JOHN QUAILL SAYS:

About this time everyone is thinking about vacation plans except the greenkeeper and the pro. While others play, they must work and keep the playgrounds and everything connected with the golf playgrounds in shape.

The boys are writing in and telling of the wonderful shape their courses are in this spring. Several of them say that they learned some things at the convention that have surely helped them to put their courses in tip-top shape.

Fred Burkhardt from Westwood in the Cleveland district is a busy man these days. They are running a large sanitary sewer through Fred's course and they have things torn up pretty bad. Fred says he has to stand guard with a shotgun to keep the trucks off the greens and fairways.

Louisville is again on the map. The famous Kentucky Derby is being held and if they treat the Derby patrons as well as they treated the greenkeepers, everyone will go home satisfied.

I was down to see Col. John Morley a short time ago and found his course in wonderful shape. The eighteenth green has been in constant use for several years both winter and summer and it sure is a dandy to be able to withstand the bumps and knocks it continually receives as it is a short hole and pitch shots are continually pounding it. John says it's all in knowing your greens by their first names and treating them as they need it.

We still have a long ways to go to reach the thousand mark. Lew Evans has sent out four thousand letters and applications to all parts of the country and is doing his best to boost the membership. Let's help him out and get a few ourselves.

Another year and all the major championships are being played on courses superintended by members of the association. To be able to hold a championship you must have a good course and to have a good course you must have a good greenkeeper. Good courses and good greenkeepers go together and good greenkeepers and the association also walk hand in hand.

The summer meeting of the Executive Committee will meet in Toronto June 23 and 24. Anything that you want to lay before the board should be presented to the secretary in writing not later than June 15.

Don't forget to write a few lines for the National Greenkeeper and send in a picture or so. Every little bit helps and it's your magazine.

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