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Top row, left to right-Directors James E. Thomas, Lee Dieter, George Gumm, L. Robert Shields, Alex Watson, Robert Martino. Front row-Frank Haske, director; Elwin Deal, U. of Md.; Jack Oulla, vice pres.; George Cleaver, secy. treas.; & Dr. George Langford, U. of Md. Missing when picture was taken was Pres. Thomas E. Doerer, Jr.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Thomas Doerer, Jr.

Our 36th Annual Turfgrass Conference held at the new downtown Holiday Inn in Baltimore was, in the opinion of those attending the best conference we have had. Some 185 members and guests registered for this two day meeting. This, of course, was a new record for attendance. The hotel management went all out to make our stay a pleasant one. (We have arranged to return to the same location for 1966.)

Dr. George Langford, George Gumm and his committee did a masterful job in their selection of the speakers.

Governor J. Millard Tawes headed the list of guest speakers. His talk on recreation and what part the golf courses will play in this program was enlightening. We were all very much surprised at the interest the Governor had in the game of golf and golf course superintendents and the part they play in the recreation field.

We were very pleased to have awarded silver trays to Dr. Fred Grau, Dr. George Langford, Mr. Maury Fitzgerald and Mr. George Taylor for their distinguished contributions to our association in the search for better turf.

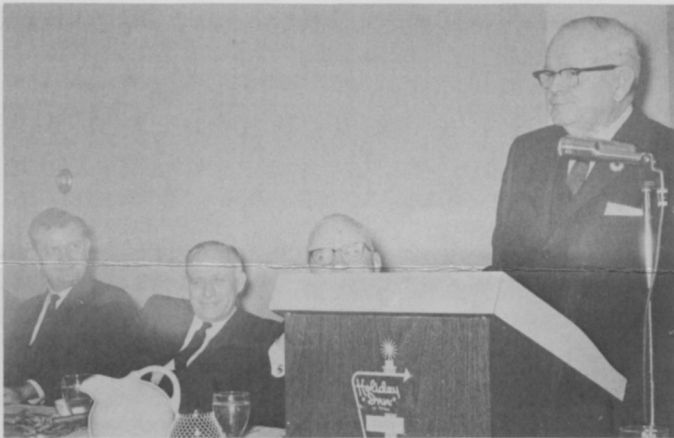
Mr. Wiffy Cox had a few words of praise for the work the superintendents are doing on their respective courses. Mr. Herb Graffis, editor of the Golfdom Magazine, brought us up to date on golf news from other parts of the country.

We certainly were pleased to see Ted Roberts, secretary treasurer of our National Association, in the audience. Several members of the Philadelphia Association were guests at the meeting including Marshall Farnham and Ted Riley. Mr. Jack Sharkey, ex-heavyweight champion of the world, was an unexpected guest. Jack was introduced to the audience and seemed to enjoy the evening very much.

New officers and directors installed at the meeting were: Lee Dieter, director; George Cleaver, secretary-treasurer; Jack Oulla, vice president

There will be a Board of Directors meeting at the University of Maryland on January 28th at 1:30 P.M. This meeting will be held in Room 116, Symonds Hall, which is adjacent to the administration building.

Our March meeting will be held in conjunction with the P.G.A. Seminar at the University of Maryland on March 8th. The site will be the new Adult Education Center at the University. Let us all try to make an effort to attend this meeting as there will be a panel of golf professionals and superintendents discussing problems of the course and how they best can be handled through better understanding.



Honorable Governor J. Millard Tawes addressing members and guests at the 36th Mid-Atlantic Turfgrass Conference.

Address by Governor J. Millard Tawes
at Baltimore Turf Conference
Mr. Doerer, Mr. Gumm, distinguished
guests and ladies and gentlemen:

It is, indeed, a pleasure for me to have this opportunity to extend to each of you here this evening a warm welcome to the state of Maryland. We are, of course, delighted that you selected Baltimore as the site of this year's conference, and it is my sincere hope that you will return often in the future.

Of course, since becoming Governor of Maryland six years ago, I haven't had many opportunities to squeeze in a round of golf but, nevertheless, I have retained my great affection for this wonderful game.

I consider it not only a great physical conditioner and a tremendous aid in providing relaxation (despite what the cartoonists say), but also a valuable asset in the state's program of economic development.

The Baltimore-Washington area happens to be one of the three fastest growing science-based industry regions in the country. This type of industry attracts professional people who, more often than not, list golfing as their major source of recreation.

