

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.