

# Riggs Miller Wins First Prize

STATEN ISLAND GREENKEEPER AWARDED GREATEST NUMBER OF POINTS BY JUDGES OF CONVENTION PRIZE STORY CONTEST. ALEX BOYD AND EDW. B. DEARIE, JR., BOTH ILLINOIS GREENKEEPERS, FINISH SECOND AND THIRD

1st PRIZE—T. H. Riggs Miller—Richmond County Country Club, Staten Island, N. Y. 175 points—\$100.00

2nd PRIZE—Alex Boyd—Sunset Ridge Country Club, Winnetka, Ill.—150 points—\$75.00

3rd PRIZE—Edward B. Dearie, Jr.—Ridgemoore Country Club, Norwood Park, Ill.—125 points—\$50.00

4th PRIZE—R. E. Farmer—Brynwood Country Club, Milwaukee, Wisconsin—100 points—\$12.50

4th PRIZE—Lewis M. Evans, Cedarbrook Country Club, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Penna.—100 points—\$12.50

## HONORABLE MENTION

L. J. Feser—Wood Hill Country Club, Wayzata, Minnesota—75 points.

Harry Burkhardt—Manakiki Country Club, Cleveland, Ohio—25 points.

Judges: Robert J. Hayes, Pelham Manor, N. Y., John MacGregor, Chicago, Ill., and John Morley, Youngstown, Ohio.

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## Riggs Miller Story



T. H. RIGGS MILLER  
Richmond County Country Club

## FEATURES of the Show—

There were really no outstanding features of the show; everything was in such excellent harmony that nothing stood out or over-shadowed the other.

The reason for this I feel was due in no little way to Mr. Burkhardt's

initiative, in securing the adornments of the Auto show, and using them to such advantage, that every exhibition had a fine stand. It must have instilled a deep sense of pride in the heart of every greenkeeper entering the Armory at Louisville.

To think, within a short span of years, their association had grown to such proportions, due of course, to the safe and sane management exercised by its officers. These men who have had the helm through the first and most stormy years deserve the gratitude of each and every greenkeeper in America whether he belongs to the organization or not. What helps one greenkeeper helps all.

The flowering forth of the biggest and best

exhibition of golf course equipment ever assembled under one roof, does not come about by accident but, by the hard continuous work of our organization officers, and with the co-operation of every member, better things still will be in store.

## The Educational Conference

IF A vote were taken I do not doubt that Prof. Dickinson would win, for the popularity of the subjects discussed. His article on large brown patch, has borne out what many greenkeepers have felt to be true. Here lies the great use of trained investigators; no greenkeeper could possibly give the time or study to this subject, even though he were equipped by training to do so. It is to hope that the good professor will shortly enlighten us on methods for combating the small brown patch as well.

All the other subjects were well chosen and treated in a masterly way. BUT—Where were the greenkeepers?—One of the articles published in the February number of the National Greenkeeper that I heard praised on all sides was by Mr. A. E. Lundstrom, criticising the U. S. G. A. Green Section meeting in New York for ignoring the practical greenkeeper at their meeting in N. Y. C. Therefore, it was a keen disappointment to many of those, who thought like Mr. Lundstrom, to see the greenkeepers themselves practically do the same thing.

## Suggestions on Improvement

THE consensus of opinion of those who visited Louisville was that as far as the re-



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ception of members were concerned, the reception committee failed to function.

The first recommendation for improvement—have the Chairman of the Reception committee be at convention headquarters a day or so before opening. He will make inquiries as to available hotel rooms, with prices, etc., and have same on file. Those in charge of delegations will telegraph reception headquarters the train number, number on board train, etc. The chairman will then delegate one of his committee to meet each such group, and see that they get the type of accommodations they are looking for.

Second—Some method should be devised whereby the general meeting and election take place on the second day of the convention. This will give the officers a better chance to feel the pulse of the visiting members, and thus learn the conditions over the length and breadth of the land.

Third—Lectures should be given by greenkeepers themselves, and those members of organizations, colleges, etc., who are doing so much to further the solutions of the greenkeepers' problems.

Fourth—The building of model greens was an innovation; without precedence, and a very good one. So that any criticism must be of a constructive nature. Therefore I would suggest for the future to have a given problem, preferably a short hole, designed by some non-competitor. The scale would naturally have to be smaller than used at Louisville, because it ought to take in from tee to green. These plans should not be given out until the convention opens. The one or the group giving the best interpretation according to the designer and a committee will be the winner. The question of who would be eligible, etc., would have to be discussed and a charge to enter the competition might be made.

No one can deny the improvement of the show and convention each year—but, this ought not be an excuse to rest on laurels gained. No greenkeeper must think for a moment that he is on the top of the world, and that the organization is too strong to attack. Eternal vigilance is now, and always will be, necessary.