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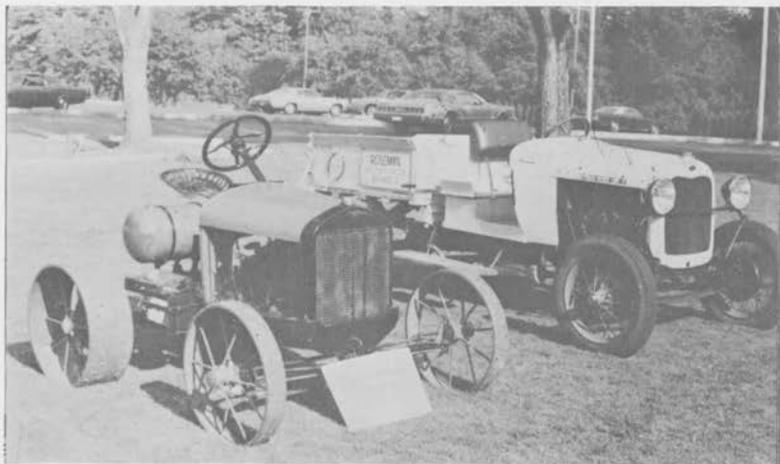
Palmer Maples Jr., Decatur, Ga., will be the new Director of Education of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA), Richard Malpass, GCSAA President, has announced.

Maples will join the GCSAA Headquarters staff in Lawrence, Kan., in December, following his resignation as golf course superintendent of The Standard Club in Atlanta, Ga. He

succeeds William E. Knoop, who resigned in July to join the faculty of Iowa State University in Ames.

In making the announcement, Malpass said, "After an extensive investigation of candidates from throughout the country, we are thoroughly satisfied that Palmer will enhance the Association's ability to provide meaningful educational opportunities for its members and the profession. He brings to the position a sound academic background, valuable practical knowledge and experience in the field of golf course management and a thorough understanding of the Association's structure and activities.

"We welcome Palmer to our staff and look forward to working with him to advance GCSAA's educational programs."



Some 600 people helped the GCSAA celebrate its Golden Anniversary at the Sylvania (Ohio) Country Club this September. The Patch of Green will feature a story on the GCSAA's "Fifty Years of Progress" in the November issue, which we recommend reading before placing an order for one of these gems.

## MBCGCSA Squad finishes second in GCSAA Tourney

Lightening fast greens and huge oak trees proved too challenging for the Michigan & Border Cities GCSA Chapter Team at the 1976 Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Golf Tournament in Sylvania, Ohio, September 14 - 15, as they failed to successfully defend their Chapter title, falling by two strokes to the Mid-West Chapter from Chicago, 645 - 647.

Sylvania Country Club's fast greens and Glengarry's strategic doglegs placed a premium on shot making for the 208 participants. Both courses were in excellent condition, Sylvania's Paul Mechling and Glengarry's Fred Myers are to be complimented.

Tuesday's first round, played in beautiful 90 degree weather saw Fritz McMullen post a 75, Ward Swanson 79, George Prieskorn 80 and Bob Prieskorn 88, for a 322 total and a tie for second place, but Wednesday's gloomy skies and rain would not let the local boys better their standing as Bob Prieskorn returned with a 79, George Prieskorn another 80, Fritz McMullen a 81 and Ward Swanson a 85 for their 647 runner-up spot. Each player received a second place trophy and a \$20.00 gift certificate.

Chicago's Mid-West GCSA Chapter, paced by Bob Kromm's 73 - 76 - 149, gained top honors with a 645 total. The Old Dominion Chapter from Virginia placed third at 650.

Bill Knox, of Sciota Country Club in Columbus, Ohio won the cherished USGA Trophy as the individual (Championship Flight) champion posting a fine five over par 148 total. Fritz McMullen placed tenth.

Marv London from Oklahoma captured Senior honors with a 165 total, while four time champ Bob Prieskorn settled for second.