Thus, I think it is essential from several points of view that golf be given major consideration in any present and future discussion of outdoor recreational activities.

And one of the great challenges facing state and local governments today is solving the problem of providing sufficient facilities for outdoor recreation.

As great advances continue to be made in industry, more and more of our citizens have increased amounts of leisure time available to them. But, at the same time, new housing units, roads and other developments continue to occupy vast stretches of our open spaces, denying to present and future generations of our citizens a vital source of outdoor recreation.

Last year, the congress, recognizing the immediacy of this problem, enacted the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965. This act is, indeed, a milestone in public outdoor recreation for it provides for matching funds on a 50-50 basis with the states for the planning, acquisition and development of outdoor recreation facilities.

At my request, the Maryland Planning Department is preparing a statewide Open Space and Outdoor Recreation Plan and the Department of Forests and Parks has been designated by me to administer the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act for Maryland.

In July, 1964, the Maryland Department of Forests and Parks assisted the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in coordinating and conducting a statewide outdoor recreation facility inventory. This survey catalogs all state, county and municipally owned outdoor recreation facilities in the state.

The Department of Forests and Parks has completed the draft of a master plan for state parks and recreation areas and this master plan is now being reviewed by various state agencies.

The plan outlines the demand for outdoor recreation facilities in Maryland through 1976 and predicts the requirements for additional facilities needed by the year 2000.

Admittedly, this plan is ambitious and considerable efforts will be required to carry out its provisions. Nevertheless, it is essential that a comprehensive plan be adopted and followed if the state is to meet the ever-increasing demand for additional outdoor recreational opportunities.

Maryland's land acquisition program has been accelerated and during 1964, 1,125 acres, representing 46 tracts of land, were purchased for state park purposes. Approximately 110 additional tracts of land are in various states of acquisition.

Land acquisition has been proceeding at Assateague Island, Tuckahoe, Point Lookout, Patapsco, Gunpowder, Susquehanna, Seneca, South Mountain, Patuxent, Rocky Gap, Dan's Mountain and Deep Creek Lake and the state has been cooperating with the counties in the purchase of Patuxent River Watershed Lands.

Shad Landing State Park, new Snow Hill, in Worcester County, was opened in June; George Martinak State Park, near Denton, was opened July 1, 1964; and a dam creating a 42-acre lake is nearing completion at Greenbrier State Park in Washington County.

I mention these developments, ladies and gentlemen, simply because I want to impress upon you the fact that the state is aware of its obligations in providing outdoor recreational facilities.

It is my hope that future activities at all levels of government can be dovetailed with the plans and programs of private groups for the benefit of all our citizens.

In your work in supervising the operations of the many fine golf courses throughout the Mid-Atlantic region, you provide a substantial percentage of our people with a wonderful opportunity to enjoy outdoor recreation.

But, you also do more than that. The wonderfully landscaped golf courses that dot the countryside are the most attractive features that many of our communities have to offer. They are, in a very real sense, a virtual guarantee that present and future generations will have the opportunity to enjoy the open green spaces despite the rush of time and progress.

The beauty of bent grass not only lures the golfer but inspires the poet and even offers some satisfaction to the duffer. For, in my opinion, on the golf courses that you here today have helped to provide and maintain, no one really labors under a handicap.

Thank you.

NATIONAL NOTES

by Bob Shields

The National Turfgrass Conference and Show will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, February 7-12 at the Cleveland-Sheraton Hotel. Attendance at this meeting is expected to top the 2750 that were on hand at the Philadelphia show last year and will include superintendents, greens chairmen, students, agronomists and representatives from the golf course supply industry. One hundred and forty three exhibit booths, 14 more than at Philadelphia, were sold by the first of September indicating the interest that manufacturers have in displaying their equipment and services. Most industrial concerns display new maintenance machines at this show and superintendents can examine and discuss their merits with factory representatives or, in some cases, the factory owner.

At Cleveland there will be superintendents from all over the United States and Canada. All will be in search of knowledge and information on how to better operate their golf courses, how to please their golfers, and how to get the most from each budget dollar. Some subjects assigned to experienced superintendents are: "Selling Your Officials on You"; "Good Public Relations - A Must"; "How the Superintendent Looks to the Members"; "Good

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Watering Practices"; "Electronics and the Superintendent". Educational sessions run all day, every day, except Wednesday, which is devoted to the Golf Course Superintendents of America membership matters. Subject matter covers all phases of golf course management with emphasis on the man in MANagement. This year, due to the exceptionally dry summer all over the country, much attention will be focused on fairway water systems - their installation and operations.

