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TURF NEWS LETTER

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THE CORNELL MEETING

"These are the Facts Men, Just the Facts."

This is the city - Christmas time - lots of people - an asphalt jungle in turmoil - My name's Monday - "Blue" for short - I'm a cop - my partner's Thursday We were working out of "Gourmand Detail" on the night watch.

Tuesday, December 1, 5:01 p.m. - We were summoned to a warehouse at 4715 Miller Avenue - there a fortune in T-bone steaks and Chincoteague prime oysters was stockpiled - our assignment - to watch over the stuff, to see that shares were proportioned out justly. Dum de dum dum.

Our client, G. L. Cornell - nice guy - sells equipment to golf courses. Has some good assistants whose names are Brown alias "Short Tie", Haske, and Mack - none of them suspect - in fact they were deputized to cover some of the crowd - approximately 150 in all - what a meeting - these boys must work outdoors because they sure handled the indoors like it was outdoors - guests were a suntanned lot - probably nudists - they handled raw oysters and rare steaks like they were used to things in the raw. To add to the confusion everyone was frank and earnest.

We were forewarned to keep our eye on a character by the name of "Tiny Tom" a guy with a reputation for punishing food - "Tiny Tom" is a Richmond representative - a city which has since been built around him - this fellow is a stand-out in a crowd - don't know why - there was something about all 340 pounds of him - just can't put my finger on why he stood out though - just an average 6' 6" guy but there is something about him - humm - oh well!

Then there was a little Scotsman - must be a celebrity - the steaks were named after him - "McRea-ian Steak" - has a heart of gold - he announced that our client (Cornell) didn't wish to have the hat passed for "the boys in white", therefore a collection was made for the "Muscular Dystrophy" fund. Thursday and I donated our fee - a good cause. There were boys in white circulating - must be a new psychological twist - they carried no nets - wonderful stuff this psychiatry - made everyone feel at home.

The Register read like a "Who's Who" of golf - lots of Green Chairmen - a few professional golfers - some scientists - commercial representatives - and lots of golf course men - "Good Joes" - regular and all that sort of thing - all of them - made Thursday and I feel right at home - what an assignment - glad nobody was assigned to "eye" us - between us we ate 6 steaks and 1-1/2 bushels of oysters and Thursday don't like oysters - our client is in the wrong business - he could make a killing if he directs his talents to running an

eating place - could be easily converted - this place was so clean you could "eat off the floor" - plenty of room for tables and chairs.

"Tiny Tom" opened the festivities by OK-ing 12 steaks after he cut the string which lead to the dining hall - after downing the 12th steak "Tiny" allowed the rest of the contingent to sit down - while he warmed up to the thoughts of some serious eating.

Characters on hand - recognized from "Mug Shots" - may bear watching - alias "Lost Scarf Jack" - came prepared with an oversize safety pin.

"Triple Threat Boys" Ray, Roy and Bob, specialists in haberdashery - apparently just pulled another caper - Thursday made note of this.

Two "Con" men noted casing the equipment - looked like brothers - must be bull-fighting enthusiasts - occasionally they cheered "Bravo El Toro" - Thursday and I couldn't figure this pitch so we kept close eye on them.

Red, alias "Popeye", led the songfest - was deputized to see that the accordianist earned his money that night - kept him playing continually.

Rube, Jr., alias "Chip off the Old Block", figuring a getaway to Miami - to meet the "Big Boys" - a National tie-in - expenses paid - better warn the chief - maybe another "hot-load" is going to be "fenced".

Ennis, alias "Skinny", carried some "ice" in pockets - apparently didn't know it was there until it began to melt - must have been inferior grade stuff.

Conspicuous by his absence was "I'm no guest Denny" - Thursday reported this to Bureau of Missing Persons.

Plenty of activity in the south end of the room - the boys there seemed in better spirits - a physical culture group - kept activity down to neck and elbow exercises only - would no doubt produce some stiff (s) muscles in the morning.

As the evening wore on - spirits didn't seem to wear off - everybody talked and nobody listened - in the excitement the chef disappeared - a Federal Rap - Kidnapping - this developed into a big case and we naturally looked for a big man - "Tiny Tom" - he was gone - he slipped through the net with a gross of steaks, a barrel of Chincoteague oysters under his belt and the good chef in his pocket - on him nobody would notice it - our job - get him! - Next assignment Richmond - Dum da dum dum da-a-a-a-a-.

NEXT MEETING

Place: Auditorium, Bureau of Plant Industry, Beltsville, Maryland

Date: January 19, 1954

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Section

The Green Staff will be our hosts for the January Meeting as is their annual custom. It is planned to have a business meeting, a "Pep Rally" for our February Annual Conference, and the following Educational Features:

1. Report on Miami Conference - Bob Shields
2. Report on National Policy Committee Meetings - Jim Reid
3. Resume of 1953 Constructive Suggestion Reports - Al Radko

The "Pep Rally" will be directed toward building a record attendance for our Annual Conference, February 8-9, in Baltimore. Program Chairman, Dr. Ernest Cory of the University of Maryland, has arranged a fine program for us. A preview of the program arranged by Dr. Cory is as follows:

Panel Discussion led by Fred Grau on Bermuda and Zoysia grass Management. Members of Panel: Bob Williams, Charles Schalestock, Bob Elder, Bob Shields, and Jack Harper.

Insect Control Dr. J. C. Schread, New Haven, Conn.

Experiences in 1953 Mr. O. J. Noer, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Water systems for Golf Courses Mr. G. W. Cramer, Goulds Pumps, Inc., Seneca Falls, N. Y.

Drainage Panel led by Admiral Phillips. Members of the Panel: Admiral Phillips, Frank Murray, John Connolly, Bob Scott, Sr., and Alton Rabbitt.

Weed Control Dr. H. B. Musser, Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa.

Turf Grass Diseases Dr. William Klomparens, The Upjohn Company, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Summary of the Conference Proceedings Mr. Alexander M. Radko, USGA Green Section, Plant Industry Station, Beltsville, Md

Dinner Speaker Mr. John Gonella, Washington Post on Public Relations

Let's all turn out and show our appreciation to Dr. Cory for the wonderful job he has done in arranging this fine program. We urge each member to bring his Green Committee Chairman and other interested Club Officials. Let's make our '54 Conference the biggest and best yet.

Coming Events:

January 3-9 25th National Turf Conference and Show of the Golf Course Superintendents of America, McAllister Hotel, Miami, Fla., A. M. Brown

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS 1954

Tentative schedule for 1954 meetings.

- January: Beltsville, Maryland
USGA Green Section Staff
- February: Annual Turf Conference
Baltimore, Maryland
- March: Glenwood Golf Club
Richmond, Virginia
- April: Courthouse Country Club
Fairfax, Virginia
- May: Talbot Country Club
Easton, Maryland
- June: Country Club of Virginia
Richmond, Virginia
- July: Patuxent Naval Base Golf Course
Patuxent, Maryland
- August: Fort George C. Meade Golf Course
Fort Meade, Maryland
- September: Andrews Field Golf Course
Andrews Field, Maryland
- October: Bonnie View Country Club, Annual golf tournament,
Baltimore, Maryland
- November: Argyle Country Club, Annual meeting,
Rockville, Maryland