

# Greenkeepers Meet in New York

N. A. G. A. executive committee convenes in New York and visits Winged Foot during the Championship. Splendid entertainment provided by Metropolitan greenkeepers. U. S. G. A. head elected honorary member

By JOHN MORLEY, President  
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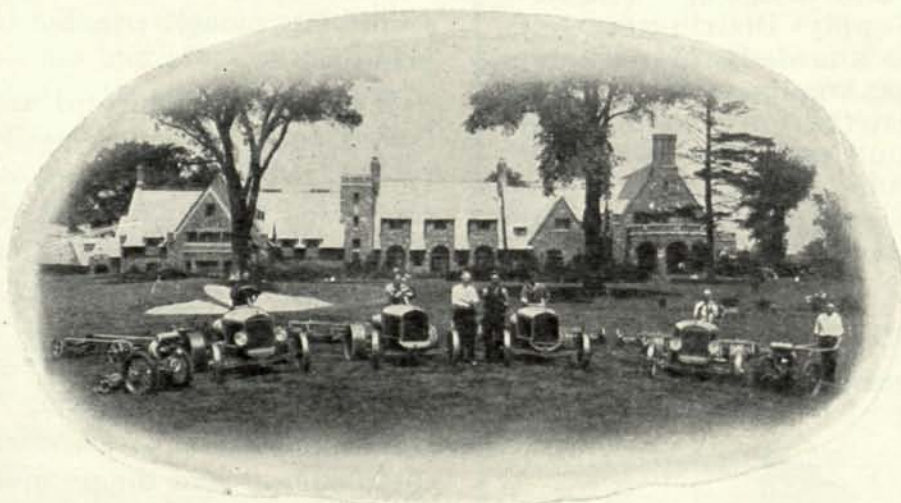
IT AFFORDS me great pleasure to record in this issue of the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER one of the best executive committee meetings held in the interest of our association at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York City and at Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck, New York, June 27-29 during the National Open Championship when we were the guests of the Metropolitan Greenkeepers' Association.

Words are unavailable of expressing our deep appreciation to those who assisted in making our visit one of extreme pleasure. I find it impossible to mention all who so generously gave of their time and the use of their automobiles. However, there are a few who deserve mention in this report.

We are deeply indebted to Robert J. Hayes of the Pelham Country Club and vice president of the Metropolitan Greenkeepers' Association, who devoted his entire time to seeing that we were royally entertained. Through his hospitality we were able to visit a large number of golf courses in the Metropolitan district and observe the very fine courses and the up-to-date conditions in which they are kept. The

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dinner which Mr. Hayes had served at the Pelham Country Club will long be remembered.

During these visits to the various clubs we were honored by having with us Hugh Luke, Garden City Country Club, Garden City, Long Island and president of the Metropolitan Greenkeepers' Association. Hugh, like Robert is a good entertainer. During these trips we were also entertained by Captain J. P. Truran, North Hills Golf Club, Douglaston, Long Island and secretary of the Metropolitan Greenkeepers' Association, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer F. Affeldt, Glen Oaks Golf and Country Club, Great Neck, Long Island, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Black, Broadmoor Country Club, New Rochelle, N. Y. and John McGlynn, Lakeville Golf and Country Club, Great Neck, Long Island.

Previous to my visit to New York I received a very pleasing invitation from Captain and Mrs. David L. Rees, Progress Country Club, Purchase, N. Y. to make my headquarters at their home, and it was with great regret that my time was so taken up with various matters pertaining to our association that I found it impossible to accept.

It would be remiss if I did not give due credit to John Elliffe, greenkeeper of Winged Foot. John had his course in fine shape for the tournament. Nature was a little unkind in not furnishing enough rain but John could not help that.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Charles C. Nobles, president of Winged Foot who extended to us the freedom of his wonderful course and permitted us as well as all greenkeepers to visit the course and witness the game during the tournament of the National Open free of charge. I believe this is the first time on record that the greenkeepers have had such a privilege extended to them.

It is impossible to adequately describe the entertainment and dinner given in honor of our visit, at Lawrence Inn, near Mamaroneck. To those who do not live near the seashore I might state they call it a shore dinner. They give you all the clam broth you can drink, little neck clams, fried chicken and broiled lobster. In fact I enjoyed it better than any banquet that I have ever attended. This dinner was the means of bringing together what we may term old timers in greenkeeping and it proved

what I said in Detroit upon receiving the presidency for the second term, "that in our calling in life there is no North, South, East or West." And it appeared evident after my address explaining more fully our aims and objects together with what we had accomplished in the short period of our existence, that all greenkeepers realized we were travelling along sane and progressive lines.

The greenkeepers of America have every reason to feel elated that three former presidents of the United States Golf Association and Mr. Findlay Douglas, president at this time, have taken an interest in our personal welfare. Among them are W. C. Fownes, Jr., of Pittsburgh, Mr. Phiel of Memphis, Tenn., Mr. Melvin Traylor of Chicago. We are greatly indebted to Mr. Douglas, though he had other pressing engagements which naturally occur during a National Tournament, that he was able to attend the dinner. His able address congratulating us for what we are doing in the interests of golf was at the close loudly applauded. T. H. Riggs Miller moved that Mr. Douglas be made an Honorary member of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America which was unanimously carried. Mr. Douglas in a few well chosen words thanked the greenkeepers and accepted the Honorary membership.