Representatives from the P.G.A., the U.S.G.A., and the C.M.A.A. will speak on mutual problems and how they best can be solved. University and industrial agronomists may bring the latest information on advances made by science in the complicated field of soils, grasses, plant nutrition, plant diseases, insects and weeds.

The Governor of the state of Ohio, the honorable James A. Rhodes, and the mayor of the city of Cleveland, Mr. Ralph Locher, are both avid golfers and have given assurances that they will be present at opening day ceremonies.

Every superintendent attending has the opportunity to discuss the problems of his golf course with other superintendents, many of whom have experienced and solved the same problem. Much valuable information can be obtained by listening to and participating in turfgrass discussions that develop spontaneously when superintendents get together. If the superintendent brings home one or two ideas that he can put into effect at his course or if ideas obtained help him to think for himself, the Club will more than recover the cost of his expenses in attending.

The Mid-Atlantic is usually well represented at National meetings and since Cleveland is only 6 or 7 hours of turnpike driving from Washington we hope to have many local superintendents attending this 36th National Conference.

KEEPING UP WITH PROGRESS

by Fred V. Grau

Like Alice in Wonderland, we are nearly at the point where "we have to run faster and faster just to stay in one place." The very nature of a golf course superintendent's work demands close attention to his acreage; allows less than enough time to travel, visit, and learn. Reading books, magazines, periodicals, and advertising material has become a most necessary part of his activities if he is to keep up with the times.

In 1956 I attempted to put together a complete listing of current useful turfgrass and scientific literature. One day I showed it to Dr. William Daniel, Purdue, who became interested and, with his students, completed the work and published it as Purdue News and Research Leaflet No. 17, March, 1958. A copy has been put in the hands of Dieter and Thomas.

A good Mid-Atlantic project would be to inventory each superintendent's library and bring the list up-to-date. There have been dropouts and revisions. In preparing my Baltimore paper on "Fertilization" for the proceedings, I have included two book references, Hunger Signs in Crops and Fertilizer Technology and Usage. Recently a book on Grass Diseases was published by Dr. Houston B. Couch, then of Penn State.

The periodical Better Crops with Plant Food is high on my list of periodicals. Another is California Turfgrass Culture. The Summer 1964 issue of Plant Food Review on "Water-Essential Resource" is prized highly. It is published by the National Plant Food Institute, 1700 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, \$1.00 a year, four issues.

The Eastern Potash News Letter for August, 1963, American Potash Institute, 1102 16th St., N.W., Washington 6, D.C., tells about using potash to increase winter hardiness.

This is not all-inclusive by any means. There are many other publications. Some superintendents may hesitate to buy a book or subscribe to a periodical because they feel that it may not be to their liking or meet their needs. Another worthwhile project might be that of reviewing some book, or a chapter, or a periodical, at each monthly meeting. Details of cost and source could be given to those who want the item for their library if it suits them. Each member would have a chance to make a selection and to review it for the group after suitable preparation.

The task of reviewing printed material and presenting the condensed version to a group is an education in itself. The discussion that should follow would be helpful to all.

AN IMPORTANT COMING EVENT

Don't forget, all Golf Course Superintendents in the Mid-Atlantic area should have a date in Cleveland, Ohio, the week of February 7-12, 1965, at the Sheraton Hotel. The event is the 36th International Turfgrass Conference and Show, which is annually sponsored by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. This meeting is one of the most important gatherings held yearly for the evaluation of golf course operation and maintenance, and enables one to prepare himself for the golf playing season which is only a few weeks away. Outstanding speakers prominent in all fields of the game of golf will inform you of what is new in turf culture, fungicides, insecticides, herbicides, etc., and you will be told how these materials can be used to the best advantage. The exhibit hall will have on display golf course equipment and all needed accessories, both old and new.

And if for no other reason, don't forget our own L. R. "Bob" Shields is slated to become the in-coming President of the National Association; he has fully deserved the honor. So, let's all attend the coming G.C.S.A.A. Convention in Cleveland and give Bob our support and congratulations, and wish him well for his tour of office as President of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.



(1) Dr. Geo. Langford, University of Maryland, receives award from President Thomas Doerer for contributions to the Mid-Atlantic Association; (2) An old friend of Mid-Atlantic Association, Dr. Fred Grau, receiving award for his interest and efforts in the betterment of the golf course superintendent; (3) Maury Fitzgerald of the Washington Post receives one of two awards presented to area newsmen for their work in the field of public relations.

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