

# Cleveland Greenkeepers Entertain Chairmen

**M**EMBERS of the Cleveland District Association of Greenkeepers entertained their Green's chairmen at dinner at Hotel Hollenden, Monday evening, January 12. About sixty were present and it was a very enthusiastic and educational meeting.

Professor Lawrence S. Dickinson, turf expert of Massachusetts Agricultural College, was the guest speaker of the evening and delivered a very able address on "Greenkeeping—Today and Tomorrow." He cited the remarkable advance in greenkeeping in the past few years and made some very pointed prophecies as to what would be demanded of the greenkeeper of tomorrow. It was a thoughtful talk and one full of portent.

O. J. Noer, soil expert from Madison, Wis., talked entertainingly on various conditions existing on golf courses which he visited this past season. He predicted that the greenkeeper who reaches the top of his profession must make a deep study of causes and effects and learn to analyze the technical reasons for certain physical phenomena.

Mr. E. W. Doty, treasurer of the Cleveland District Golf Association and famous golf statistician, acted as toastmaster and kept the gathering in good humor throughout the meeting.

Frank Ermer of Ridgewood, new president of the Association made a speech of welcome in which he set forth the high standards upon which the Cleveland Association is founded.

## List of Those Present at the Cleveland Dinner

Harry H. Bandy, Sec'y., Cleveland District Golf Association.  
E. W. Doty, Treas., Cleveland District Golf Association.  
Professor L. S. Dickinson, Massachusetts Agricultural College.  
O. J. Noer, Milwaukee Sewerage Commission, Milwaukee.  
Frank W. Ermer, Ridgewood Club, Pres., Cleve. Dist. Greenkeepers' Assn.  
G. T. Whitmore, Jr., President, Ridgewood Golf Club.  
R. F. Banks, Green chairman, Ridgewood Golf Club.  
Fred Knopf, Ass't. Greenkeeper, Ridgewood Golf Club.  
Christopher Bain, Greenkeeper, Oakwood Country Club.  
John Sevier, Ass't. Greenkeeper, Oakwood Country Club.  
Walter E. Knowles, Sec'y., Cleveland Dist. Greenkeepers' Assn.  
H. Simmons, Ass't. Greenkeeper, Highland Golf Club.  
Ben Zink, Greenkeeper, Highland Golf Club.  
M. J. Samuels, Squaw Creek Country Club.  
John Sheridan, Greenkeeper, Squaw Creek Country Club.  
H. L. Zeve, Green chairman, Squaw Creek Country Club.  
M. D. LaMoreaux, Greenkeeper, Kirtland Country Club.  
Elmer J. Corlett, Greenkeeper, Beechmont Country Club.  
W. T. Redmond, Green chairman, Beechmont Country Club.  
Steve Szachury, Ass't. Greenkeeper, Beechmont Country Club.  
Harry A. Lewis, Pro-greenkeeper, Sleepy Hollow Country Club.  
W. J. Carter, Green chairman, Shaker Heights Country Club.  
Bob Zink, Greenkeeper, Shaker Heights Country Club.  
Frank H. Pelton, Shaker Heights and Hawthorne Valley.  
Tony Renzo, Ass't. Greenkeeper, Shaker Heights Country Club.  
J. H. Way, Pro-greenkeeper, Canterbury Golf Club.  
Mal McLaren, Ass't. Greenkeeper, Canterbury Golf Club.  
S. H. Mott, Green chairman, Canterbury Golf Club.  
C. L. Reely, Green chairman, Acacia Golf Club.  
Grange Alves, Pro-greenkeeper, Acacia Golf Club.  
W. G. Plumer, Manager, Portage Country Club.

P. J. Bolitho, Greenkeeper, Portage Country Club.  
Robert E. Power, Westwood Country Club.  
Fred A. Burkhardt, Greenkeeper, Westwood Country Club.  
A. J. Scherer, Ass't. Greenkeeper, Westwood Country Club.  
Howard D. Cook, Green chairman, Elyria Country Club.  
Ralph Rodgers, Greenkeeper, Elyria Country Club.  
E. G. Rottman, Greenkeeper, Elmwood Country Club.  
D. F. Shelling, Secretary-Treasurer, Elmwood Country Club.  
C. G. DeVoe, Green chairman, Ashland Country Club.  
R. F. Zechman, Greenkeeper, Ashland Country Club.  
Harry A. Burkhardt, Greenkeeper, Manakiki Country Club.  
Stanley B. Sherman, Green chairman, Chagrin Valley Country Club.  
A. G. Fovargue, Pro-greenkeeper, Westbrook Golf Club.  
J. E. Sanders, Greenkeeper, Bunker Hill Golf Club.  
W. I. Kennedy, Manager, Bunker Hill Golf Club.  
J. H. Adams, Green chairman, Bunker Hill Golf Club.  
M. M. Knapp, Green chairman, Hawthorne Valley Golf Club.  
Frank P. Dunlap, Greenkeeper, Hawthorne Valley Golf Club.  
B. G. Krause, Green chairman, Dover Bay Golf Club.  
Al. Baumann, Ass't. Greenkeeper, Oberlin Golf Club.  
Jack Nickoloff, Greenkeeper, Oberlin Golf Club.  
G. V. Jones, B. & O. Railroad.  
Herman Goldstein, Cleveland News.  
Chester L. Smith, Cleveland Press.  
John Dietrich, Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## President Ermer's Speech

*Members of the Cleveland District Greenkeepers' Associations, Chairmen of the Green and Guests:*

It is extremely gratifying to see such a large gathering here this evening.

Our constitution states that the fundamental aim of our Association is to advance in the art and science of successful greenkeeping, to collect and disseminate a practical knowledge of the problems of greenkeeping, and to promote a genial fraternalism among our members. Progress in any art or science has an inevitable tendency to render that particular subject more complicated.

The successful greenkeeper of today must have at his command a vast supply of scientific and technical knowledge which was virtually unknown to the greenkeeper of ten or twelve years past. A decade ago, the application of bent grasses to greens was in its infancy, Brown Patch was not generally prevalent and the fertilizers on greens and fairways consisted of a few relatively simple materials.

Within these ten years, however, we have witnessed the development of the numerous strains of bent grasses and their propagation by the now famous "stolen method;" there has been a marked increase in diseases of fine turf. We have also seen the advent of many innovations in fertilizer materials and we have watched with growing wonder the development of specialized machinery.

All these facts have greatly complicated the work of the greenkeeper, and with this wider scope of learning, greenkeeping has become a profession in itself.

It is with deepest satisfaction that I have viewed these changes, and it is my sincere wish to meet many more in the future.

We are presenting a diversified program tonight, both educational and entertaining. Now, our renowned toastmaster, Mr. E. W. Doty. I thank you.