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Colonel Morley---Our New President

Veteran Youngstown greenkeeper elected to head fast-growing organization which he formed in 1926. Enthusiasm marks fourth annual Convention at Louisville.

COLONEL John Morley of Youngstown, Ohio, was elected president of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America at the annual convention of the association in Louisville, Kentucky, February 7. He succeeds Mr. John Morley, greenkeeper of the Youngstown Country Club who had served the association for three consecutive terms.

This unusual metamorphosis took place through official proclamation of Governor Flem D. Sampson of Kentucky who commissioned Mr. John Morley an aide-de-camp on the Governor's staff with the rank of Colonel—thus automatically changing an able, peace-loving greenkeeper into a khaki-clad disciple of war.

Such are the vagaries of life.

Needless to say the 4th Annual Convention and Golf Show of the Greenkeepers Association at Louisville, February 4-7 was full of thrills. The Golf Show under the able handling of Fred A. Burkhardt of Cleveland and his official Show committee, broke all records for size, quality and amount of business done. The exhibits were splendidly arranged on the spacious main floor of the Jefferson County Armory and included everything necessary (and some things perhaps not so necessary) for the proper maintenance



of golf courses. It was a real feast for greenkeepers and others interested who came from all parts of the United States and Canada to see the latest and best of everything on the market.

Viewing with the Golf show in interest and popularity were the Educational conferences held on three afternoons of the week. These conferences consisted of lectures on golf course construction, maintenance and turf culture by nationally-known authorities followed by open forum discussion of each subject.

All of these addresses will be published in full in this and succeeding issues of the *National Greenkeeper*.

The Convention of the Association, restricted to members only, was held Friday morning and brought a much larger attendance than in former years. After calling the meeting to order President Morely turned the chair over to John Pirie who has so ably conducted the meetings for the past three years. Mr. Morley then read his report in which was incorporated a beautifully worded tribute to the late John McNamara, former treasurer and honored member of the association. During the reading of the eulogy, all those present stood in reverent attitude in memory of their beloved

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Here is the New Executive Committee

Seated, left to right,
George Davies,
John Morley
John MacGregor
W. J. Sansom

Standing,
Robert J. Hayes
Lewis M. Evans
John Quail
Fred Burkhardt



THE TWO NEW MEMBERS THIS YEAR ARE BOB HAYES AND FRED BURKHARDT

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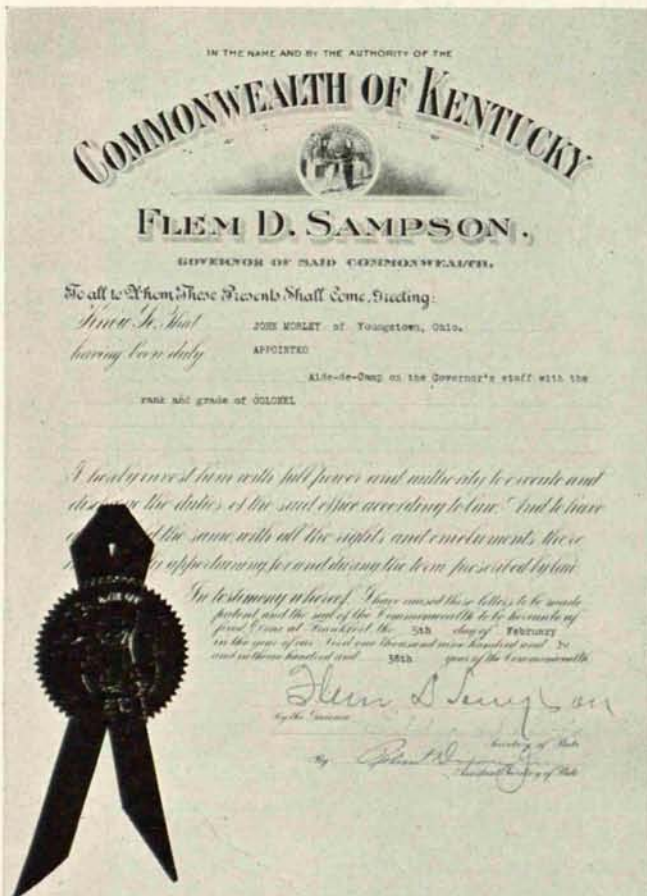
brother member. The president's report was received with applause and was ordered accepted as read.

Each committee chairman submitted his report and all were accepted and placed on file. The report of the committee on Permanent Organization was then submitted with a recommendation that the Executive Committee be increased to eight members which was done. Upon motion the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for all the officers as named by this Committee which motion was carried unanimously.

At this point a recess was declared and the chairman presented on behalf of the members to President Morley and Fred Burkhardt, each a watch, chain and knife. After hearty applause, both offered short addresses of thanks and gratitude.

Finally the fireworks of the meeting were set off when Chairman Robert J. Hayes of New

Note: The entire conference program was published in last month's issue of the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER. If anyone did not get a copy we will gladly mail one free of charge.



THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION

York, was called on for the report of the committee on Meeting Place for next year's convention. Several cities were suggested and the oratory reached great heights. It finally narrowed down to Columbus, Ohio, and New York City and President Morely suggested that a secret ballot be taken. After much discussion it was decided to follow the president's wishes.

The ballot was taken and the judges reported that 85 votes had been cast for Columbus and 59 votes for New York City. It was then announced that the next Annual Convention would be held in Columbus, Ohio, at a time and place to be announced later. The New York delegation offered to make the vote unanimous and made a motion that their votes be counted for Columbus.

The Chairman called for open discussion on any matter properly laid before the meeting and several suggestions were made for the good of the association after which the meeting was adjourned in harmony and good order.

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High Spots of the Convention

Kenneth E. Goit, Toro sales manager, expressed the sentiment of all the exhibitors when he stated that the Louisville Show was the best ever held from a business standpoint. There are already reservations coming in for next year's Show at Columbus.

"Charlie" Erickson of Minneapolis and Joe Valentine of Philadelphia who built miniature putting greens on the floor of the Golf Show in competition for the \$100.00 cash prize offered by the Show Committee, drew a tie vote and the money was divided between them. Both greens were splendid examples of contour and trapping and occasioned much favorable comment.

Professor Lawrence S. Dickinson of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst, Mass., was elected an Honorary member of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America at the annual meeting of the members, Friday morning of Convention week at Louisville. Professor Dickinson has charge of the winter course in



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greenkeeping at M. A. C. and for two years past has been one of the principal speakers at the Educational Conference which is the chief feature of the annual greenkeepers' convention.

Joe Mayo, famous greenkeeper of Pebble Beach course, Del Monte, California where the National Amateur Championship was played last summer, led a delegation of California greenkeepers to Louisville to

attend the Annual Convention and Golf Show. Mayo opened the eyes of the Eastern greenkeepers when he told them what the California clubs spent on golf course maintenance and especially the cost of maintaining complete watering systems for the entire course. The largest item is the cost of water itself which is very expensive in California.

Robert J. Hayes of Pelham Country Club, Pelham, New York led a splendid delegation of greenkeepers from the Metropolitan and New England districts and put up a determined fight for New York as the location of next year's Convention. Although defeated by a narrow margin in the final vote the New Yorkers made an impressive showing and will surely be a big factor in next year's meeting at Columbus.

President John Morley and Chairman Fred A. Burkhardt of the Show Committee, were each presented with handsome golf watches by the greenkeepers assembled at
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