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Top row, left to right - Directors: Paul Barefoot, Ed Dembnicki, Bob Shields, George Thompson, Bert Yingling and Bob Milligan. Seated - Angelo Cammaroto - President emeritus, Frank Haske - Vice-President, George Cleaver - President and Russ Kerns - Secretary-Treasurer.

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HIGHLIGHT OF CONFERENCE:

As so ably stated by Dr. Fred V. Grau
in his summation of the conference.

The appearance of Maryland's Governor, the Honorable Spiro T. Agnew, at the luncheon, capably arranged by George Gumm and Angelo Cammarato, truly was the highlight of the conference. The good-natured free and easy banter between the Governor and the head table delighted the audience. Few were prepared for the warm humor that captivated everyone. He identified unmistakably with TURF especially as regards to golf.

VERY IMPORTANT DEPARTMENT:

Please fill out the enclosed card as soon as possible and return to George Gumm. He is preparing a new directory and would like to make it as up to date as possible. Additional information such as Wife's name and Zip Code is requested so everyone Please fill out the card and drop in the mail no stamps required.

REMARKS BY
GOVERNOR SPIRO T. AGNEW

ANNUAL CONFERENCE, MID-ATLANTIC
ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE
SUPERINTENDENTS
HOLIDAY INN, BALTIMORE
January 8, 1968 - 12:15 p.m.

Gentlemen:

I thank you for having me as your guest today. I have long admired the work you do and want you to know that you have destroyed my confidence ever to break a hundred.

Six years ago, before I started to play golf, before I even knew I owned a natural slice, I was a peaceable man of reasonably sound mind and equilibrium, not subject to thoughts of self destruction, enjoying things much less complex than trying to plink a little white ball into a little green cup. There was a time when I thought relaxing was reading a book not written by Palmer or Nicklaus. There was even a time, and I can still remember it, when I would spend all of every Sunday with my wife and family.

I didn't think about golf. I figured it was something people did when they didn't have anything better to do. Besides, I was just becoming active in politics. And golf, my political instincts warned me, went out in 1960 at the end of its second term.

I think about my pre-golf days many times. I think about them when I am with people. I think about them when I am all alone - in the rough. I have walked parts of some courses their superintendents haven't even motored through. I even think about my pre-golf days on the few occasions my ball discovers a fairway. They were sane days. They were good days.

Now I am one of those unsettled, disturbed, and humiliated millions with his head down, his left arm straight, his hips loose, and his seat planted on some imaginary stool. I have the position down pat. The pro says I have a pretty

good swing. And one of these days I am determined I will even hit the ball farther than some of the thirteen-year-old girls who play the same course.

Golf is a diabolical thing, the great leveler of egos. It enslaves businessmen, governors and presidents. In the world of Sunday golf, only the caddy is king.

My major fault, I suppose, is taking the game seriously. But I want you to know that I am always in control of my emotions. I never fail to replace a divot and, no matter how bad my score, I am always considerate of the course. In fact, in the interest of good grounds-keeping, I will sometimes move an obstructing stick or rock a little to the left or right of my ball, when I believe swinging with it in the way will cause needless damage to the course, and when I am perfectly sure my partner isn't looking.

At this time, I would like to make a public statement of great importance, and I hope it will be duly noted by the press. It is not true that all of my major appointees in Annapolis are golf players. It is not true that every time I am called out of State to a governors' conference that I take along with me a pre-handicapped foursome. And it is not true that I will not allow anyone to serve on my personal staff who shoots a better game than I do. After all, I have to have some staff. These are outright fabrications and distortions, without basis in fact. On the other hand, I will not deny that I have played golf with members of my staff. I will not deny that I know each and every one of their handicaps. And I will not deny that I insist upon proper protocol at all times and at all places. I think that just about sums up the situation.

In a few days, the 1968 session of the Maryland Legislature will convene, and the serious business of your governor and elected representatives will leave little time for other than a few practice swings in the odd and seldom hours of inactivity. I have truly enjoyed being with you today in a relaxed and fun

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way and hope that when we meet again, I will be able to say that the state is shooting par, that it's burning up the course with better laws, and that as good as its first round was, its second was even better.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

A TIME TO EVALUATE

George W. Cleaver

The month of January is a quiet time of the year. The Christmas rush, the New Years resolutions made, some already broken, are behind us. The Baltimore Turf Conference, January 8-9 is behind us too. What did you think of the conference? The speakers sure gave us a lot to think about.

The unfortunate superintendent that mixed an insecticide with a herbicide in order to save time but killed the grass on eighteen fairways instead. You could make this same mistake but now you will be more careful to read the label and make sure the chemicals you mix together are compatible. I am sure it was worth the time, money and effort to you and your club to attend this conference, if you only took home this one piece of information. This is just one example of the many other interesting and informative talks we heard. A Time to Evaluate the importance of attending conferences. Don't forget the International Turfgrass Conference and Show, February 18-23, San Francisco, California. It may cost you or the club a few hundred dollars, in turn your club may save a few thousand dollars by the information you bring home.

