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TURF NEWS LETTER

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THE ANNUAL TURF CONFERENCE

The Annual Conference of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents held at Baltimore was a highly successful event. There were 89 members and guests present at this two day affair held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel in cooperation with the University of Maryland. This meeting marked the 25th Anniversary, and was dedicated to the charter members of this organization. Six of the original 14 members who founded this organization were present and were introduced by Jim Thomas, the Association's new president. These men were O. B. Pitts, Reg. Giddings, Reuben Hines, Bob Scott, Sr., Dick Scott and Dick Watson. Jimmy Thomas reminded us that these men represent a collective total of 150 years in golf course maintenance and management experience. It was indeed an impressive sight to see all these founders grouped and seated at the table of honor this night. To a large extent everything we are today we owe to them.

Each charter member was called on to say a few words after dinner ... O. B. Pitts, the first president of the Mid-Atlantic gave a brief summary of the first meeting held at the Emerson Hotel at Baltimore on December 22, 1928. Bob Scott, Sr. expressed concern over the problem of replacements to fill the shoes of the present superintendents when they retire. Bob rates orchids for the thorough newspaper publicity for this event through Baltimore papers.... Reg Giddings, Reuben Hines, and Dick Scott gave some interesting accounts of their early experiences ... Each of them in turn paid tribute to Dr. Grau, Dr. Cory, and Dr. Hoer for the help that they have given to the Association in turf matters, and for their help in making the Annual Meeting a top-notch affair. To Dr. Cory a special thanks was voted for his expert handling, coordination, and programming of these annual conferences.

Dr. Grau commended this Association on its progressive thinking, and its receptiveness to new ideas. Dr. Cory congratulated the group on its spirit, on its eagerness to listen and to talk turf, and for its liberal policy on exchange of ideas. Leonard Strong complimented the organization on its tremendous strides in the past few years and suggested that Mid-Atlantic superintendents contribute more articles for publication in the Reporter.

Ex-prexy Bob Shields then mentioned that the Education and Policy Committee was considering an idea to propose at a future meeting that the charter members be made Honorary Members. Bob was also voted a hand for arranging for the remarkable Disney production, "Nature's Half Acre". This film was furnished through the courtesy of Mr. Sam Galanti, a prominent member of Woodmont Country

Club. This film is a tremendously interesting picture of Nature's wonderland and the constant struggle for survival by some of its inhabitants.

Among the guests present was a strong delegation of members of the Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents headed by Leonard Strong of Saucon Valley. Leonard is to be the next president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

Conference Features

The entire conference program was outstanding. The impressive list of speakers was one which would gracefully adorn any National program. Each and every speaker presented a thoroughly interesting and informative talk.

The program was as follows:

- Dr. R. B. Alderfer of Penn State spoke on "Soil Conditioners"
- Dr. R. E. Engel of Rutgers Univ. " " "Poa annua and Clover Control"
- Dr. W. C. Shaw of the USDA " " "Evaluation of Chemicals for the Control of Weeds in Turf"
- Dr. J. R. Vaughn of Mich. State " " "Turf Diseases"
- Dr. O. J. Noer of Milwaukee Sewerage " " "Why Did So Many Greens Go Out This Year?"
- Mr. Tom Mascaro of West Point Products Corporation " " "Proper Times and Methods of Aerification"
- Mr. M. H. Shoemaker, Md. Univ. " " "Flowers and Shrubs"
- Dr. F. V. Grau of USGA Green Section " " "Cost of Turf Renovation and Establishment with Zoysia Grasses"

A report of proceedings will be prepared by the West Point Products Corporation and will be sent to all who attended the conference.

The attendance at the last several meetings was not as creditable as it has been in previous meetings this year. Many familiar faces were missed at each of these meetings. It is hoped that each member will make the New Year's Resolution that he will faithfully attend each meeting in 1953. One day a month is not too much to ask of anyone's time ... especially when it is in the best interest of Turf ... the stuff we eat, drink and sleep. We, as an Association, are on the brink of bigger things nationally ... you are a part of it ... the Association needs your support.

