

.JOHN **OUAILL** SAYS:

N OW that the third annual convention is over and and we have all settled down to get ready for our spring work, several thoughts come to us. Probably the first thought is, will our convention next year be as good as the one we have just passed. The answer is, yes, if we all help to make it a success and will give our time and influence toward boosting the association and its conventions. Tell that neighbor of yours who does not belong what he missed at the convention and what he is missing all the time by not being a member.

Another question that is asked a great many times is, what does the association do with all its money. Out of the ten dollars dues here is how it is spent. Two dollars to the Benevolence Fund, two dollars to the National Greenkeeper for your magazine subscription and the balance for postage and stationery, traveling expense for extension work, printing, payrolls and general office expense. This year we expect to spend considerable in getting new members and extending our association throughout the country.

If every member would get two members, we would have a membership of sixteen hundred. If you can't get two, get one.

The executive committee is working on the new insurance plan. We hope to be able to announce the change shortly. You will receive a letter very soon explaining this plan in detail and asking you to fill out a card. Filling out this card will in no way obligate you. We must have the ages of every greenkeeper to figure the rate. It is estimated that the cost will be ten to twelve dollars for one thousand dollars insurance. This is a very cheap rate and at this cost it would be foolish to pass it up. The committee is investigating the company thoroughly to see that it is reliable and safe.

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Several made the remark that the magazine is too small. You can't print anything if you haven't got it to print. How about sending in a story or something to help swell it up a bit. Remember that it is YOUR magazine and we want to see YOU put something in it. Think this over and then make your criticisms. You will see it in a different light.

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If you didn't pay 1928 dues, pay 1929 and come along with us this year.

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