A Mid-Atlantic Directors meeting followed the conference. The Directors evaluated the past conference and started planning for the next one. J. Paul Barefoot will serve as chairman of the Flower Committee. If you know of anyone, associated with the Mid-Atlantic, in the hospital please let Paul know. Bert

Yingling is making plans for the Mid-Atlantic to have a Golf Team in the G.C.S.A.A. Golf Tournament. Bert, we wish you and the golf team a successful tournament.

The Mid-Atlantic Newsletter is published with the support of advertisement. The advertisers in this publication have a product which they have spent considerable time and money in research and experiments to develop something they are proud of and something we can use with success. Of course they want to promote their product and make a profit but I think their interest is with the Golf Course Superintendent. A Time to Evaluate what they are doing for us. We need what they are selling, so let's support our advertisers.

I mentioned Time and Money several times but time is valuable. It is something you can never make up. Here is a message I read on a school blackboard, "He whom only plans is a Dreamer. He whom only works is a Drudge. But he whom plans and works his plans is a Conqueror." What are you?

NEW MEMBERS

According to the by-laws of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents, the applicants listed will be considered for the membership class listed by the board of directors at their next meeting, unless there is objection in writing within five days after mailing of this notice.

George Wingo, G.L. Cornell Co, class E, Col. J. Johnson, Andrews Air Force Base, class A.

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS-BALTIMORE, MD. January 8-9, 1968

Highlights of the Conference -
Dr. Fred V. Grau

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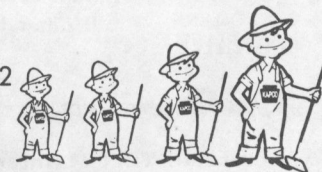
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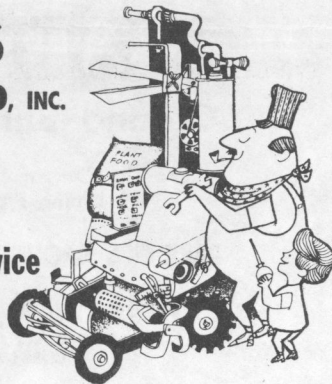
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Dr. Gordon N. Cairns in his "Welcome" sounded the keynote of the conference by stressing Cooperation, Sharing The Information, and Stimulating Thinking. Especially interesting was his plea for all to help preserve Open Spaces and Natural Beauty. "Turf," said Dr. Cairns, "is akin to our great natural resources."

Angelo Cammarota, retiring president of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents, was warm in his praise of University of Maryland faculty members for their continuing role in conducting the annual conferences. Suppliers received commendation for their supporting roles in making the conferences so successful. In Angie's words, "The Mid-Atlantic is a tough place to grow grass because the area is TAINTED — 'tain't North and 'tain't South — its in between."

Dr. Elwyn Deal ranged widely in covering Recent Developments. Among New Grasses we now have Certified Common Kentucky bluegrass from Kentucky and South Dakota. The Certified seed will not produce any better turf — it simply guarantees the state of origin. This is a protection for the buyer so that, when he buys Kentucky bluegrass, he will not get mostly Newport which produces turf in this area.

PENNSTAR Kentucky bluegrass is a new release from Penn State, tested as K(5)47. It looks good, dark green, disease resistant, an improvement over Merion.

FYLKING, tested as 0217 Kentucky bluegrass looks good; tests continuing, price above Merion.

PENNPART creeping bentgrass is a new vegetative (no seed) release from Penn State, performing well.

Four new fine-leaf perennial ryegrasses are under test; PELO, NORLEA, NK — 100 and Manhattan, a synthetic from Rutgers.

Nitrogen fertilization was discussed — the trend seems to be to use less N on critical areas.

Weed control continues to advance but damage to ornamental plants grows

too. Specific recommendations for the several herbicides will be contained in University of Maryland releases.

Activated charcoal was mentioned as an agent to overcome toxic effects of chemicals, especially Betasan, but it is not yet recommended.

Mr. A. M. Radko characterized the 1967 season in the East as a good one but not an easy one. Fairways received maximum attention. A golfer who successfully directs his tee shot to the fairway is entitled to a perfect lie. In order to evaluate playing conditions the golf course superintendent must play golf.

Weeds are no problem with chemicals at our disposal. Nutrients are no problem - all are plentiful. Diseases can be controlled. Now even *Poa annua* is being evicted in favor of better permanent grasses.

Insects can be controlled. The new "clover seevil" may have a short life now that \$18,000 research money has been made available.

Labor and the human element are shortcomings. Two-way radios are becoming more common for instant communication.

When Dr. Henry Indyk had completed his message nearly every man there had made a note to store all potentially dangerous chemicals in a locked room with each one clearly labeled.

Synergism was a new word to many. It is the increased effect when two chemicals are mixed. He cited cases where much turf died because two materials were applied together to "save time."

