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The Baltimore Turfgrass Conference, sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents, in co-operation with the University of Maryland, was held in Baltimore on January 5-6.

This was the best attended conference in the 28 year history of the event which has grown steadily through the years. There were 133 registrants, but speakers and guests ran the figure to 162 which is a pretty good turnout.

Missing, and most frequently asked about, was Dr. Ernest N. Cory, who more than any other one individual has made this annual conference a success. Dr. and Mrs. Cory were in Hawaii visiting a daughter and grandchildren and could not be with us in Baltimore.

A large group of superintendents, led by Marshall Farnham, Joe Valantine and Paul Weiss came down from the Philadelphia and Wilmington areas. We appreciate their support and co-operation, as well as the opportunity to talk turfgrass with them. They are always welcome.

Jack Harper and Dr. George Johnson of the Pennsylvania State University were also present as were representatives of the U.S.G.A.- Charles Hallowell and Tate Taylor.

Visitors from overseas were Lady and Sir Guy Campbell from St. Andrews, Scotland- in this country to do a golf course layout in southern Virginia.

In spite of the fact that the University of Maryland golf course did not send a representative, we were happy to see Dr. James Miller, Joseph Newcomer and M.H. Day of the Agronomy Department. Others from the official staff were Dr. George Langford, Conference Director; Dr. and Mrs. A.O. Kuhn; Dr. and Mrs. G.M. Cairns; Dr. and Mrs. Paul Nystrom and Dr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Bickley. President Frank Dunlap, acting as Master of Ceremonies, did a good job of welcoming these important people who took time from their busy schedules to be with us.

Leading speakers were O.J. Noer, Milwaukee Sewage Commission; Herb Graffis, Editor of Golfdom; Dr. James R. Miller, University of Maryland; Dr. Ralph Engle, Rutgers University; Dr. Felix Juska and Dr. Dayton Klingman of the U.S.D.A. ; Ray Jenson, Tifton Georgia; Dr. Fred V. Grau of Nitroform; and Tom Mascaro of West Point Products.

The program got under way with a most interesting talk by Mr. Charles Smith, manager of Chevy Chase Country Club, Chevy Chase, Maryland. Charlie did justice to his subject of Membership Relations and made many friends for himself and the other club managers of the Mid-Atlantic area.

The words of the speakers are being transcribed and will be published in booklet form and mailed to all who registered as a part of the registration fee. Others desiring this publication may secure same by sending to the secretary of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents the sum of \$2.00 to cover cost of handling and mailing.

#### NATIONAL MEETING

The National Turfgrass Conference and Show, sponsored by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America is all set for Monday, February 1 at Houston, Texas.

An excellent, well-rounded program ( done up in Texas style, B - I - G ) has been arranged by program chairman, our own Jimmy Thomas from Army-Navy Country Club. The educational program starts at 10:00 a.m. Monday when Jimmy introduces the first speaker and continues through Thursday with a bus tour of local golf courses scheduled for Friday February 5th.

Golf course superintendents and from people from all over the U.S. and Canada interested in better turfgrass will be there to talk over experiences and exchange ideas.

One of the main goals of this meeting is the improvement of the man for the job he holds, for better distribution of knowledge and closer association of all golf course superintendents.

#### MAS FOR PRESIDENT

Association tradition is that the man who is elected Vice-President will become President a year later. So, if that precedent is followed, at this conference a Mid-Atlantic man will be elected President of the National Association. This will be the first time in the 35 year history of the GCSSA that a man from this area has held the Chairmanship. We are all very proud and honored to have Jimmy Thomas step into this position of responsibility for which he has labored so long with intelligence and dignity.

To the job Jimmy takes many years of golf and golf course experience, nearly 20 years experience as a member of the National and a lifetime of good moral character. He is truly the Man of the Year and we hope that all who know him, including Admiral Phillips, will join him at Houston in this his hour of triumph.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Mid-Atlantic will be held in Richmond on Tuesday, March 1 at the Meadowbrook Country Club. Host, immediate Past President Jim Reynolds, say he has a new club to show us and assures good weather since in Richmond Spring is about three weeks ahead of Washington.

#### NEW BY -LAWS

A copy of the new proposed By-Laws is enclosed with this " NEWSLETTER " for your study and consideration. This matter will be brought before the membership for discussion at any meeting the President cares to select. His announcement will be made later. Read the copy carefully and join in the discussion.

DUES ARE PAST DUE!