The meeting and dinner was under the supervision of Hugh Luke and Hugh made a very fine presiding officer. He later called upon the members of the executive committee and several greenkeepers for a few remarks. Fred A. Burkhardt, Westwood Country Club, Cleveland, who has piloted two successful Golf Shows informed those present that the next Golf Show, which will be held in February at Louisville, Ky., would far surpass any previous show and promised the boys that he would have another stag affair and also a dance in connection with the banquet.

George Davies of Big Spring Golf Club, Louisville, whom every greenkeeper knows, stated that Louisville would be thrown wide open for us during the week of the Golf Show. John McNamara, our genial treasurer hailing from the Pittsburgh Field Club, Aspinwall, Pa., spoke very entertainingly on the progress we are making and that fiery little chap, Lewis M. Evans, Cedarbrook Country Club, Mt.



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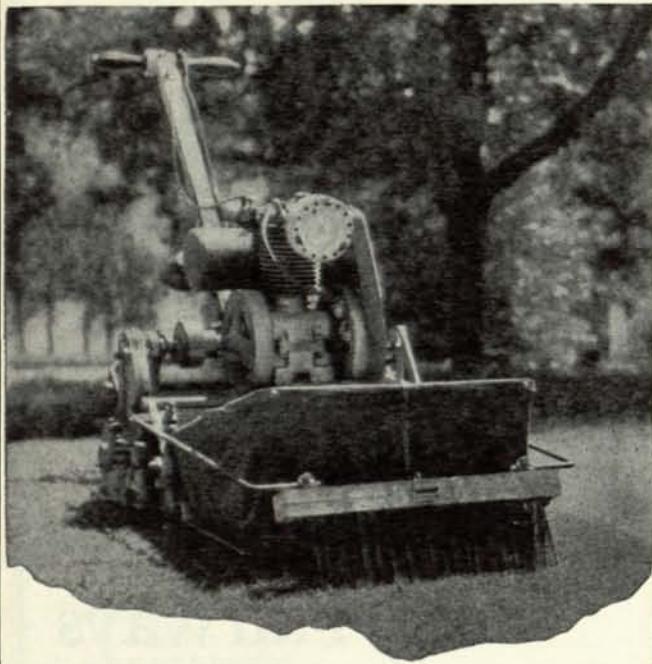
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Airy, Philadelphia with his usual sharp and constructive thoughts was well received. Lew, as we call him, always hit the nail right on the head. Owing to pressing engagements at their club, Wm. J. Sansom, Toronto Golf Club, Toronto and Joe Valentine, Merion Cricket Club, Philadelphia were unable to remain for the dinner.

We were very sorry to have word from our first vice-president, John MacGregor, Chicago Golf Club, Chicago and our secretary, John Quail, Highland Country Club, Pittsburgh that it would be impossible for them to get away from their courses and we certainly did miss them.

We had hoped to hear a few remarks from Mr. Robert E. Power, president of the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER, but other engagements caused him to leave immediately after the address of President Findlay Douglas. Mr. Power had with him several well-known newspaper writers, including Mr. John Dietrich, Golf Editor, Cleveland Plain Dealer and Chester L. Smith, Golf Editor, Cleveland Press.

We were elated to meet at Winged Foot, Alex Pirie, president of the Professional Golf Asso-

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ciation and a member of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America. Alex would have attended the meeting and dinner, but had to return to Chicago the night preceding. Alex's brother, John Pirie helped to make up for his loss for John certainly did all he could to entertain us. We were also pleased to meet Doctor John Monteith, Jr., and Kenneth Welton of the Research Committee of the Green Section.

Among those who were on hand as usual to see that we would not get lost was one of our Charter members, Alfred E. Lundstrom, Crescent Athletic Club, Brooklyn, N. Y. After the meeting was over we were escorted to our hotel by my friend, Arthur D. Peterson, which gave us an opportunity to view greater New York after midnight.

Before returning home we spent a few pleasant hours at the seashore and we all felt on departing that the treatment received by the New York boys would be one we would long remember, and in behalf of our association we extend through the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER our sincere appreciation.—John Morley.



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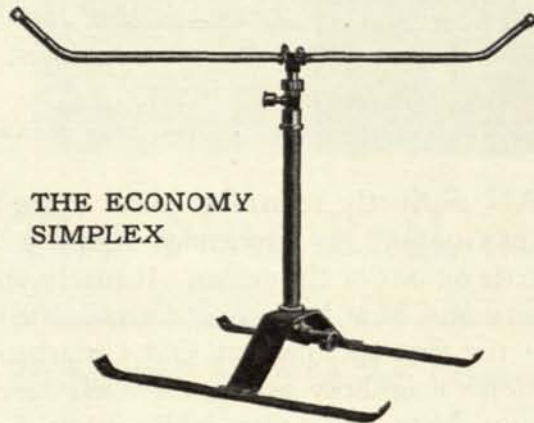
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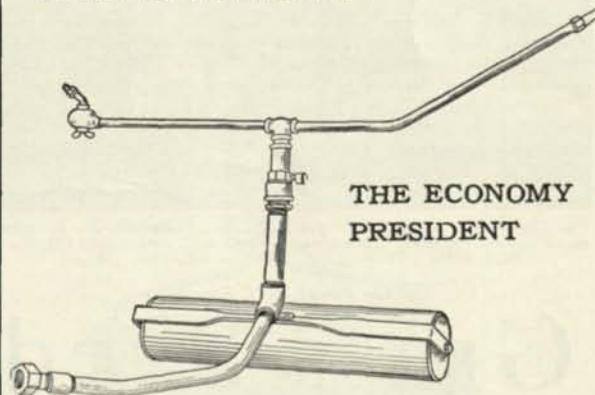
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