For effectiveness with chemicals we must consider TIMING, NEED, CONCENTRATION, FORM of chemical, FORMATION, ACCUMULATION (build-up), COMPATIBILITY and ECONOMICS.

Dr. Good's discussion on Nematodes left little doubt concerning their potential for destruction but gave few solid recommendations for their control in the Mid-Atlantic area. In sterilized soil their populations "explode." Organic fertilizers appear to suppress them. When nematodes are suspected send sod

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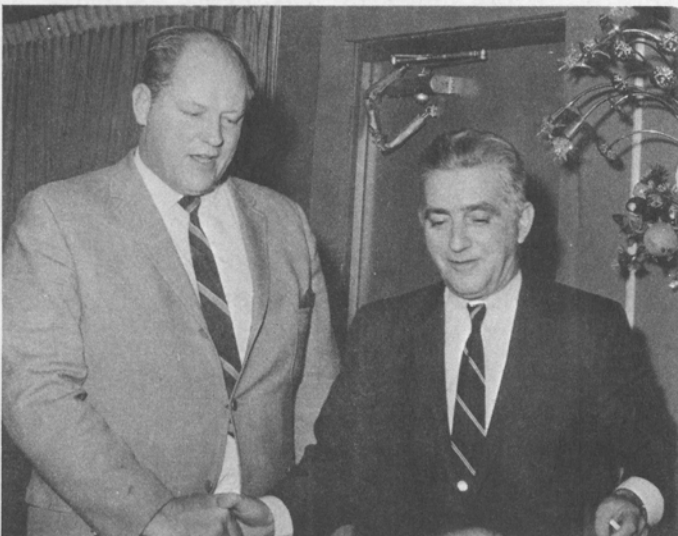
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Angelo Cammaroto, Retiring President, Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents (Bonnie View, Country Club, Baltimore.)



George Gumm (left) installs New President, George Cleaver, Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents.



George Gumm and Frank Haske, Gumm (left) installs new Vice President of Mid-Atlantic Associations of Golf Course Superintendents.



George Gumm, (right) installs new Secretary-Treasurer of Mid-Atlantic Russell Kerns, Superintendent of Woodholme Golf Course, Baltimore.

samples to your University. Treat only TEST areas - do not go "whole hog" at once.

Dr. Edward Strickling threw a "bombshell" when he said that "Nutrient uptake is not related to Water intake in any way." The key to plant growth is Energy which is supplied by the sun and converted by photosynthesis. Excess water, too easily supplied by modern "automatic" systems can be more harmful than a deficiency. When plants with a light syringing intercept energy and keeps them turgid.

Jack McClenahan convincingly, and with rare humor, cited the pros and cons (with pictures) of using galvanized steel pipe and installing it with his own crew. Were he to do it again on another course he would contract the job and might not use steel pipe. He cited increased maintenance costs with irrigation. If members are not fully prepared it is a cruel hoax.

Russel Roberts stressed the item of increased costs of maintenance, something for which many clubs are poorly

prepared. Poor design and poor installation are two main causes of disappointments. He feels strongly that AREA people should install AREA systems. Many outlets are damaged by maintenance equipment. "Automatic" systems are not truly automatic. The inviolable rule in irrigation is to apply water no faster than the soil will absorb it. Localized dry spots indicate variations in infiltration rates. Each turf area should be monitored every day. Lack of knowledge is our greatest problem. More and more water will be ALLOCATED. Perhaps in the future the data from soil moisture blocks, humidity sensors, rain gauges, temperature (soil and air) will be programmed through a computer. Then we will have truly automatic irrigation - but, tomorrow is not yet here.

Mr. Cammarato made a ceremony of

presenting to the Governor a copy of the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Survey, the first of its kind in the United States (or anywhere), remarking that a similar survey in Maryland would be very useful. The Survey was sponsored by the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council, conducted by the Crop Reporting Service, backed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Dr. Charles Ellington filled in admirably as a "pinch-hitter" banquet speaker when the Governor was forced to change to the luncheon spot. Dr. Ellington's dry wit had everyone convulsed - then he got down to the business of what his State Board of Agriculture does. Time did not let him tell all - but few in attendance had any idea of the complexity of his job. His color slides were excellent as was his running commentary. No one should have missed his talk.

1968 Meeting Places

March 12	Goose Creek C. C.	Host, Lewis Loope
April 2	Green Spring	Host, Bill Emerson
May 7	Bethesda C. C.	Host, Crafton Lumsden
June 4	Pending	
July 9	Chestnut Ridge C.C.	Host George Cleaver, Pres.
Aug. 6	Princeton Turf Farms	Host, Parker Sterling (picnic)
Sept. 10	Turf Valley C. C.	Host, George Riddle
Oct. 1	Norbeck C. C.	Host, Bill Livingston (tournament)
Nov. 12	Army & Navy C. C. Arlington	Host, Dell Hamersley
Dec. 3	Pending	

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