

# Impressions of the Convention

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THE fourth Convention and third Golf Course Equipment Show of the N. A. G. A. is over. It was by far the best of any previously undertaken. When the convention was awarded to Louisville for 1930 I was doubtful as to the outcome; it was very evident however that such doubts were groundless.

It behooves me to give George Davies great praise for the efficient way in which he carried out his part of the program; he seemed to forget nothing which would make everyone's visit to

Louisville a happy one. Not once was a greenkeeper heard to sing the anthem.

The banquet and the entertainment deserve special mention; it may be that George will have to take off his hat to Columbus next year.

The afternoon meetings of Wed., Thurs. and Friday were educational and instructive and attended by a greater number of Green chairmen and Greenkeepers than at any previous Convention. The program was of a high class nature and given by men who are authorities in their different fields. I am sure it was a great satisfaction to them to talk to such an interested audience. There is no doubt everyone took something away with him from these meetings. We were fortunate in having such men as were on the program to talk to us.

The equipment and golf course supply show was the finest we ever had. The exhibits were more numerous and complete than any of our previous shows. Fred Burkhardt, who is getting to be a wizard at staging a golf show, outdid any of his previous attempts, all credit for that show being due to him.

The outstanding feature of the show was the golf hole constructed by George Davies on which he used bent turf taken from his course.

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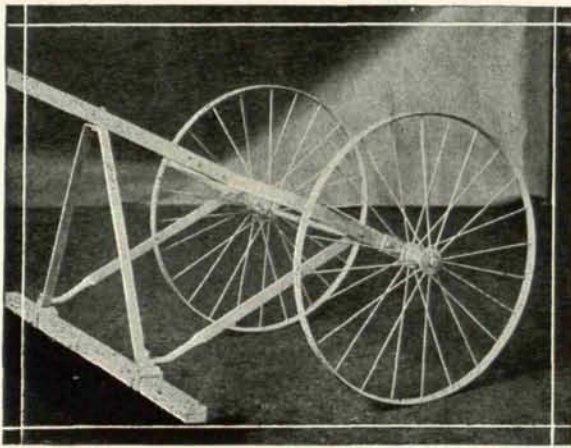
It was a fine piece of work, and ought to provide the promoters of indoor courses with food for thought.

The greens constructed by Charles Erickson and Joe Valentine were also a novelty at the show. Among other things it should open the eyes of golf club officials as to the ability of greenkeepers to cope with the design and construction of golf holes. The men who assisted in the construction of the two greens at the golf show are men of high repute in the greenkeeping world.

The exhibits were numerous and well staged. The exhibitors had, I believe, more salesmen than at previous shows, which I am sure was more profitable to them. Green chairmen and greenkeepers were given courteous treatment by these men. Description advantage, reliability, mechanism, etc., was gone into very thoroughly, and I believe many sales in the near future will be the result.

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ject "Brown Patch." It is to be hoped he will give us at Columbus the same information on the dollar patch.

It was a great satisfaction to have our President made a Colonel of Kentucky on the Governor's Staff, also to see him reelected for another year to carry on as head of our organization. He is to be congratulated for his good judgment in choosing his committee chairmen, and the efficient manner in which the whole Convention and Show was conducted.

### Bezek Names Committees

President Matt Bezek of the Midwest Greenkeepers Association announced his committees for 1930 at a recent meeting held in Chicago.

The executive committee will be the officers of the association.

Membership committee—Fred Kruger, Chairman, Olympia Fields; C. A. Tregillus, Mill Road Farm C. C.; P. Stewart, Lake Shore C. C.

Tournament Committee—J. T. Langell, L. J. Norris private estate; F. Mastroleo, Geneva Golf Club; Alfred Buller, Lakeside, Michigan.

Speaker and entertainment committee—F. Ingwerson, Bunker Hill; A. L. Brandon, St. Charles C. C.; A. H. Abrahamson, Rob Roy C. C.

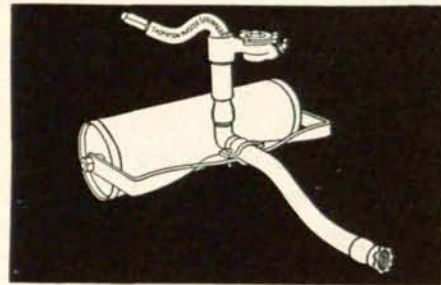
A paper on course architecture was well received by members; it was submitted by Pete Stewart of Lake Shore C. C.

It was decided to start the outdoor meetings on the last Monday in each month beginning with April.

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