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## OOPS!

Seems through an oversight in editors' proofreading that Alan Mac Currach has been replaced by George Thompson at Chevy Chase Club, according to last month's newsletter. Not so. In the listing of new members last month, Bob La Roche was listed as George's assistant. Bob is Alan's assistant and they are both still at CCC. Sorry boys.

## GREATER WASHINGTON MEETING

The speaker at the GWGCSA meeting held on Nov. 25 was Harold Cole, Research Meteorologist with ESSA, the Environmental Science Services Administration in Washington. He gave an interesting talk concerning the why's of weather and showed an excellent film concerning tornados and severe storms.

At the conclusion of his program, several pieces of literature were distributed and the following is just a portion from one leaflet entitled "Severe Storms."

## WINTER STORM SAFETY RULES

Keep ahead of the winter storm by listening to the latest ESSA Weather Bureau warnings and bulletins on radio and television.

- Check battery powered equipment before the storm arrives. A portable radio or television set may be your only contact with the world outside the winter storm. Also check emergency cooking facilities and flashlights.

- Check your supply of heating fuel. Fuel carriers may not be able to move if a winter storm buries your area in snow.

- Check your food and stock an extra supply. Your supplies should include food that requires no cooking or refrigeration in case of power failure.

- Prevent fire hazards due to overheated coal or oil burning stoves, fireplaces, heaters or furnaces.

- Stay indoors during storms and cold snaps unless in peak physical condition. If you must go out, avoid overexertion.

- Don't kill yourself shoveling snow. It is extremely hard work for anyone in less than prime physical condition, and can bring on a heart attack, a major cause of death during and after winter storms.

- Rural residents: make necessary trips for supplies before the storm develops or not at all; arrange for emergency heat supply in case of power failure; be sure camp stoves and lanterns are filled.

Dress to fit the season. If you spend much time outdoors, wear loose-fitting, light-weight, warm clothing in several layers. Layers can be removed to prevent perspiring and subsequent chill. Outer garments should be tightly woven, water repellent, and hooded. The hood should protect much of your face and cover your mouth to ensure warm breathing and protect your lungs from the extremely cold air. Remember that entrapped, insulating air, warmed by body heat, is the best protection against cold. Layers of protective clothing, are more effective and efficient than single layers or thick clothing; and mittens, snug at the wrists, are better protection than fingered gloves.

Your automobile can be your best friend — or worst enemy — during winter storms, depending on your preparations. Get your car winterized before the storm season begins. Everything on the checklist shown below should be taken care of before winter storms strike your area.

___ ignition system	___ heater
___ battery	___ brakes perfectly
___ lights	___ adjusted
___ tire tread	___ wiper blades
___ cooling system	___ defroster
___ fuel system	___ snow tires installed
___ lubrication	___ chains
___ exhaust system	___ antifreeze
___ tight	___ winter-grade oil

Keep water out of your fuel by maintaining a FULL tank of gasoline.

Be equipped for the worst. Carry a winter storm car kit, especially if cross country travel is anticipated or if you live in the northern states.

Suggested Winter Storm Car Kit: blankets or sleeping bags, matches and candles, empty 3-pound coffee can with plastic cover, facial tissue, paper towels, extra clothing, high-calorie, nonperishable food, compass and road maps, knife, first aid kit, shovel, sack of sand, flashlight or signal light, windshield scraper, booster cables, two tow chains, fire extinguisher, catalytic heater, axe.

Winter travel by automobile is serious business. Take your travel seriously.

- If the storm exceeds or even tests your limitations, seek available refuge immediately.

- Plan your travel and select primary and alternate routes.

- Check latest weather information on your radio.

Try not to travel alone; two or three persons are preferable.

- Travel in convoy with another vehicle, if possible.

- Always fill gasoline tank before entering open country, even for a short distance.

- Drive carefully, defensively.

#### NEW PUBLICATION

Just received a copy of Guideline Specifications, Soil Preparation and Sodding. This publication is a result of joint efforts of VPI and the U of Md. and is an excellent guide in buying and installing sod in both states. One of the best things this piece of literature will do is to help sway big contractors to use certified or at least approved sod in their landscaping. The mere existence of inferior sod installed around a new building or in a big development does anything but give the professional turf grower or turf manager a good image. But it seems that little by little, more and more contractors are coming around to this line of thinking. Let's hope this booklet is picked up by them and that they really read it closely. If you haven't received your copy, write or call your county extension agent in Va. or Md.

#### RAMBLINGS

Statistics show we have our first 3" snowfall by the end of December. Are you ready for it?

Are the snow tires on your pickup?

Have you got plenty of snow and ice melters on hand for drives and walks? If you have ducks on your lakes, do you have plenty of scratch food for them? What about the birds around the clubhouse? A bird feeder there can be a real conversation piece.

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## CERTIFIED

From Stan Metskers' Rocky Mountain GCSA Reporter, we find a Virginian who is now a certified super. David Harmon, superintendent at Cedar Point Club in Crittenden, Va., was recently recognized by the Rocky Mountain group as passing their test and becoming a certified super.

Dave graduated from Purdue University in 1962 and has been active in the turf field ever since.

