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3-WAY JOINT MEETING HELD. An historic meeting was held at Meadowbrook Country Club, Richmond Virginia, on March 1, 1960. The Tidewater Turfgrass Association, Central Virginia Turfgrass Association and the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents held a 3-way joint meeting to talk over turfgrass problems and to cement relations between the three groups.

A total of 120 members and guests sat down to a steak dinner and perhaps taxed the kitchen facilities of this recently opened club, however the situation was met and expertly handled by club manager, Mr. John Birchfield.

At the meeting, presided by Mid-Atlantic President Frank Dunlap, host George Wingo was introduced, as was Fred Bingham, President of Tidewater, and Fred Sappenfield, President of Central Virginia Turfgrass.

On hand and receiving a warm round of applause when introduced was the newly elected President of the Golf Course Superintendents of America, Mr. James E. Thomas of Army-Navy Country Club here in Washington. Mr. Dunlap explained that Jimmy is the first Mid-Atlantic man ever to hold the office of president of the National Association and wished him a successful term of office.

JIMMY HAD THESE WORDS TO SAY.- " Let me at this time emphasize the tremendous growth of the golf course superintendents in recent years. The National has grown from 600 members in 1954 to 1,500 in 1960. Sectional groups have made great progress. They are springing up like mushrooms all over the country, which is very good. We need more associations and more superintendents. On the local front, first there was the Mid-Atlantic; now the Tidewater Turfgrass Association, the Central Virginia Turfgrass Association, and a fourth group in the Roanoke area and southwestern portion of the state. Future conference sites large enough to entertain the National is becoming a problem. The trouble is there aren't many cities that have hotels large enough to house our people and our exhibit show under the same roof. Tomorrow's superintendent must come from the agricultural schools and the ranks of assistant superintendents. The benefit of practical experience gives the assistant an advantage if he is ambitious to get ahead. The National is doing all it can to interest the clubs in this problem. The advantage of attending local and national meetings cannot be stressed too greatly. The club and the superintendent both benefit from the exchange of ideas and information. Unity and understanding between department heads is a must. The superintendent, manager and golf professional must work together if the club is to be successful. Likewise, good public relations between employees and the membership needs constant thought and study. "