Soil Profiles

The 65 permanently mounted soil profiles which were on display at the registration booth made a tremendous hit. Everyone was extremely interested in his samples and in comparing them with others. Each profile was a sample of either the best or the poorest green from local courses and in most instances it was easy to see why each green was so appraised. Most of the profiles from greens classified by the superintendent as the poorest green on his particular course were either layered or mostly clay, or silt, or heavily matted. These profiles will be on display again at our booth which will be shared jointly with the Green Section at the National next month in Atlantic City. After the

National meeting you may pick up your mounted profiles, if you so desire or you may pick yours up at the February 17th meeting at Beltsville ... they will make good displays to have in your office ... The profile collection committee, with Leon Brown as Chairman, rates a hand for a job well done ... Sixty-five profiles represents a lot of collecting and work ... Al Radko and Bob Elder of the Green Section did a fine job of making permanent mounts of these profiles and preparing the display. Our sincere appreciation to both.

Attention please

Bob Holmead of National Capitol Toro and Leon Brown of the G. L. Cornell Co. are both hospitalized. Bob is in for a check-up and Brownie for an appendectomy. Get well soon fellows!

Coming Events

February 8-13 24th National Turf Conference and Show of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, Ambassador Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J. A. M. Brown, Secty-Treasurer, Box 106, St. Charles, Ill.

HEAR the latest! LEARN the most! SEE the newest!

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America together with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey and the Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents, extend to you a most cordial invitation to attend the 24th National Turf Conference and Show at The Ambassador Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey, February 8-13, 1953.

This annual combined equipment display and educational program is the only national event of this type. It is dedicated to the more efficient and economical maintenance of turf, and should be the goal of all golf course superintendents, greens committeemen, and others concerned with maintenance of fine turf.

By attendance to all lectures and visits to all exhibits you will truly hear the latest, learn the most, and see the newest. One idea or thought gained which can be applied can help you to have better turf. The expense is small for advantages to be gained. I know you will want to attend this event.

I will look forward to seeing you in Atlantic City.

Sincerely yours,

Malcolm E. McLaren, President
Golf Course Superintendents Association

February 16-19 Turf Conference, Pennsylvania State College and Pennsylvania Turf Advisory Committee, State College, Pa., H. B. Musser.

February 24-26 Turf Conference, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., J.F. Cornman.

March 2-4 Turf Conference, Midwest Regional Turf Foundation and Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., W. H. Daniel.

Next Meeting

Date: February 17, 1953

Attention please

Time: Business meeting at 10:30 A.M., Lunch at 12:30 P.M., Educational Program begins at 1:30 P.M.

Place: Auditorium Adm. Bldg., Bureau of Plant Industry, Beltsville, Md.

Education Features:

As has been the custom each year we will again be the guests of the Green Section in February. Dr. Grau, Al Radko and Bob Elder have arranged an interesting program for this meeting. It is as follows:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Subject</u>
1:30	Dr. K. W. Kreithow, Sr. Pathologist, Div. of Field Crops, BPI, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture	Diseases of Turf Grasses
1:45	Dr. M. S. Anderson, Sr. Chemist, Div. BPI, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture	Synthetic Soil Conditioners
2:00	Dr. K. G. Clark - Sr. Chemist, Div. of Fertilizer and Agricultural Lime, and Assoc. Agronomist Soils Div. respectively BPI, U.S. Dept. of Agri.	W. H. Armiger - Further Studies on Urea-form
2:15	Dr. W. C. Shaw, Agronomist, Div. of Weed Investigations, BPI, U.S. Dept. Agri.	Crabgrass control studies at Beltsville
2:30	Dr. P. C. Marth, Physiologist, BPI U.S. Dept. of Agri.	Basic New Aspects of Growth Regulators Growth Studies & Horticultural Crops,
2:45	Mr. R. R. Knight, Grounds Superintendent, BPI, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture	Our Station Lawns
3:00	Mr. Jim Thomas, President, Assn. of Golf Course Superintendents	Mid-Atlantic)
3:15	Dr. Fred V. Grau, Director, States Golf Assn., Green Section	United) Highlights from the National

We in the Mid-Atlantic are indeed fortunate to be so located that we have the opportunity to hear these outstanding men. In order to insure ample time to put this program across, we will have to start early; therefore, the business meeting will have to take place in the morning ... it starts promptly at 10:30 AM

in the Auditorium, Administration Bldg. A short tour of the Turf Plots is scheduled right after the business meeting. After the tour of the plots we will have lunch in the Cafeteria at 12:30 P.M. after which we will again assemble in the Auditorium for the afternoon program which begins at 1:30 P.M.

