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Enjoying the hospitality of the G.L. Cornell Company on December 1, the 226 members and their guests consumed several barrels of oysters and a half dozen steers, then started to shoot the bull. ( Dick Essex and Leon Brown were still at it at midnight.

Our genial host George Cornell went all out to make every one feel welcome and to see that all had enough to eat. Brownie saw to it that we all had enough refreshment-- and what extraordinary refreshments - the effects lasted through most of the next day for some.

Some important Mid-Atlantic golf personalities were present to add their word to the discussion of grass. They were : Charles K. Hallowell, U.S.G.A.; Harry Eckoff of the National Golf Foundation; Col. Tom Belsche, Burning Tree Club; Col. L.H. Todd, Army-Navy Club; Richard Essex, Columbia Country Club; Eddie Ault, Golf Course Architect; Chips Cantor, Woodmont Country Club; Russell Roberts, Golf Course Builder; R.J. Sepulveda, Bethesda Country Club; Merrill Whittlesey, Washington Evening Star; George Taylor, Baltimore News at; Dr. George Langford, University of Maryland; and Max Elbin, Bill Gilbert, Al Jamison, Henry Girard, Hugh McClellan, golf professionals.

Noticeably missing were: O.B. Fitts, Hugh McRae, Ruben Hines, Bob Scott, Ernie Parsley, Dr. Fred Grau, Dr. Felix Juska, Dave Edgar, Carroll Hitchcock and John Connolly to name a few.

The members of the Mid-Atlantic wish to thank Mr. Cornell for the many favors extended, for his hospitality and for a very enjoyable evening.

## NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

The members of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents elected officers at the Court House meeting to conduct the affairs of the association for the year 1960. Tom Doerer, our hard working Secretary-Treasurer of Fort Belvoir Golf Club was re-elected to fill that office for a second term. Francis Coupe, who held the Secretary-Treasurer job in 1958 and 1959 was named Vice-President. " Coupe " is superintendent at Washington Golf and Country Club. Frank Dunlap of Baltimore Country Club accepted the gavel and the office of Chairman from immediate past-president Jim Reynolds, who hails from Hermitage Country Club in Richmond.

## PRESIDENT APPOINTS COMMITTEE HEADS

The first official task performed by the new president was to appoint the chairmen of the different standing committees. Mr. Dunlap has come up with the following names and asks that each chairman select men to serve on the committee with him and report same to secretary :



<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
Membership	George Gumm
Program and Education	Jim Reid
Constructive Suggestion	Bob Shields
Golf	Ernie Stanley
Publicity	Tom Dawson
Flower	Bill Wright
Finance	Tom Doerer
Editorial	Bob Shields
Nominating	Jim Reynolds
Transportation	Bob Adams, George Cornell, Jack Witcher
Delegate to National Conference	Walter Cosby
Alternate	Jim Reid
National Advisory	Walter Cosby
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Executive Committee	All Committee Chairmen

President Dunlap in making these appointments extended a plea for the full cooperation and support of these men and all members of the association, that we might continue in our efforts to advance the cause of the golf course superintendent. He also emphasized that Executive Committee Chairmen are expected to attend the meetings of the committee when notified by the secretary.

#### BY-LAWS READY

At the last meeting the new proposed By-Laws were previewed. The Executive Committee went over them again at its last meeting and they are now in the process of being printed. Look for your copy in the mail some time next month, study it and then attend the next regular business meeting ready to discuss the changes.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Member,

Your president, Mr. Frank Dunlap, has appointed me chairman of the Program and Educational Committee. I have accepted the job because I think there is a need for much improvement at our meetings if we are to accomplish the purpose to which we are dedicated.

Therefore, I am asking for the cooperation of each and every member, for his help and suggestions for a better program in 1960. We hope to have a speaker at most of our meetings. The constructive suggestions report and the business meeting will have to be conducted so that the discussions will pertain only to the topic or topics under consideration at the time.

The information I now have for our meeting places leaves vacancies open for the months of September, October and November. Those clubs that would like us to visit them in 1960 please contact me or the secretary as soon as possible so a complete schedule of meetings can be arranged and mailed to you.

Thanking you for the opportunity of being a part of this great organization, and looking forward to your assistance and cooperation for an eventful year in 1960.

Jim Reid

IN THE MAIL

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Listed herewith are two items that have been suggested for publication in the Mid-Atlantic " NEWSLETTER ". The first was suggested by Mid-Atlantic Past President, Jim Reynolds, the second by Mr. Dick Schmidt, VPI Agronomy Department:

1. It has been recommended by some of our members that superintendents who have occasion to talk with Greens Chairmen or officials from other clubs should use discretion in what they say. Mid-Atlantic members are finding that other superintendents' off-hand remarks concerning turf management practices are very detrimental. An outsider generally does not know the reasons why certain management decisions were made, and should not criticize those of his own profession at least until all the facts are known. Even then it might be wise to follow the rule : " If you can't say something nice about the other superintendent, don't say anything. "

2. The Agronomy Club, Department of Agronomy, V.P.I., Blacksburg, Va., has set up a soil analysis service designed to aid the turfgrass grower. The following information will be determined for those sending in a quart of soil:  
% of coarse sand( very coarse, coarse, medium ) , % of fine sand, % of very fine sand,  
% of silt, % of clay, % of organic matter, pH ( potential hydrogen ), available potassium, available phosphorus.

The agronomy Club finds that these tests require approximately five labor hours, and therefore must make a charge of \$6.00 per sample. Funds will be used by the Club to take students on educational trips. Soil samples may be sent for testing by turf growers outside the State of Virginia.

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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Annual Baltimore Turfgrass Conference and will be held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland on January 5 and 6, 1960.

A glance at the enclosed program will convince you that Conference Director, Dr. George Langford of the University of Maryland, has assembled an impressive group of speakers on a great variety of subjects that he and his hard working committee feel should please the most discriminating registrant.

Note that distinguished names from the National turfgrass field will be on hand as well as several local superintendents, all ready to give you the benefit of their experiences and to help you in your efforts to produce better turfgrass.

Registration, which gets underway at 9 a.m. will be \$12. This includes the group luncheon on Tuesday, the social hour ( courtesy Bolgiano's, Cornell's, National Capital and Baltimore Toro ) and banquet Tuesday night, the luncheon on Wednesday and a printed transcript of the proceedings that will be mailed later to all who attend. This all adds up to a real bargain as those who have attended before will tell you.

Those who care to may invite their wives or guests to attend the banquet by registering names Tuesday morning and paying a charge of \$4 per ticket. The committee says tickets must be obtained in advance.