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BALTIMORE COUNTRY CLUB WAS THE SETTING for the May meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. President Frank Dunlap was host superintendent. Golf got under way at 12 noon at the Five Farms Course near Lutherville, Maryland. Many who did not play walked over the course admiring the landscaping work of the previous superintendent, Bob Scott, Sr., who kept one eye on the grass and the other on the trees and shrubs during the many years he was on the job. The result is a beautiful view from any direction at any spot. The groves of dogwoods were most outstanding at this time of year. Mr. Dunlap conducted a tour (via carts) to explain some of the tee and trap work accomplished during the past year. The work of placing new traps to the rear of #17 green was interesting to all who saw it.

The meeting was held at Roland Park, the "in-town" course of Baltimore Country Club. President Dunlap got under way at 7:45 after a delicious chicken and ham dinner. Seventy-one members and guests attended. Guests introduced were: John Emick, Chairman Golf and Greens Committee of Baltimore Country Club and President of Maryland State Golf Assoc., Walter Romans, Golf Professional at Baltimore Country Club, Mr. Charles Fishman, Chairman Greens Committee at Nerbeck., Col. A.H. Machelm formerly at Fort Belvoir, now at Aberdeen and Charles Hallowell of the U.S.G.A., Harry Dreisen, owner of Mt. Vernon Country Club being built by Russell Roberts and Frank Haske near Mt. Vernon, Virginia., Bob Wiley of Aerethatch, Pete McDonough of Tere and Lee Cleary of Cleary Products.

GUEST SPEAKER WAS MR. GEORGE TAYLOR, Golf Editor of the Baltimore News Post and long time friend and booster of the superintendents in this area. George opened by saying he grew up with golf and golf course people and mentioned Bob Scott, Sr. and his son and brothers in golf in Baltimore as well as Dave Edgar and Bill Schrieber. To improve public relations George said the superintendents should "sell themselves". Be seen at special golf events, accept invitations to attend golf functions and be ready to explain the work of the superintendent at any time. Let it be known by your actions and deeds and your ability to speak on the subject that you know more about your business than anyone else does. Some members have yet to be convinced that the superintendent is needed - due partly to the fact that the superintendent has not kept the member informed on what he is doing, what he would like to do and what his problems are. The superintendent himself can go a lot further in letting others know that he is important. Not with a big sign or words to that effect, but as mentioned before - it's actions and deeds that count.

Mr. Taylor suggested a Superintendent, Pro, President and Greens Chairman Tournament at one of our regular meetings to improve public relations among these people. To get to know the club President better, ask him about his lawn and help him with the know-how to improve it. For a little publicity call the local golf writer and let him know what you are doing. Advise him of any changes contemplated or actually made with the reasons for change. Some day some enterprising superintendent might come up with a good written explanation of just how a player should properly repair a ball mark on a green or possibly design a tool with which to do the job. A superintendent could write his thoughts on the old controversy of ripple sole shoes vs. spikes. Any golf writer would like to have articles of this type anytime. Mr. Taylor closed by saying the Mid-Atlantic has made