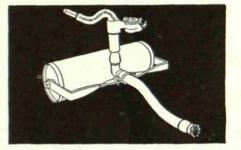
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My Views of The Greenkeepers Convention BY ALEX BOYD

RIGHT buying, technical knowledge and labor management is responsible for satis-

factory course maintenance. For this reason the equipment and supply exhibit of the National Greenkeepers' show to me constitutes one of the important points in my year's operations.

At no other time am I to see together such a complete and up-to-the-minute line-up of course requirement so I can compare them closely and get from other greenkeepers who are at the convention testimony concerning the good points or short-comings of the purchases I have under consideration.

By the time of the Golf show our club's budget is tentatively prepared so my chairman has been able to tell me just what we will be able to afford. By that time also I have completed my overhauling of equipment and know just how I stand with respect to essentials of new equipment. I have had time enough to study the operations of the preceding season and determine what parts of maintenance work call for special attention.

With this in mind I can shop around at the show and arrange to handle my requirements. Frequently at the golf shows the salesmen have furnished me with details of the employment of their merchandise at other courses where the conditions are similar to those under which I work. This opportunity to get a good practical survey of the use of the equipment or supplies is something that, by itself, warrants the cost of my club sending me to the convention.

The show has established itself as a valuable market place for me, and I am certain that other greenkeepers consider it a great factor in better buying from all angles, closer comparison of equipment, wider scope of selection, latest developments in equipment and supplies and a chance to check-up with other greenkeepers on all claims of the manufacturers.

(b) In the program there always are technical addresses that determine major details of operation for the year. For instance, this year's address by Prof. Dickinson will result in my very close watch of the temperature changes

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at my greens so I can check on the practical application of the Dickinson theory of large brown-patch control.

All of us are studying the fertilization requirements of our courses so the addresses of Messrs. Grantham, Sprague, Smith and Noer were bound to have practical application in my work at Sunset Ridge. The remarks of Wendell Miller on the effect of course condition on the golf club's income also stirred up considerable thought on the part of greenkeepers for the broad aspect of their work was presented in such a way that it should help in getting for the course maintenance budget the prime consideration it deserves.

The educational conferences this year impressed me as being admirably designed to set forth the findings, opinions and inspirations of noted specialists in such a manner that they would arouse the working greenkeepers to a focused thought along the lines suggested by the expert's appraisals of field operations. Greenkeepers are not much on making public addresses and for that reason any Greenkeepers' convention program most definitely serves the men of our business when it will get them to exchanging notes in their own informal talks at the conclusion of the set conference sessions. When the program speakers provide the greenkeepers not only with some specifically helpful information but with an urge to debate among themselves the practical applications of the speaker's remarks, then the educational conference exercises its most valuable function.

(c) Having attended each of the conventions since the start of the National Greenkeepers' Association I believe that the development in program of practical, dollars-andcents application to course maintenance work has been so marked that it has saved the nation's golf courses hundreds of thousands of dollars in the elimination of wrong methods and the adoption of thrifty and effective standard practice.

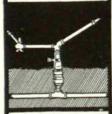
In furthering this intimate application of the convention's teachings I would suggest that speakers at future conventions prepare their addresses in advance and that the program committee then send copies of each of these addresses to at least two or three practical greenkeepers so these practical men could pre-



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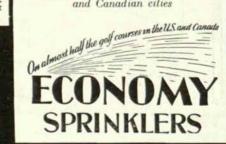


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pare written comment to be read on the convention floor.

In this way the questions that arise in the minds of many of us, but are unspoken due to the stage-fright that so generally afflicts men, would come up for discussion. I would also suggest that the conference give more attention to the subject of labor utilization and management for most of our maintenance budget goes for labor that must be efficiently employed over a wide area and which is subject to weather conditions, short season, etc.

With respect to the show the only possible improvement I might suggest would be more of an effort to group exhibits of similar equipment together to permit of closer comparison, although there might be some logical and practical objection to this on the part of the manufacturers. With the space, light and ventilation of this year's show being so ideal and the educational conferences adjoining the exhibit floor I think we have about as near perfect an arrangement of the two elements of our annual meeting as it is possible to get.



I do think that a closer tie-up between the educational conferences and exhibit could be made by allowing representatives of the manufacturers, places on the conference program with practical addresses on equipment buying, operation and maintenance.

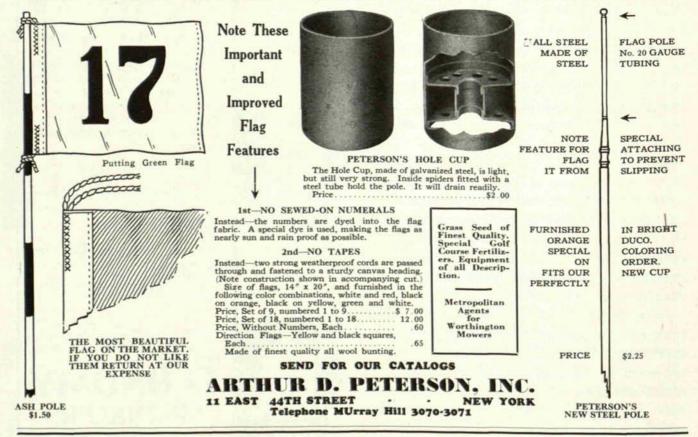
GOLF NEWS

The Jerseyville (Ill.) golf club will open its new nine hole course Decoration Day. T. W. Kirby, Jr., is president and Joseph Graf secretary-treasurer.

The Dayton (O.) Country Club has voted a program of \$200,000 to be spent in remodeling the club house and the work is already under way.

Chicago promoters are looking over land at Kankakee (III.) with the idea of building a new 18-hole public golf course.

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