The purpose of the RMGCSA's certification program is to recognize those truly professional supers whose own efforts and skill make them the pace setters in the production and maintenance of the worlds finest golf turf.

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## DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting of the MAGCSA was held at Indian Spring C.C. on December 2 and was the annual election meeting. The group had 5 members who managed to play golf in bone-chilling cold. Tom Comalli from Crofton was the winner of the small tourney. Ed Dembnicki's greens chairman, Ed Ault, welcomed us on behalf of the club and made a few remarks concerning the superintendent who may be considering making a change in jobs. He recommended the super should by all means try to obtain a set of specifications used in building the course he is considering moving to. This is a top-notch idea and should be done wherever possible so as to benefit both parties.

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## VOTE

When we go to Houston in February, we have been authorized by the GCSAA that we may go at full voting strength at the National elections. Our representative from the MAGCSA will be George Cleaver, past president and super at Chestnut Ridge C.C. in Baltimore. The alternate will be our chapter secretary-treasurer, Ed Dembnicki, super at Indian Spring C.C.

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## ELECTION RESULTS

At the December meeting, elections for the 1970 year were held. The following names are the elected officials for the coming year.

President - Russel Kerns - Woodholme C.C., Baltimore, Md.

Vice President - Bert Yingling - Beaver Creek C.C., Hagerstown, Md.

Secretary-treasurer - Ed Dembnicki - Indian Spring C.C.,

Silver Spring, Md.

Directors - Dave Fairbank - Lakewood C.C. - Rockville, Md.

Bob Miller - Suburban Club - Baltimore, Md.

The turnout of voting members was excellent.

## SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY

Don't forget - the chapter will have a hospitality room open to all conference people, whether they are speakers, guests, or members on Sunday evening, Jan. 4, in Baltimore. This is a once a year get-together, so why not take advantage of it? Besides, it's a heck of a lot easier to come in on Sunday than to fight the GW parkway rush on Monday morning, right? See you there.

## LONG DISTANCE

Be sure to make your room reservations for the conference! And be sure to tell them when you write or call that you or your group are with the MAGCSA. The Holiday Inn is a large place, but there is always the possibility they could run out of rooms. Ever think of that? Call them today.

## EDITORIAL

Alright! What the hell do you kids think you're doing here?? Get off this golf course before I run you off!!

Sounds familiar, doesn't it? How many times last summer did you run some trespassers off just like that? Bet you even used the same words too, didn't ya? Well, consider this while you're reading this by the fireplace this evening; A superintendent named Herman Miller from Champaign, Illinois tried the same technique at shooing some vandals off his course. Result - they turned on him and ironically enough, beat him to death with golf clubs!

There was another case in Long Island where a super wound up in the hospital from exactly the same thing.

Case in point - we are not police. We are hired to maintain the golf course. Maintenance does not encompass any phase of police work unless you have an unusual contract.

It seems that the majority of the supers, in accepting more salary each year, are expected to take on more responsibility to prove their merit. This is good to a point, but let's not forget one small thing. We are paid for our professional knowledge. We are trained in turf management, not police work. NO golf green, clubhouse, or piece of equipment is worth jeopardizing your health, safety, or your life for. Police officers are not expected to know and do our job, so doesn't it seem logical that we shouldn't try to do theirs?

However, for those of us who call the police and see the vandals apprehended, then immediately released because of fear, apathy, or whatever, on the part of the club officials, we are faced with a serious problem. This is the case at several area courses, one of which is all too familiar. If this is your particular situation, then welcome and good luck. Security is always a problem where there is a vast expanse of open space with no fence around it for protection. Let's hope club officials become aware of the problems that come with a laxness in punishing the people who damage their investments on the course.

Know the phone number of the closest police station and USE it!

Don't jeopardize yourself and try to be a J. Edgar Hoover. It's not worth the effort!

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The message this month is not a very pleasant one, but it is important to us all. On a brighter note, this is the holiday season, I would like both personally as well as on behalf of the MAGCSA like to convey best wishes for a great holiday season to all our members and readers.

We will all look forward to a great 1970 and we can get a good start on it by planning to attend the Baltimore Conference on January 5 and 6.

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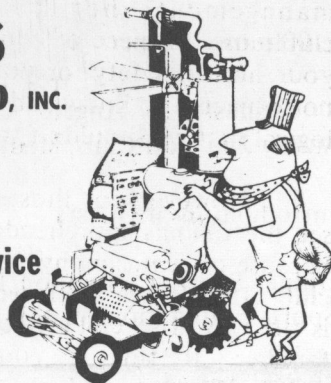
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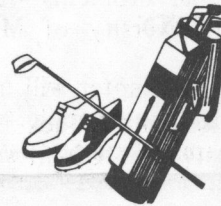
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## CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE.

If a child lives with criticism, He learns to condemn.  
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If a child lives with ridicule, He learns to be shy.  
If a child lives with shame, He learns to feel guilty.  
If a child lives with tolerance, He learn to be patient.  
If a child lives with encouragement, He learns confidence.  
If a child lives with praise, He learns to appreciate.  
If a child lives with fairness, He learns justice.  
If a child lives with security, He learns to have faith.  
If a child lives with approval, He learns to like himself  
If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,  
He learns to find love in the world.

