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THE DECEMBER MEETING of the Chapter was held at Westbriar Country Club on December 6th with sixty-seven members and guests in attendance.

This was the first December meeting scheduled in many years and there was much concern as to what the weather would be. As it turned out, everything was fine and the only thing that hindered the golfer was Old Man Par. The Blind Bogey winners were Morgan Tiller and Bob Martino who tied for first place. Also tied in second place were Lewis Lamp and Walter Glenn and Carl Schoening, and Buddy Cain, third.

CHAIRMAN FRANK DUNLAP INTRODUCED Superintendent Buck Whetsell who in turn asked Pro Ernie Garlen and Golf Chairman Charles Bell to take bows. Next was Leo Horowitz, owner and originator of Westbriar who extended a warm welcome. Charles Hallowell, Director Mid-Atlantic Green Section of the USGA gave a short talk on some of the problems and accomplishments of some of the superintendents in his area. He stated that the new bent grass, Penn Cross, was being used more and more. Its creeping characteristics, color, density, disease and drought resistance all look good on greens in play several years. Cohansey (a favorite of Ruben Hines) looks very good in North Carolina. As usual Charlie closed with a word of wisdom - this time he said "Work not done in the Fall never gets done." Fall of 1960 was a great year for Fall work. Even greens that were planted as late as October have been mowed and topdressed.

WE WERE HONORED by the presence of the President of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, Jimmy Thomas of Army-Navy Country Club in Arlington, Virginia. We are disappointed that the National President could not attend more regular Chapter meetings this past season but realize that two 18-hole golf courses to look after is a load for any one man. Jimmy extended a plea for more National members and dwelled briefly on the benefits of membership. He also gave a plug for the coming National Turfgrass Conference January 29-February 3, 1961 at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, Canada and announced that one of our local members would represent the Mid-Atlantic on the speakers program.

CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTION REPORT. In discussing the condition of the golf course at Westbriar, the group thought it in good shape and that Buck Whetsell had done a good job. There was some comment on the late fertilization of bent grass greens with high nitrogen inorganic fertilizer. It is approved maintenance procedure in this area to fertilize late in the season, but if inorganics are used it should be applied before the water system is drained for the winter so it can be watered in immediately after application. If a spreader is used the operator should be instructed on how to turn carefully and cautioned on overlaps to prevent double the rate of application. The newly developed hydraulic proportioner seems to be the best and safest method of applying burning type fertilizers. The safest way to get on extra nitrogen at this time of year is to use one of the non-burning natural organics or one of the new urea forms. Do this in late November after the greens have been mowed for the last time. If it should become necessary to mow again then do so without the grass catcher so the material won't be removed from the