

## Editorial

In this industry, there is one unchangeable tradition: the annual International Turfgrass Conference and Show of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America is always big. And for evidence to this fact, we quote the following from a report of the second conference held in Detroit in February 1928:

"About 350 greenkeepers were present throughout the week and the big auditorium of the Hotel Fort Shelby was crowded continuously during the convention sessions on Thursday and Friday." There were 27 exhibits at the 1928 show, and by 1929, at the Statler in Buffalo, this support had grown to 38 exhibits covering 10,000 square feet of convention floor.

Last year in New Orleans, 1,384 superintendents attended and some 150 exhibits covered 100,000 square feet of floor space in Rivergate exhibit hall. Attendance for a single day, including members, ladies, non-members, guests, one-day admissions and exhibitors hit a whopping 4,899. That's big.

Again this year the annual show promises to be a large success. It will be Febru-

ary 8-13, at the Auditorium and Convention Hall in Minneapolis, Minn.

We congratulate the GCSAA on its excellent program presentations and success with its convention and show through the years. We are a strong supporter of highlevel communication programs and any opportunity members of our industry have to exchange ideas. These are the foundations for progress and the GCSAA show has them in abundance.

Jack Quail of Pittsburg, reporting on the 1936 convention, described these foundations well: "Where can you get such nationally known and prominent men together at one time to tell you of the problems and answers to modern golf course maintenance? Where can you get a bunch of greenkeepers together to discuss and exchange ideas with you on your particular problems?"

The '76 show has quite a lineup. There will be 68 speakers at the educational sessions, including 23 university instructors, 29 member superintendents and 16 industry representatives. And the program . . . everything from dry spot to leadership. See page 37 for details. DDM



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