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June Meeting at Winchester: A beautiful day in the apple country brought a large number of superintendents to Winchester Country Club. Sixty-four members and guests were present for dinner.

Thirty-two members played golf plus a motley foursome led by Angelo Cammarota. Its members, however, expired after nine holes. Lewis Lamp had the course in fine shape as usual. His greens were excellent. Harry Allanson gave out golf prizes of twenty-six balls to the following: William Schriber, Purdy Carson, Rubin Hines, Sr., Lee Dieter, Frank Haske, John Lynch, B. Parker, C. Sheenig. George Cornell won the flag prize for being closest to the pin on the eighteenth hole.

Guests at the meeting were Mr. White, president of the host club; Billy Phillips, pro; Bob Heilman, manager; Sid Taylor, J. Lynch, and Wilson Howard from DuPont Co. Our old friend, Purdy Carson, was also on hand. Jim Reid had his new assistant, Norman Beauregard, with him. Prior to the guest speaker, Mr. J. Fritwell of the National Brewing Co. entertained us briefly.

The guest speaker was Dan Brogan of American Agricultural Chemical Co. He discussed the changes in the fertilizer industry. The most significant change from the turf standpoint is the reduction of phosphorus in mixed fertilizer. Mr. Brogan also described the advancements being made in the granulating of fertilizer.

Following the main speaker Buck Whetsell led a lively constructive suggestion report after which a rising vote of thanks was extended to our host, Lewis Lamp.

Your News Letter for the next few months will be coming to you from Saratoga Springs, New York. Your editor is now serving as agronomist for the golf course construction firm of Moore, Kelly and Reddish. We are now busy expanding the present golf facilities at the world famous Saratoga Spa.

My address for the next four months will be:

David Canavan
48 Church Avenue
Ballston Spa, New York
Phone: TULip 5-7367.

Let's send some articles to be put in your News Letter. See you all in October.

Employment Opening: We have been asked to help locate a golf course superintendent for the following opening: The Richland Country Club of Nashville, Tennessee, is seeking an experienced superintendent to replace veteran, Charlie Danner, who has resigned to go west after twenty-four years.

This is a private club with 500 members (340 golfing). The golf course is 18 holes with bentgrass greens.

The superintendent will be in charge of the grounds and will be responsible to the greens chairman. The superintendent has been operating with a crew of eight and a budget of \$60,000 to \$70,000 for maintaining 125 acres of turf.

Potential salary - \$9,000 including hospitalization, vacation, and turf conference allowance. Quarters are not included.

Those interested should contact Mr. B. B. Horner, Jr., Greens Chairman, Richland Country Club, Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. Horner stresses that only superintendents with experience in managing bentgrass greens should apply.

Before applying for this position, please check with the secretary of the chapter association in your area for a review of conditions, and salary levels, in order to familiarize yourself with local conditions, problems, salary scale, etc.

The July 11th meeting will be held at one of the new clubs in our area. It will be our pleasure to be at Albert Merritt's Chartwell Golf and Country Club in Severna Park, Maryland. Charles Nason will be our host superintendent. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Maryland State Senator, John L. Sanford. Being a lawyer and ardent golfer, he has chosen employment contracts for golf course superintendents as his topic.

Directions to Chartwell Golf and Country Club: If you are coming from Baltimore and Frederick, take the Beltway to Route 3. From Route 3 turn left on Benfield Road. This is approximately two miles below Howard Johnson's Restaurant. The entrance to the club is on the left approximately 3/4 of a mile from the turn onto Benfield Road.

If you are coming from Washington, D. C., travel Route 50 to Route 3, then north on Route 3 until you pass the Bon Fire Restaurant. In about 1/2 mile turn left on Benfield Road. The entrance to the club is on the left about 3/4 of a mile from this turn.

Membership Roster Cards: There are still a lot of cards not returned. Let's get them sent in so we can have an up-to-date roster. George Gumm mentioned something about sending a quart of Eastern Shore mosquitoes to anyone who fails to send in his card, so let's get them in!

Five Years Ago: Eighty-three members and guests met at Fort Meade Golf Club. Lt. Bonita was our host. The Meade club officials treated us to a very well planned steak dinner.

The Cornell Chemical Co. of Baltimore showed several plots in the practice area where they had demonstrated Dowfume as a soil sterilent. It showed good results both in killing Bermuda grass and weed infested cool season grasses.

Following dinner a constructive suggestion report was held. Most of the recommendations were for improving the turf on the new 18 holes.

Following is a list of trees published in the News Letter of August, 1956. It was originally taken from the May, 1956. Northeastern Turfletter by Al Radko. The News Letter would be interested in finding out the opinions of its members who followed Mr. Radko's suggestions of five years ago.

Troublesome Trees

1. White Poplar - The #1 enemy of golf courses.
2. Willow - Troublesome, except when planted in an out of the way place, away from drainage lines, out of the line of play.
3. Silver Maple - (Sometimes called soft or swamp maple) Don't use unless you cannot get anything else to grow.
4. Sycamore - Lace flies and aphids hurt them badly, and leaves drop early. Require excellent spraying program to keep in good condition.
5. Chinese Elm - After a good ice storm all branches break off, leaving only the trunk.
6. Honey Locust - Seed pod set an undesirable feature.
7. Elm - Dutch elm disease kills them. This beautiful tree now lost for all practical purposes.

Desirable Trees

1. Pin, Red and Scarlet Oak - The Pin Oak is a good selection for wet or damp ground.
2. Sweet Gum - Don't plant at the fairway edge.
3. Moraine Locust - This one is patented and doesn't set seed pods.
4. Beech - Has silvery grey bark the entire year.
5. Sophora - (Chinese Scholar tree) Blooms in August.

6. Grey Birch - Grows quickly. Suggested for undergrowth for more permanent trees. Plant a group of trees including grey birch and about the time the gray birch begins to weaken, oaks, etc., will come in.
7. Sugar Maple - A good tree. Plant only where soil is free of stone to a depth of four feet.
8. Sour Gum - Excellent for wet ground. Leaves turn red early in late summer. Move only in spring.
9. Ghinko - A good tree. No insect or disease problems. Takes fifteen or twenty years to form a good sized tree.
10. Evergreens - Excellent, no leaf problem. Are beautiful trees. White Pine, Austrian Pine, and Japanese Black Pine are toughest and most picturesque evergreen trees. Caution: If Hemlock trees are used, they should be planted only in well drained soils and should be protected from wind over the first winter.

In the Hospital: We have just received word that our good friend, Carroll Hitchcock, is in Sinai Hospital in Baltimore. I am sure he would appreciate hearing from his fellow members. His address is:

Sinai Hospital, Room 350
Green Spring and Belvidere Avenues
Baltimore, Maryland.

Field Days at Beltsville: Dr. Juska of the U.S.D.A. has announced that the field days will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 1961. It will be a one day affair.

National News: The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Ward Cornwell, is now inviting nominations for National Directors to be voted on at the 1962 meeting in Miami. The terms of the following officers and directors will expire December 31, 1961:

President:	L. E. Lambert
Vice-President:	Sherwood A. Moore
Directors:	L. W. (Sonny) DuBose
	Walter F. Wagner
	Roy W. Nelson

Let's check the Mid-Atlantic Chapter for a candidate. The National suggests the following guide when considering a nominee:

1. Class A or B membership in G. C. S. A. A.
2. Leadership in chapter affairs
3. Strong loyalty for G. C. S. A. A.
4. Ability to think clearly and aggressively
5. Diplomacy and tact
6. Good stature and professional bearing

Deadline for nominations: October 1, 1961