In the Club Officials and Associates Flight, Frank Forier's 177 earned him top honors.

Other M&BCGCSA members who enjoyed the two fine golf courses included Andy Bertoni, Bill Davis, Jay Delcamp, Bob Fauteck, Jack Lorenz, Chris Myers, Earl Prieskorn and Clem Wolfrom. Nancy Fauteck, Ginny Forier and Jean Prieskorn participated in the Ladies' Flight.

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Brochures, which should reach GCSAA members the first part of October, describe some 60 speakers for 10 educational sessions and four pre-conference seminars, a tour of the Oregon grass seed industry, a tour of four Portland area golf courses, a pre-conference golf tournament in Monterey, Calif., and more.

The Tournament will be Feb. 3 and

4 at Spyglass Hill and the Monterey Country Club's Dunes Course. The Ladies Tournament will be at the Rancho Canada Golf Club. All three courses are on the incomparable Monterey Peninsula, and two overlook the Pacific Ocean. Complete information will be in materials mailed to GCSAA members about Oct. 1.

The conference will attract some 160 turfgrass industry exhibitors and more than 5,000 golf course superintendents, turfgrass managers, members of allied professions and other interested people.

Besides attending educational sessions and visiting the industry exhibits, conferees may take part in a welcoming Crab Fete and dance on Monday night and a traditional dinner-dance with entertainment on Thursday. There are also optional tours and a women's program.

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The twice-yearly YPO Universities for Presidents are week-long assemblies which feature classroom and discussion sessions involving members and a distinguished faculty. At Universities and other conferences, the faculty and members explore facets of business (including management, finance and business ethics), government and world affairs and self-improvement topics (the humanities, fine arts, psychology and education).

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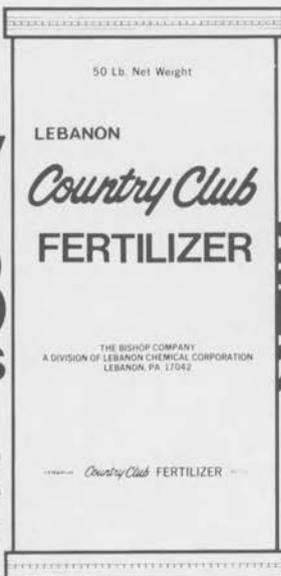


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The easing of the ban is particularly noteworthy because of the active

role played by many local chapters including our own, GCSAA's Governmental Relations Committee and the Industrial Advisory Council. Petitions and letters expressing the superintendent's reasons for opposition to EPA's initial ban were instrumental in bringing about the revised policy. This is yet another example of the important role your professional associations can and do play in speaking on the issues of the turf industry and turf management.

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## DO YOU WEAR GLOVES?

Do you wear gloves when handling pesticides? The persistence of pesticides on the hands of some occupationally exposed people was studied recently. It is found that chlordane and dieldrin have apparently persisted on the hands of a former pest control operator for at least two years. Methoxychlor, captan and malathion persisted for at least seven days on the hands of a fruit and vegetable grower. Parathion was found on the hands of a man two months after his last known contact with it. Endosulfan, TDE, Kelthane, Dacthal, Trithion, Imidan, and Guthion may have persisted on the hands of some exposed workers from 1 to 112 days after exposure.

Think about this the next time you wonder if you should wear gloves!!!

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With the election just around the corner, we thought you might enjoy the following stories.

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Two Massachusetts senators got into an angry debate. One told the other he could go to hell. The man thus consigned called on Calvin Coolidge and asked him to do something about it. Replied Coolidge, "I've looked up the law, Senator, and you don't have to go there."

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Following a campaign speech a young man rushed up to Senator Everett Dirksen and said, "Senator, I wouldn't vote for you if you were St. Peter!"

Dirksen eyed the young man for a moment, then said: "Son, if I were St. Peter, you couldn't vote for me because you wouldn't be in my district."



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