

# N.A.G.A. Directors Meet in New York

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**T**HE Annual fall meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America, was held in New York beginning Monday, November 17th, and lasting through until Thursday, November 20. The headquarters were at Hotel Roosevelt and the following members were present:

John Morley, Youngstown, Ohio, President.

John MacGregor, