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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.