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Top row, left to right-Directors: Charles B. Schalestock, L. Robert Shields, George C. Gumm, Alexander D. Watson, Robert Martino, missing from picture is Barclay L. Whetsell. Seated-Sheldon R. Betterly, Sec.-Treas., Angelo Cammarota, Vice Pres., Thomas A. Doerer, Jr., Pres., Dr. George S. Langford, Univ. of Md.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Thomas Doerer, Jr.

It is quite an honor, also a privilege to have been elected your president for the year 1964. My only wish is that the good Lord will give me the health, strength and wisdom to serve you in 1964 as you have been so wisely served over these past 35 years by such able men as Bill Glover, Jim Thomas, Bob Shields, Jim Reynolds, Frank Dunlap and Tom Dawson.

These men have distinguished themselves by making this Middle Atlantic Association what it is today. Our association has grown from a small group of greenskeepers to an association of some 160 qualified superintendents. It is my desire, with your help, to increase this membership to 200 during the coming year.

Our association today ranks among the first five in the National Association standings. We can be justly proud of the fact that several of our members have become either officers or directors in our National Association and, at present, are about to have, none other than,

our own Bob Shields become our next National vice president. This is quite a tribute to our association to have had a past president, Jim Thomas, and for 64 a vice president in the National. Considering the fact that there are over 2000 superintendents in our National body, I would say this is a real achievement.

As your president for '64, I would like to stress for our association more publicity both nationally and locally; a more extensive educational program; better attendance at our monthly meetings and, last but not least, a larger and more active membership. With your help this can be accomplished in the coming year.

Thank you.

NEXT LOCAL MEETING

The next local meeting of the association will be held on March 3, 1964, at Chantilly Country Club. The board of directors will meet at 10:00 A.M. that morning for a special meeting.

MID-ATLANTIC 10 YEARS AGO

by L. Robert Shields

In 1953 the National meeting was held in Miami, Florida, at the McAllister Hotel. The Mid-Atlantic was well represented at the conference.

A unique feature of the Miami meeting was programs on maintenance of northern and southern grasses being conducted simultaneously. A superintendent could choose the session he wished to attend.

Patty Berg was on the program and said, "The golf course superintendent is the most important man on the golf course. He has given increased pleasure to the golfer by maintaining a golf course that allows a golf player to perform at his best. The quality of each player's game is directly hooked up with the course superintendent through the condition of the greens, tees, fairways, traps and rough."

Frank Dunlap was on the program also and did a good job with his subject, "Developing Recognition for the Superintendent".

Because the Miami meeting was in January, the Baltimore Conference was held in February with Dr. Ernest N. Cory as conference director. A large delegation of members from the Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents was in attendance. The meeting was saddened by the sudden death of Philadelphia member, Thomas E. Dougherty, who passed away at the hotel on the eve of the conference. Tom was superintendent at the Springhaven Country Club in Wallingford, Pennsylvania, and had held the job for 38 years. Each year since his death the members of his club have conducted the Tom Dougherty Tournament in his honor.

The banquet speaker was John Gonella, golf writer with the Washington Post. His message was sell yourself individually and collectively; public relations are important; make known the work you do through any medium possible; let the members know what you are doing.

MID-ATLANTIC TURF CONFERENCE

The annual conference of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents was held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland, on Monday and Tuesday, January 6-7. About 150 persons signed in at the reservation desk making this a well attended conference. Congratulations, again, to Dr. George Langford and the program committee for doing an excellent job. James Thomas, our president, did a superb job as host to the conference. Our many thanks to all the speakers who participated on the program. A transcript of the material presented will be sent to all registrants. One highlight of the program was slides shown by Roy Nelson, our National president, giving his view on Mid-West methods.

VIRGINIA TURF CONFERENCE

The Fourth Annual Turf Conference sponsored by the Virginia Turf Grass Council was a very successful one. Special thanks should go to the V.P.I. staff, members of the Agronomy and Horticulture Departments, for making the conference an interesting one.

Interesting to note was the large number of park and highway department people in attendance. The interest in turf education is broadening considerably. No longer is the golf course superintendent the only one interested in the whys and whens.

BUYING VEGETATIVE MATERIAL FOR GOLF COURSE PLANTINGS

by Joseph L. Newcomer
Extension Agronomist
University of Maryland

Many of you at one time or another will be purchasing vegetative seed stocks for planting either the greens, the tees or the fairways on your golf course. There are a few pointers which should be stressed in your purchasing of material. First, I wish to advise you to plant certified sprigs when possible. Certification is the only safeguard that you have of getting vegetative material true to variety for here you have an unbiased group who makes periodic checks on the planting and the production phase of the turf grass. Usually this is done under the auspices of the State Land Grant College or under the Crop Improvement Association who has been delegated such powers. These men would be concerned with the authenticity with the planting stock as well as the freedom from weeds and other factors that would influence quality stock. There are a number of so-called good nurseries in the Washington Area who could supply Zoysia or Bermudagrass or even some of the Bentgrasses. Many of them have contaminants of one kind or another which would make these grasses undesirable for a uniform turf on your golf course. These nursery men would not and could not supply certified stock for contaminants such as Bermudagrass in Zoysia, Quackgrass in Zoysia, or different varieties mixed in to bentgrasses would be very objectionable in Certified Seed Stocks. Thus, I would wish to emphasize that through Certified Seed you are assured of getting seed stocks that are true to variety and of superior quality, free of objectionable weeds. Insist on Certified Seed.

INTERNATIONAL TURFGRASS CONFERENCE

We hope to see all Mid-Atlantic members present at the conference and equipment show at the Sheraton Park Hotel in Philadelphia on February 9-14, 1964. Among the speakers scheduled for the conference are several local people including Sheldon R. Betterly, Chantilly National Golf and Country Club, Col. Harry C. Eckhoff, National Golf Foundation, and Roy Blasser, V.P.I.

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND A TURF CONFERENCE from the Southern Turf Newsletter, Volume III

by Ray Jensen

"Spring has sprung" as someone had said and with the advent of spring all of us begin to make new plans to you as greens superintendent. However this season doesn't mean an awakening from dormancy and starting to work as with some occupation, as your job requires constant alertness 12 months of the year. It is necessary though that you direct your attention to different areas and make yourself aware of problems inherent to spring and correct them before they arise.

For example, how am I going to gracefully push out that winter grass I tried so hard to establish last fall? How best to cope with traffic problems which come with increased play during this season? How am I going to prevent destructive insect and disease attacks common to warm weather before they occur? What is my fertilizer program for the year going to be and is there room for improvement over last fall? Do I have the best grasses available on my course or am I throwing good money after bad trying to maintain a second or third best? How can I most easily correct this? What am I going to do about those weeds which can wrap up my course overnight if not properly controlled?

The man who professed to have all of the right answers to all questions such as these would be vain indeed. There are however a number of men who have the best answers to one or more of them. No doubt your experience has taught you the best answer to some question many other men are asking. By gathering together yourself and others with special knowledge at turf conferences, we can often come up with the best information available on the question most commonly asked.

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