

Members not attending the Baltimore Conference will receive a copy by mail.

BALTIMORE TURFGRASS CONFERENCE. One of the big events on the Mid-Atlantic calendar is coming up. The Baltimore Turfgrass Conference, sponsored by this Chapter, will be held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel in Baltimore on January 9-10. At this time the members get together for a mid-winter discussion of turfgrass problems encountered during the past summer and how they may be minimized in the future.

We are fortunate in again having Dr. George Langford, head of the Entomology Department at the University of Maryland, as Conference Director. Tom Doerer is Program Committee Chairman.

A glance at the enclosed program will convince you that the committee has assembled an impressive list of speakers. There is the President of the National Association, Jim Thomas. Bill Clark, President of the Mid-Atlantic PGA to tell us how we can work with our Pro. From Cleveland comes Mal McLaren, past President of the National, Editor of the Northern Ohio Turfgrass News, one of the leading superintendents in the country and a good speaker - don't miss him.

Mr. William Chapin, Chairman of the USGA Green Section, had to be a Greenschairman a long time to get that job and we all admire Greens Chairman. Then comes the turfgrass scientists Dr. Wm. Daniel, Dr. H.B. Couch, Dr. James O'Donnell, Dr. Paul Santelmann, Dr. Fred Grau, Dr. Felix Juska and Dr. Richard Schmidt. Bring your technical questions to these men.

How about this one? Charlie Wilson at one time helped arrange for speakers on the Baltimore Turfgrass Conference Program. Now he returns as the replacement of the one and only O.J. Noer. How's that for a success story.

Also there will be local superintendents to give you the benefit of their experiences. You won't want to miss this meeting, so why not fill in the enclosed Hotel Reservation Card now and plan to be there both days.

SUPERINTENDENT TRAINEES, Professor Joseph Troll of the University of Massachusetts has 21 boys graduating this June from his two-year course in Turf Management. He is very anxious to get them placed in jobs under a good superintendent for a few years so as to gain experience. These boys have at least six months of training and practical experience on which they were graded, as well as their class room work. If you are interested in a young man for your course or more information, write to : Professor Joseph Troll, Dept. of Agronomy, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass.

NEW GROUP FORMING. A group of superintendents led by James E. Thomas, Tom Doerer, John Connolly and Francis Coupe are forming a new branch of the Mid-Atlantic to be known as the Northern Virginia Chapter. The advantages of such an organization ( as quoted from the group's meeting notice ) would be : 1. The ease of travel to and from monthly meetings. 2. A greater opportunity for more active membership participation in all activities. 3. A strong educational program featuring all phases of turf grass culture and related problems connected with the operation and maintenance of a golf course.

We question the need for such an organization since the Mid-Atlantic is set up to provide all the above mentioned advantages and more too, if the group would exert their efforts toward the good of the Chapter. Let's ask them to carefully examine their motives and desires to see that any action taken is for the good of all superintendents.