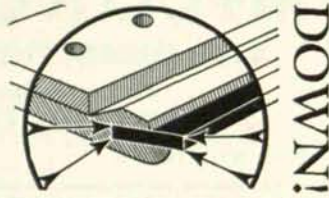


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The stork flew over the Monroe Golf Club a couple of weeks ago and left two nice babies for Mr. and Mrs. James Connaughton, our new president. "Jim" is being burdened these days with honors and responsibilities, since in addition to the above he is also District Vice-president of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America. "Jim" is extremely well liked and all the boys wish him the best of luck.

Minnesota Gossip

By H. E. STODOLA, Secretary



H. E. STODOLA
Keller Golf Club

THE Minnesota Association held their monthly meeting at Westwood Hills C. C., in Minneapolis, Monday, November 16. This is a privately-owned fee course with eighteen holes completed. Nine more holes are being constructed this fall to be ready for play next June. Nine more holes will be constructed later, making this a 36-hole layout.

Mr. Gerald McNulty, realtor, owns and operates this course. He is an enthusiastic sponsor of public golf and this summer the Minnesota Public Links tournament was held on his course.

Pat Johnson is the hard-working greenkeeper and his many duties are beginning to thin his hair. Many of his fairways are on peat land and the drought this summer made many cracks. He kept two teams busy two months this season

filling cracks. He has connections for fairway watering. He does not have to do much watering on the peat fairways because they stay green.

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Part of the course is very hilly and that relieves the monotony of the flat part. The greens are of a substantial Erickson bent and stand the play very well. Many trees are being planted and to see all the people working on this course makes you feel that business is what you make it. Mr. McNulty, says their business has increased about forty per cent over last year.

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Leo Feser called the business meeting in the clubhouse. The main topic was "On to New York." Minnesota is working hard to have delegates to the Convention.

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Progress is being made on a short course at the University of Minnesota and if one is not held this year it will be held next year for sure.

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A lively discussion was held on fairway fertilization. Most of the greenkeepers are in favor of a complete fertilizer in the fall and a nitrogenous fertilizer in the spring.

A regular feast was served by Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Larson, wives of the able greenkeepers from Minneapolis Club.

The next meeting will be held at Glenwood Club, Monday, December 14.

Tri-State Gossip

By JOHN QUAILL, Secretary-Treasurer

THE past season has been a hectic one for all the superintendents of the Tri-State district comprising Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia.

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The Pittsburgh boys not only suffered from the usual troubles to be found on a golf course but were also incapacitated through sickness and injuries.

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John Pressler, the veteran greenkeeper at Allegheny Country Club was out the first part of the year through an accident that confined him to the hospital for over six months. Arthur Snyder of Alcoma Club twisted a ligament in his knee and managed to hobble around his course with the aid of crutches. Frank Richardson of Shady Side Golf Club lost a couple of fingers by a tractor. "Fredy" Jacobs had the sad misfortune of the death of his wife, and likewise Lew Evans, who recently lost his wife. The writer also had his bad luck. Starting with the prolonged sickness of his wife followed very closely by a lengthy sickness of his own, made the season in this district one that we are all glad to see behind us.

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Our sympathy surely goes to Fred Jacobs and Lew Evans as they have lost possessions very near and dear to

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them while the others are getting along very nicely and will be their old selves again.

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Brown patch both large and small paid several visits to Pittsburgh. Following closely on the heels of large patch were the webworms. Practically every course reported webworms and some success was had with lead arsenate. While this treatment gave results in some places, a better and surer treatment will have to be used to totally stop this pest. All the agricultural colleges and experimental stations are looking for a new and surer method and we hope they will be able to announce something by next season.

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Small patch hit every club in the district late in September and in some cases was very severe. Owing to lateness of the attack, the grass has not had sufficient growing weather to heal all the scars and it will be next spring before the scars will disappear.

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Taking it all in all, the Tri-State superintendents are glad that 1931 is almost past and are all hoping and praying that next year will bring better times and less trouble. But after a winter's rest, all will be anxious to jump into harness again and fight the same old battles and maybe some new ones, keeping up the fighting spirit that makes the greenkeeper love his profession and command the respect of all who know him.

Philadelphia News

By M. E. FARNHAM, Secretary, P. A. G. C. S.

THE Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents, the Philadelphia Green Section and Service Bureau, and the makers and distributors of equipment and supplies cooperated in conducting a demonstration at the Philmont C. C. on Sept. 29.

The demonstrations included tractors, fairway, tee, and green mowers, mixing and application of brown patch preventatives, fertilizer mixing and application, sprinklers, etc. Joseph Ryan, Rolling Green C. C., for the P. A. G. C. S., and R. M. Slotter, Philmont C. C., for the Green Section, were in charge of the sessions.

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The meeting furnished opportunity to observe the different makes of machinery under the same conditions; to acquaint Chairmen and others with the extent and character of the Superintendents' highly technical problem in selecting proper equipment, and with several sources of highly specialized information the superintendent must consult and appraise.

The thought behind the demonstration and the evening meeting, which was devoted exclusively to non-technical subjects, was to show the attending officials that matters of detail in course maintenance are best confined to the superintendents' province.



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On October 26 the Association's annual tournament was played at the Pine Valley Golf Club, Clementon, N. J. This nationally-known course was in perfect condition. There were no objections to the high wind when said wind happened to get behind a shot on one of the long carries.

Supt. Geo. T. Cunningham and his greenkeeper E. Steiniger, have also recently planted one of the U. S. G. A. Green Section Demonstration Gardens which will be very valuable to those trying to grow turf on sand.

Incidentally, George assured us every bunker on the course is raked once a year whether it needs it or not. What a course for bunkers!

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The Howard W. Scholey Cup was won by R. C. Lane, Bala Golf Club, with the low gross score 93.

The Howard C. Toomey Cup was played for on a Kickers' Handicap. A tie resulted between J. S. Tagnon, Ashbourne C. C., and Robert Valentine, Maine Line G. C. The latter won the play off.

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After dinner, which was served to 44, we were welcomed by Mr. C. L. Bardo, Chairman of the Green Committee who gave us a very interesting and inspiring talk, typical of a man with executive experience.

Mr. Leonard Lipman, of the Synthetic Nitrogen Products Corporation, gave us his viewpoints on concentrated fertilizers and answered the numerous questions which his remarks brought up.

Mr. Edward E. Evaul, N. J. Agricultural Experimental Station, New Brunswick, N. J., talked at some length, continuing the fertilizer discussion, and considering soil conditions, particularly under greens. There seems to be little question that much of the recurrent loss of turf during trying summers is either directly or indirectly due to impervious soils or soil layers. Unfortunately, the plow seems to be the only implement to bring about any real correction of this condition.

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