N. A. G. A. Holds Summer Meeting

By COLONEL JOHN MORLEY

THE Summer meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America was held Monday, June 22, at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa. All of the committee were present, with the exception of Secretary John Quaill and George Davies of Louisville, Ky. Both of these members could not attend owing to having important tournaments on hand.

The meeting will go down in history from a progressive and constructive standpoint, as one of the best ever held, which demonstrates that the executive committee is wide awake to further progress in the interest of green-keeping.

The financial report which was presented by Walter E. Knowles, chairman of committee of Finance showed that the association was in a flourishing condition both as to finance as well as to membership, with a balance in all funds amounting to over \$14,000.00.

Owing to the generosity of Robert E. Power, President of THE NATIONAL GREENKEEPER, in giving to the association the sum of two dollars on every member in good standing, to be applied to the Benevolent fund, we found that it was possible to give to each member in good standing \$250.00 worth of life insurance. We have a few members in arrears for non-payment of dues. We trust

that they will appreciate this insurance by remitting their dues more promptly.

Due to the fact that the association having previously decided to accept The National Green-Keeper as its official organ, it was deemed advisable to have an Editorial Council. The following members were appointed to serve on this important

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Another important step endorsed by the executive committee was to cooperate with Club Managers and The Professional Golf Association. Our organization will be represented by Vice President John Macgregor, Chicago Golf Club, Wheaton, Ill., and Vice President Robert J. Hayes, Pelham Country Club, Pelham Manor, N. Y.

The executive committee by unanimous vote endorsed the action of President H. H. Ramsey, U. S. G. A., by appointing greenkeepers on the advisory committee of the Green section.

The following telegram was ordered sent to Ganson Depew, Chairman Green Section, U. S. G. A.: "The Executive Committee of The National Association of Greenkeepers of America, in session at The Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, Monday, June 22, highly endorses the action of President Ramsey and yourself in appointing greenkeepers on the Advisory Committee of the Green Section, and pledges our loyal cooperation."

DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS WILL MEET IN NEW YORK

A NOTHER subject of great importance which was approved by the executive board, was to sponsor the calling of a meeting of all district associations to meet at the same time and place that the National will meet, commencing the week of January 16, 1932, at Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City. It was decided to ask each district association to send three representatives, the object being to promote a more universal and greater cooperation between district associations and to devise ways and means to assist in the organization of district associations not at present organized, and to transact any other matters that may be brought before the meeting. This gathering of districts will be purely a district affair. The National will not have any representation for the reason we deal only direct with individual members of our association, for we believe in home rule for district associations.

Immediately after our deliberations were over, we were taken in charge by M. E. Farnham, Secre-



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tary of The Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents, and were escorted to inspect a number of the leading golf courses around Philadelphia, the first stopping place being the course of our host, Mr. Farnham, the Philadelphia Country Club. This club contains some of the most prominent and wealthy citizens of Philadelphia.

We were next taken to the Merion Cricket Club, known nationally as Joe Valentine's course. Here we were able to see some of the best putting greens in America, composed of pure velvet bent. Our friend Joe has a wonderful nursery composed mostly of velvet bent.

After visiting a few other courses we arrived at last to the end of our journey, the home course of our genial host, Tom Dougherty, and one of the oldest courses in Philadelphia District, Springhaven Country Club, Wallingford, Pa.

After inspecting the course that has stood the test of many summers, we were invited to the club house, where an elaborate dinner awaited us. Having done justice to the dinner, the program of the evening commenced with Tom Dougherty acting as toastmaster. The President, Dr. Willis Mangus, of Springhaven Country Club, and Mr. John T. Collins, Chairman of the Green Committee, extended the hospitality of their club in a few well chosen words. The fine tribute paid by the President and Chairman of Springhaven Country Club to their greenkeeper, Tom Dougherty, was one that will long be remembered by all those fortunate to have been present upon this occasion.

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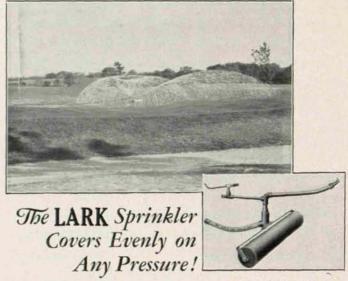
His association outside of its social features, lays a good deal of stress along educational lines. During the evening they conducted a question box similar to the one conducted by Professor Dickinson at Columbus during our last educational conference. The questions presented were very important, and were ably handled by Mr. M. E. Farnham.

The questions asked of Dr. Horsfall of the American Cyanamid Co., and Wendell P. Miller were very interesting and ably answered. Your President was called upon to address the meeting, and I trust that my remarks were well received. Fred A. Burkhardt, Chairman of the golf show, and treasurer of our association was next introduced and was warmly received, and gave an interesting talk in Fred's characteristic way.

Time would not allow hearing remarks from all members of the executive committee, but all were introduced to the members of the Philadelphia district. Among those present were:

James Bolton, Berkshire C. C., Reading, Pa.; A. G. Bryce, Aronimink G. C., Newtown Square, Pa.; Dan Carlo, Torresdale C. C., Torresdale, Philadelphia, Pa.; Wilbert Carney, Manufacturers' C. C., Oreland, Pa.; William Carney, Manufacturers' C. C., Oreland, Pa.; James DeFelice, Tredyffrin C. C., Paoli, Pa.; Thos. E. Dougherty, The Springhaven Club, Wallingford, Pa.; M. E. Farnham, Philadelphia Country Club, Bala, Pa.; John H. Garis, Doylestown C. C., Doylestown, Pa.; Joseph Kelly, Old York Road C. C., Jenkintown, Pa.; G. R. Kerns, Riverton C. C., Riverton, N. J.; R. C. Lane, Bala Golf Club, Bala, Pa.; Eugene MacFarland, Marble Hall Links, Barren Hill, Pa.; Benjamin Mantell, Gulph Mills Golf C., Bridgeport, Pa.; Robert Pollock, Llanerch C. C., Llanerch, Pa.; Joseph Ryan, Rolling Green G. C., Media, Pa.

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Owing to the fact that a number of the executive board had to take a late train for home, the meeting adjourned, and the officers upon arriving at their rooms at the hotel declared that they had put in one long and perfect day in the welfare

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