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## Green Section Education Conference:

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Management

and Mechanization"

There was much more to this year's Green Section Conference on Golf Course Management than appeared in the printed program. Nearly 500 attended and some traveled from as far away as the Pacific Northwest, Arizona, and the deep South. Highlight of the Conference was the acceptance of the 12th Annual Green Section Award "for distinguished service to golf through work with turfgrass" by Messrs. Herb and Joe Graffis.

Henry H. Russell, of Miami, retiring Chairman of the USGA Green Section Committee, also announced the move of USGA Headquarters to Far Hills, N.J., to take place in March of 1972. The new headquarters building is a 50-year-old mansion on 62 acres. The building, in addition to its office use, will house the USGA Museum and Library. It is located about a one-hour drive from New York City.

Additional important news concerned the possible development of a USGA Golf Course. The Executive Committee of the USGA has determined that ownership and operation of such a golf course appears desirable. Plans are being prepared for possible development of a course near the new headquarters. Final decision on whether to proceed with the project will be made this spring. If the course is built, its design will be the responsibility of the Golf Course Committee which will work with a

committee of three golf course architects: Pete Dye, George Fazio, and Robert Trent Jones.

Mr. Russell is retiring from the USGA Executive Committee. He served as Chairman of the Green Section Committee for 10 years. He was succeeded by Edward L. Meister, Jr., of Willoughby, Ohio. All who have known and worked with Mr. Russell recognize his many contributions to the Green Section Program, both in turfgrass research, Green Section publications, and direct course visits. Mr. Meister, in addition to being an exceptional amateur golfer, is well qualified for his new post. He heads a publishing company specializing in agricultural magazines, periodicals, handbooks, etc. The Green Section looks to a bright future.

Readers of the *Record* may be interested in knowing their magazine has truly gone international. Although there are no golf courses in Russia, the Central Scientific Agriculture Library, Moscow, USSR, has asked to receive future issues of the *Green Section Record*.

We hope our old (and new) readers will enjoy this and future issues. So that all USGA Member Clubs may benefit from the 1972 Conference Program, the papers are reproduced herein for your information and future reference.