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On March 7th 54 members of the association and their guests met at Manor Country Club. Host Superintendent, Stanley Zontek, had the course open for play, and it was in fine shape.

Following dinner Mr. Zontek introduced his guests: Jack Yougerst, club manager; George Cornwell, greens chairman; and Lloyd Kelly, assistant pro and Maryland state champ. President George Gumm put before the membership approposal made by the Board of Directors to give an honorary membership to Dr. Langford of the University of Maryland and complimentary memberships to Dr. Juska of the U. S. D. A. and Charley Hallowell of the U. S. G. A. The motion passed with unanimous approval. It was also approved by the membership to send out another membership roster. Secretary-Treasurer, Angelo Cammarota, read the treasurer's report. He also reported that our membership stands at:

Regular members 74
Associate members 44
Honorary members 3
Complimentary members 2

Mr. Cammarota also stated that four regular members have been dropped. These members can be reinstated for a fee of \$5.00.

Barclay Whetsell, Educational Director, then lead a fine discussion on spring renovation.

New Members:

Alexander D. Watson; Sparrow Point Country Club; Sparrow Point, Maryland; regular member

Albert V. Lane; Mapledale Country Club; Dover, Delaware; regular member Paul B. Howard; United States Naval Training Center; Bainbridge, Maryland; associate member

In the Hospital:

William Schriber; Prince George Hospital; Landover; Maryland Walter Glenn; Fairfax County Hospital; Room 430; Fairfax, Va. I am sure these people would enjoy hearing from you.

We are saddened with the death of our fellow superintendent, Vernon E. Jones, of the Bonnie View Country Club, Baltimore, Maryland, on March 16, 1961. Services were held March 20, and his fellow superintendents, George Gumm, Angelo Cammarota,

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James Reid, Robert Scott, Jr., Alexander Watson, and Carroll Hitchcock, were pall-bearers.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of The Mid-Atlantic Superintendents' Association will be held on April 4th at Woodholme Country Club in Pikesville, Maryland. Your host superintendent will be Carroll Hitchcock. Carroll has always been in golf course work. He started as a worker on the Green Spring Valley Hunt Club course, and after a few years made greenskeeper, a position he held until 1944, when he went to Woodholme. At that time Mr. Silverstein, club president, was greens chairman, and in the last eighteen years the two have worked hand in hand to make Woodholme the fine course it is today.

Directions to Woodholme: If you are coming in from the west on Route 40, take a left on Rolling Road. Turn left on Liberty Road and then right on Old Court Road to Route 140. Turn left on Route 140, and the Woodholme entrance is about one mile on the left.

If you are going through Baltimore, take Route 140 all the way to the club entrance.

President's Message: This is the first Newsletter by our new editor, David Canavan. I wish to thank Dave for taking the job of editing the Mid-Atlantic Newsletter for the association.

Dave is Superintendent of the Bolling Officers Club Recreation Area and is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts. Upon graduation he assumed the job of Superintendent of Wahconah Country Club in Dalton, Massachusetts, where he stayed for three years before coming to the Bolling Club. I know that Dave will continue to add to the quality of our Newsletter, but this is not a one man news service. He needs you. Write a short article on work you are doing or any other news about our profession, so he can print it. This news will have to be in by the 20th of the month for publication.

The association extends its thanks to L. R. Bob Shields for his editorial work and "licking", "stuffing", and "sticking" envelopes, which he has done faithfully the past ten years.

Illness and Death: Flower Director, Tom Dawson, has asked for the assistance of all members of the association in keeping him informed of all illness and death. Should a fellow member in your area become ill or pass away, call Tom, collect, in Rehobeth Beach, Delaware. The numbers are 7445 during the day and 7028 evenings.

Job Openings: To anyone seeking a job or contemplating a change, I would suggest you write to our Executive Director, Dr. Nutter, and ask that your name be placed on the employment opening list. This action will result in your being informed of any openings at the earliest possible date.

Lee Dieter has just accepted the position of Golf Course Superintendent at Washington Golf and Country Club. Lee has been in the Mid-Atlantic area for one year during which time he was Assistant Superintendent at the Bolling Officers Club Recreation Area in Jeffersonton, Virginia.

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Lee graduated from Dr. Musser's two year short course at Penn State in 1959. At that time he took a job as Assistant Superintendent at Kahkwa Country Club in Erie, Pennsylvania. He had worked here summers while going to school.

Lee was the first boy in Dr. Musser's short course to receive a scholarship from the Golf Course Superintendents' Association of America.

April 3, 1956: Five years ago 68 members and their guests met at Courthouse Country Club in Fairfax, Virginia. Red Hancock, in his first year on the job, was the host superintendent. New members were Frank Dunlap of the Country Club of Baltimore and "Buck" Whetsell of the Westbriar Country Club.

Jim Reid was urging all members of the Mid-Atlantic Association to join the National Superintendents' Association. Rubin Hines, Jr. and Sr., showed before and after slides of the construction of the back nine at Courthouse. Bob Shields asked for volunteers to help out on the various committees for the National Meeting to be held in Washington in 1958. President Bob Scott stressed in his president's message the importance of keeping up with the latest information by reading the various publications. Treasurer John Connolly cracked the whip over the heads of the members who had not yet paid their dues.

Mailing List: If you would like your club president or your greens chairman or both to receive the Newsletter, please send their names and addresses to me so their names will be put on the mailing list. This is a service we are glad to give. Our only request is that you keep this list up to date.

Editorial: This is my first issue of the <u>Newsletter</u> since assuming the duties of editor from Bob Shields who has done such a fine job for the past ten years. We should all be very grateful to Bob for donating his time for the betterment of the members of this association.

I would like at this time to ask for your help in supplying me with articles on what you are doing in the field, how you are handling a certain situation, or what results you have had with something new. This is your Newsletter so lets get behind it and keep the quality up to what it has been in the past.

Hang this in your locker room

A golfer is more than a ball-driving brute,
He is more than a mug-hunting czar,
To be known as a Golfer you don't have to shoot
The Course of your home club in par;
But you do have to love every blade
 of the grass,
Every inch of the fairways and greens,
And if you don't take care of the course as
 you pass,
You are not what "a good Golfer" means.

You may brag of your scores and may boast of your skill,
You may think as a golfer, you're good,

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But if footprints you make in the traps you don't fill,
You don't love the game as you should.

For your attitude whto the sport you enjoy Isn't proven by brilliance or force.

The proof of a golfer - Now get this, my boy!

Is the care he takes of the Course.

Edgar A. Guest