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THE 1961 MID-ATLANTIC TURFGRASS CONFERENCE held in Baltimore on January 9-10 was the most successful ever held. Attendance was good - 182 registered - the speakers did a very good job and we made a little profit to apply toward the 1962 Conference.

Cooperation and coordination has to be perfect for an affair of this kind to succeed and this one did, so we are indebted to many people. First of course is Dr. George Langford who, as Conference Director, did the planning that made everything work. He was assisted by a Program Committee consisting of Chairman Tom Doerer, Frank Dunlap, Fred Grau, George Gumm, Charles Hallowell, Bob Shields and Buck Whetsell.

Second is the impressive list of speakers who so generously gave their time, thought and effort. On hand was Bill Clark, President of the Mid-Atlantic PGA; Jim Thomas, President of the GCSAA; Mr. William Chapin, Chairman of the USGA Green Section; Dr. William Daniel, Purdue University; and Dr. H.B. Couch of Penn State.

Also contributing to the success of the meeting was Merrell Whittlesey, President of the Golf Writers of America and Golf Editor of the WASHINGTON EVENING STAR. Two well known local favorites - Dr. Felix Juska and Dr. Fred V. Grau helped considerably - as did newcomers to the program, Dr. Paul Santelmann, Dr. Richard Schmidt and Wade Stith.

From the ranks of Superintendents came Hurley Savage, Harry McSloy, Tom Doerer, Frank Tull, Bob Shields, Wayne Jerome and Frank Dunlap.

Special thanks go to Mal McLaren, Past President of the National Association and Superintendent at Oakwood Country Club. Mal would not accept so much as expense money for his trip down from Cleveland. He said he did it as a tribute and to show his respect for an old friend in the Mid-Atlantic area - outgoing President Frank Dunlap. How's that for comradeship among Superintendents?

The Chapter extends thanks and appreciation to all speakers and participants and to those who made the Social Hour so gay and pleasant. They are: Wilson Disney of the F.W. Bolgianp Company; Jack Witcher, Gustin's Baltimore Toro; Bob Adams, National Capital Toro; and George Cornell of the G.L. Cornell Company.

THE U S G A MEETING. The Educational Program of the USGA Green Section Meeting in New York on January 27 was one of the best meetings we have attended. The subject was - "The Golf Course Worker - Training and Direction."

The talk given by Tom Leonard, Superintendent, Oaks River Country Club Houston, Texas, is briefly outlines below.

Superintendents should have year plan, monthly plan, weekly plan and daily plan. Year plan is worked out with the Greens Committee. Monthly plan should be worked up around the Club's golf activities so as not to interfere with golf tournament schedule. The weekly plan should include all work planned for the week.