

Five years ago our November meeting was held at Monacan Hills Association, Inc., the home course of Jim Reynolds. The meeting was a joint gathering with the members of the Tidewater Turf Association. It was a beautiful day for golf and those who ventured out on the beautifully rolling terrain had a wonderful time. It was at this meeting that our officers for 1957 were elected. They were President, Tom Dawson; Vice-President, Paul Weiss; Secretary-Treasurer, Francis Coupe. Our speaker that evening five years ago was Mr. Fred McKay. His subject was "Turf for the Last Fifty Years". Mr. McKay served as Greens Committee chairman for both the Hermitage Country Club and the Country Club of Virginia. He is credited with being the first to introduce Bent Grass greens to the Richmond area. At the close of his talk Mr. McKay left some advice with the members that is as pertinent now as it was then. "Golf members are becoming more exacting and demanding in their requirements of the golf course superintendent. They lack the understanding knowledge of his duties and problems and the less they know about his work, the more critical they were. Yet they depend on the ability of the superintendent for satisfactory playing conditions. We were told to give some thought in learning how to sell ourselves to our members."

Odds and Ends: Angelo Cammarota, Treasurer of the Mid-Atlantic Association, reports that the balance at the end of the month of September was \$909.39.

Bob Scott, Jr., is assuming a new position at the Elkridge Country Club, where he is succeeding his uncle, Dave Edgar, who is retiring. Mr. Edgar is one of our charter members. We all wish Mr. Edgar well in his retirement.

Gerry Scotty, known to many Mid-Atlantic members for his work with Alex McKay, has been hired as superintendent for the new Albany, New York, Country Club. Construction will be started soon on the country club's new site. Plans are being prepared by Robert Trent Jones.

The new Eastern Shore Country Club at Onancock, Virginia, has now opened. Curtis Payne is Golf Course Superintendent.

The new Rehobeth Beach Country Club will be opening eighteen holes next spring with 328 Bermuda greens and U-3 Bermuda fairways.

Your editor will return to Rixeyville, Virginia, on October 22, 1961, and I will be looking forward to seeing you all.