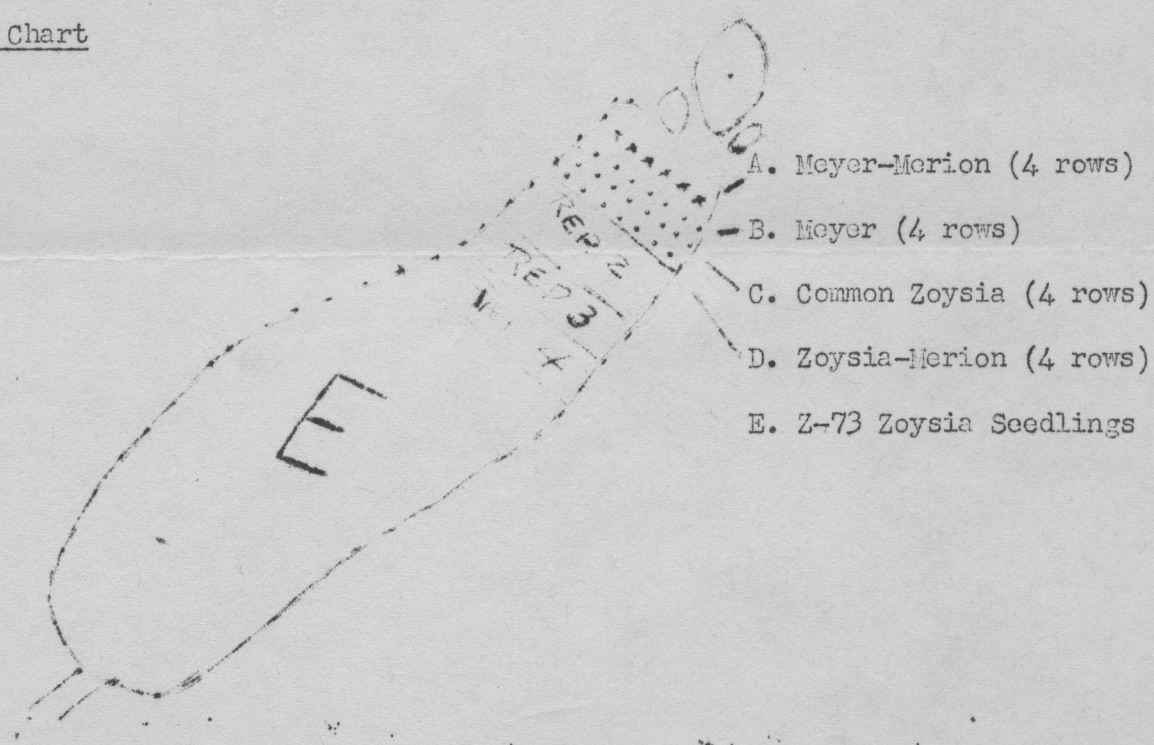
Planting Material

The Green Section will furnish sufficient seedlings of the Z-73 strain of Zoysia japonica to plant two acres of fairway area. Two inch diameter plugs will also be supplied by the Green Section for planting of an additional $\frac{1}{2}$ acre as shown in the planting chart. The plugs will be Meyer (Z-52) Zoysia, Common Zoysia, Meyer-Merion, and Common-Merion. Plugs of these grasses will be planted on 2-foot centers in a block replicated four times.

Methods

The Z-73 seedlings will be planted in 1-inch holes made by the West Point Aerifier. Seedlings will be spaced every 2-foot. West Point Pluggers (2" diam.) will be used to remove the plugs from the Green Section nursery, and also will be used to set the plugs at 2-foot intervals in number 3 fairway.

Planting Chart



Management

It is believed that the attributes of Zoysia which make it a superior turf grass will in time become evident without pampering or changing the present management practices. The fairway will not be watered and the present practice of fall fertilization will not be changed. At a later date it is intended to sow replicated strips of improved cool-season grasses into the Zoysia planting.

This planting project is the Mid-Atlantics' opportunity to boost Zoysia research and production years ahead of the present schedule. If Zoysia proves to be all that many experts predict, this Association will receive much of the credit. Certainly the project will be talked about for many years to come. Thus, this is one job that none of us can afford to miss. At least 50 Superintendents are needed to insure the success of the project. Bill Glover and John Connolly are making the arrangements for publicity. Who knows - we may even get on television. Again - your cooperation in this project is absolutely essential. Don't let the Mid-Atlantic down.

To the Golf Clubs

The Education and Policy Committee of this Association has decided to increase its present mailing list to include the Green Chairman as well as the Superintendent of clubs in this area. It is the feeling of this Association that reports of our Educational Features and Constructive Suggestions may be of interest to new chairmen and may help to keep the older chairmen abreast of new developments in the turf field. All Superintendents are requested to supply the Membership Committee with the names of their respective chairmen at our February 12 meeting.

Historical

The following article is reprinted from the March-April 1946 Greenkeeper's Reporter.

"The Mid-Atlantic Greenkeeper's Association has again become active and at a recent meeting held at Beltsville, Md., W. H. Glover was elected President and Tom Ryan, Secretary-Treasurer. The Association has 30 active and 8 associate members. Members coming from northern Va., D.C. and Md. An active program is being planned by the group this year, beginning with the sponsorship of the Short Course held last March 7th at the University of Maryland. At the election meeting, G.S.A. President Marshal Farnham, Joe Ryan and T. C. Gustin attended from the Philadelphia area. Dr. Aamodt and Dr. Fred Grau also addressed the meeting."

NEXT MEETING - BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY

* The USGA Green Section will play host to the Mid-Atlantic Superintendents on February 12 at the Bureau of Plant Industry. Dr. Fred Grau will speak to the group on "The Shape of Things To Come in Turf", and Hugh McRae will show a Color Movie on "Tregaron" which is a must for all people interested in the value and importance of landscaping. Let us make 1952 a banner year by having full attendance at all of our meetings.

| <u>The Date</u> | <u>The Place</u> |
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| Feb. 12, 1952 12:30 P. M. (Come early, inspect the) plots, eat lunch at the cafeteria. | Auditorium - Main Bldg. Bureau of Plant Industry Beltsville, Maryland |

Know Your Fellow Superintendent

In this issue we pay tribute to Hugh McRae one of our most loyal members and staunchest supporters. Hugh has served this association with distinction in many capacities over the past 12 years. He was Secretary-Treasurer for 2 years; President for 2 years; and at the present time is one of the guiding lights on the Education and Policy Committee. Mac's work covers everything from orchids to bentgrass putting greens at Tregaron (the Davies Estate), and as Admiral Jack Philips mentioned at the Baltimore Conference, these are the toughest plants in the world to grow and maintain. Hugh is in charge of the nine hole golf course on the estate as well as being in full charge of all landscaping and ornamental greenhouse work. In fact, he built the course and landscaped the grounds. Mac's Color Movie, to be shown at the Beltsville meeting, will tell the story of his green thumb activities better than words. All of us look forward to seeing the show and picking up valuable pointers for use on our own installations.

Comming Events

Feb. 4-8: Twenty-Third National Turf Conference and Show of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. The Neil House, Columbus, Ohio. A. M. Brown

Feb. 18-21: Turf Conference. The Pennsylvania State College and Turf Advisory Committee. State College, Pa. H. B. Musser.

Turf Management

The book, TURF MANAGEMENT (\$6.00) and the Green Section's booklet TURF RESEARCH REVIEW (\$1.25) can be purchased locally from the Green Section office. The Feb. 12 meeting would be a handy time to pick up these important publications for your turf library.