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## THE HOP-AROUND

Is job-hopping wrong?

Society still frowns on the man who can't keep a job. But, many jobs can't hold the man. You may know an ambitious person, dissatisfied with his present occupation — perhaps his third or fourth job. Should your friend stick with it?

Not necessarily. Let's dismiss one notion now: the idea that a person owes unfailing allegiance to his employer. It's a common theme, but an outmoded concept. Company loyalty, a tradition rooted in the 19th century paternalism, was nurtured by necessity during the Depression. After World War II, however, prosperity blossomed. Old values melted as the economy heated up. Transiency? A way of life. With jobs abundant, people can afford to look around.

Of course, your acquaintance may be unhappy with his current assignment for many reasons. Perhaps he's outgrown the job. Personnel people who paint bright pictures of challenging careers forget that even oil paintings fade. Many companies do a bang-up job with recruiting, then fail to focus on retention. The real test of a job often comes in the employee's second season. Frustration over repetitious chores may force your friend to seek a new challenge.

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**PROGRAM**  
**ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE**  
**MID-ATLANTIC ASSOCIATION OF**  
**GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 5**

8:30 a.m. - Registration

9:30 a.m. - Call to Order - Dr. George S. Langford, State Entomologist, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

Welcome - Dr. Gordon M. Cairns - Dean of Agriculture, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

The President's Message - Robert C. Milligan, President, Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents, Laurel, Maryland.

Review of the Seasonal Problems - Dr. A.J. Powell, Turfgrass Specialist, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

Fairway Disease Control - Jack B. McClenahan, Superintendent, Westwood Country Club, Vienna, Virginia.

Pesticide Law - Wallace T. Garrett, Supervisor, Pesticide Law, Maryland State Board of Agriculture, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

12:15 p.m. - Luncheon

Agricultural Extension Today - Dr. Elwyn E. Deal, Assistant Director, Agricultural Programs, Cooperative Extension Service, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

1:30 p.m. - **THEME - A MASTER PLAN FOR YOUR GOLF COURSE**

Presiding - Edward Dembnicki, Superintendent, Indian Spring Country Club, Silver Spring, Maryland.

A Golf Course Architect Looks at Long Range Planning - Edmund B. Ault, Golf Course Architect, Bethesda, Maryland.

An Irrigation Specialist Looks at Long Range Planning - John Singleton, Technical Marketing Representative, Toro Moist-O-Matic, Manchester, Massachusetts

U.S.G.A. Agronomist's Experience With Long Range Planning - Holman M. Griffin, Southern Agronomist, Athens, Georgia.

A Golf Course Superintendent's Experience with Long Range Planning - David S. Fairbank, Superintendent, Lakewood Country Club, Rockville, Maryland.

From a Minimum Budget To a Maximum Budget - Don S. Marshall, Superintendent, MONTclair Golf Club, Montclair, New Jersey.

6:30 p.m. - Social Hour - Courtesy of F.W. Bolgiano & Company, Washington, D.C., Borden, Inc., Columbus, Ohio, G.L. Cornell Co., Gaithersburg, Maryland, Gustin's Baltimore Toro, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland, National Capital Toro, Ins., Silver Spring, Maryland, Summers Fertilizer Company, Baltimore, Maryland.

7:00 p.m. - Dinner

Toastmaster - Angelo Cammarota, Superintendent, Sunny Jim Golf Club, Medford, New Jersey.

Introduction of Guests

Dinner Speaker - Lyndon Lee, Vice President, Lifetime Sports Foundation, Washington, D.C.

Special Awards

Installation of Officers.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 6**

9:00 a.m. - Presiding - Allan MacCurrach, Superintendent, Chevy Chase Club, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Preparing a Budget - George C. Gumm, Superintendent, Ocean City Golf & Yacht Club, Berlin, Maryland.

Are You An Effective Supervisor - J. Paul Barefoor, Superintendent, U.S. Soldier's Home, Washington, D.C.

The Right Sand for Putting Green Use - James M. Latham, Jr., Chief Field Agronomist, Milwaukee Sewerage Commission, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Turf Research at University of Rhode Island - Dr. C.R. Skogley, Associate Professor, Turf, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island.

Highlights of the Conference - A Summary - Lee C. Dieter, Superintendent, Washington Golf & Country Club, Arlington, Virginia.



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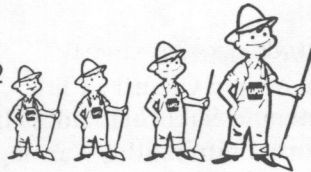
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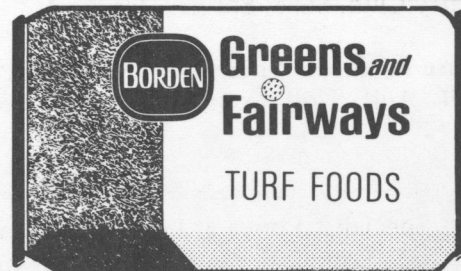
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Dave Fairbank

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