Echoes of The Convention

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We feel indebted to the services rendered by the Detroit District Golf Association, especially the services rendered by Chairman R. H. Montgomery.

The ladies were much in evidence during the convention and appeared to enjoy it as much as the greenkeepers. They are planning to form an auxiliary to our association.

Dr. John Monteith, Jr., Associate Pathologist, U. S. Department of Agriculture made a favorable impression among the members.

Alex Pirie's address and activity during the convention was well received.

The Canadians were present in full force. W. J. Sansom, Toronto Golf Club, Long Branch, Ontario, presided at the Friday morning session.

The National Greenkeeper was instrumental in bringing a large delegation to the convention.

Harry Burkhardt, Cleveland, Ohio, son of Fred Burkhardt gave the association valuable service in the registration booth.

We were pleased to have with us R. S. Bell of Mount Bruno Country Club, Montreal, Canada.

We were fortunate in selecting John Quaill, Highland Park, C. C. Pittsburgh, Pa., for our secretary. John is a hustler; now we know your age.

When we meet in Buffalo in 1929, our membership ought to be doubled.

Emil Leoffler, Oakmont, Pa., with his estimable wife came up from Texas to attend the convention. Emil was chairman of the committee on Finance.

Fred Burkhardt, chairman of the Show Committee, Cleveland, Ohio, and Robert E. Power, President of the National Greenkeeper deserve great credit for the able manner in which they conducted the golf show.

While we missed Joe Valentine, Merion Cricket Club, Philadelphia, we were fortunate to have in his place Lewis M. Evans, who is now our treasurer. Lewis is certainly a peppy little chap.

Victor George, of LaFayette, Ind., was much in evidence at the Convention.

C. G. Barton of the Sylvania Golf Club, Toledo, Ohio, the birthplace of our association, certainly enjoyed the progress we have made.

When it comes to bringing golf courses along Edward B. Dearie of Chicago, is quite at home. Ed, every one present enjoyed your address.

What the radio is to the home the National Greenkeeper is to our association. What an inspiration it will be to the greenkeepers who were unable to be with us at Detroit, when they read this issue with all the proceedings of the convention.

John Pirie of Chicago, presided during the election of officers and appeared to be the right man in the right place. John like his brother, Alex, is a good talker.

Robert Henderson and Al Schardt both of Buffalo, N. Y., have promised us a good time for all who attend the next convention.

I was sorry that I could not give the individual members more time during the convention, but I enjoyed the warm friendly handclasp just the same.

James Muirden of Cincinnati, Ohio, says, "watch our district grow."

Ford Goodrich, Flint, Michigan, is a good entertainer.

Joseph T. Varn Hogen's talk on "Bulb-Grown Plants" was well received.

We appreciated the labor of Herbert E. Shave, Detroit, Michigan, who did all in his power to see that the delegates and their ladies were well entertained.

A. E. Lundstrum, Brooklyn, N. Y., gave an interesting report on The National Greenkeeper. Alfred is chairman of the committee that looks after the greenkeeper's welfare in the magazine.

Fred W. Sherwood, Ravina, Ill., was a busy man during the convention. Fred knew all the boys before he left for home.

John MacGregor, Second Vice-President handled the convention in first class style.

John Gray, Sandwich, Ontario, had all he could do to keep the tears back when he saw the boys departing for home.

John Pressler, Sewickly, Pa., certainly boosted the Death Benefit Fund of our association.

Chester Mendenhall, Wichita, Kansas, promises to have a large delegation from Kansas at Buffalo next year.

No convention would be complete without the presence of George Davies of Louisville, Kentucky.

I trust that the Metropolitan and the New England greenkeepers will appreciate what we are doing for the welfare of greenkeepers. We were pleased to have had a goodly number of greenkeepers from these districts at the convention.

We all enjoyed the presence of Captain David L. Rees, President of the Metropolitan Greenkeepers Association. The captain is a good talker and his address "The Construction of Putting Greens" was admirably presented.

O. J. Noer, who is known by nearly every greenkeeper, was quite at home in addressing us on "Fertilization of Soils." Have you secured a copy of his book The A B C of Turf Culture which has just been published? Every greenkeeper should have a copy in his possession for reference.

We were sorry that we could not secure the hall to listen more to Hiram F. Godwin of Redford, Michigan, relative to Bent Stolons.

E. W. Doty, Cleveland, Ohio, gave some interesting figures relative to bookkeeping and the greenkeeper. The boys kept him busy answering questions, but Mr. Doty was equal to the occasion.

We are all pleased to know that the manufacturers were well pleased with the Golf Show.

Our genial Vice-President John McNamara, Pittsburgh, Pa., makes a good executive for our association.

The Pittsburgh delegation came to the convention in full force. Upon going home they had a parlor-car all to themselves. I enjoyed being their guest. Who says we are not advancing?