



Around the Office Desk

IT IS with profound regret that we announce the death of John McNamara, treasurer of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America and greenkeeper at the Pittsburgh Field Club.

John McNamara passed away Sunday, September 1 at Mercy Hospital after a lingering illness. He was highly regarded throughout the country in his profession. He can be classed in point of service as one of the oldest greenkeepers of America having served in this capacity twenty-seven years. The passing of our friend will be keenly felt in our association. He was very loyal to it and gave much time to help encourage its growth. We will miss his counsel and advice.

John MacGregor says, "He will be missed by all who knew him." My own personal feelings can be best quoted in using the expression of Lewis M. Evans, when he stated that he was at a loss to find words to express his thoughts as to the great loss we have all sustained. He was such a wonderful fellow and was so interested in the National association that his passing has taken from us our truly great member. I feel personally that I have lost a great friend and as such I mourn his loss. When the history of the National association has been written his name will appear as one who put his shoulder to the wheel to help us put across the greatest movement for the men in our line.

I might state that in behalf of the association I attended the funeral and in viewing the many floral offerings there was evidence of the high esteem in which John McNamara was held. Among these floral designs were one from the National Greenkeeper, The National Association of Greenkeepers of America and one from the Pittsburgh District Greenkeepers' Association. The entire association join me in extending to Mrs. John McNamara and his esteemed children our heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement.

John Morley

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Loeffler New Treasurer

OWING to the death of our late treasurer, John McNamara, it became my duty to appoint a successor. Owing to the fact that we have a considerable sum of money in the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh, I deemed it advisable to appoint a member from the Pittsburgh district, Emil J. Loeffler, Oakmont Country Club, Oakmont, Penna.

Mr. Loeffler needs very little introduction for nearly every greenkeeper knows of him. He probably has staged more National tournaments than any other greenkeeper in America. It is the home club of Wm. C. Fownes, Jr., our first Honorary member.

Previous to this appointment, Emil Loeffler was chairman of the committee on finance. This position has been transferred to C. H. Bain of the Oakwood Country Club, Cleveland. Chris, as we call him, is an active member of the Cleveland District Greenkeepers' Association and like Emil is widely known—J. M.

Robert J. Hayes, greenkeeper at the Pelham Country Club, Pelham, New York, has been seriously ill at the New Rochelle hospital with acute erysipelas. At the

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