Good Reading

1. "pH Preferences of Common Plants" by Lapp & Cherry. Send 25¢ and request for pamphlet to Mr. Walter S. Lapp, 724 Derstine Avenue, Landsdale, Pa.
2. Turf Fungicide Studies, 1952. Dr. F. L. Howard, Rhode Island Agri. Expt. Station, Kingston, Rhode Island.

Highlights of the Education and Policy Committee Meeting held Jan. 13th.

As is their custom, the members of the Education and Policy Committee generally arrive early at Beltsville in order to look over the turf plots prior to meeting. While inspecting the bentgrasses, it was noted that all the boys present walked on the U-3 Bermudagrass or the Zoysia grass selections adjoining the bentgrass ranges. Why do you all walk on the Zoysia and bermudagrass, asked Dr. Grau ... the answer ... we don't want to get our feet wet! After a week's rain, the plots were wet, soft and muddy ... that is, with exception of the Zoysias and bermudagrass selections.

At the meeting the committee discussed two other phases of "Operation Zoysia" which will be openly discussed at a regular monthly meeting at a later date. One project is designed to establish a small nursery of Zoysia turf from Z-73 seed sown into a sterilized seedbed out of doors. The other project is designed to establish large fairway areas to Zoysia turf by seeding Common Zoysia seed.

MID-ATLANTIC ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS
COMMITTEES FOR 1953

Educational and Policy Committee: Chairman; L. R. Shields, Jr.
Secretary; Robert Scott, Jr., Francis Coupe', Clifford Eisle,
Robert Elder, W. H. Glover, Carroll Hitchcock, John C. Leavell,
Admiral J. S. Phillips, Al Jedko, James Reid, Ernest Stanley
and Richard Watson.

Membership Committee: Chairman; James Reid, Reuben Hines,
C. A. Hitchcock, C. W. Lindsay and James Reynolds.

Publicity Committee: Chairman; W. H. Glover, Harry Allanson,
and Robert Scott, Sr.

Nominating Committee: Chairman; Richard Watson, George Campbell,
Dave Edgar, J. Wm. Leverton.

Golf Committee: Chairman; John Leavell, Vice-Chairman;
Carl Sanseman, Richard Scott, James Small and Ernest Stanley.

Transportation Committee: George Cornell, Wilson Disney
and A. T. Itcher.

Public Relations Committee: Chairman; Admiral J. S. Phillips,
John Connolly, Walter Dinsmore, Clifford Eisle, Richard Essex,
Leo Freudberg, Isreal November.

By-Laws Committee: John Connolly and Admiral Phillips.

Richmond Representative: Tom Dawson

Baltimore Representative: Robert Scott, Jr.

Western Representative: J. Seaquest

National Policy Committee: James Reid and L. R. Shields

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS - 1953

MID-ATLANTIC ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS

- February 17; Plant Industry Station, Beltsville, Maryland
Host; Dr. Fred V. Gau and Green Section Staff.
- March 10; Farmington Country Club, Charlottesville, Virginia
Host Superintendent; Charles Schalestock.
- April 7; Washington Golf and Country Club, Arlington, Virginia
Host Superintendent; Francis Coupe'.
- May 5; James River, Country Club of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia
Host Superintendent: Tom Dawson.
- June 2; Five Farms; Baltimore Country Club, Baltimore, Maryland
Host Superintendent; Robert Scott, Sr.
- July 7; Fountainhead Country Club, Hagerstown, Maryland
Host Superintendent; C. W. Lindsay.
- August 4; Woodmont Country Club, Rockville, Maryland
Host Superintendent; L. R. Shields.
- September 1; Not confirmed.
- October 6; Manor Country Club, Norbeck, Maryland
Host Superintendent; Ernest Parsley (Annual tournament)
- November 3; Not confirmed. (Annual election)
- December ; Cornell's Year End Party.

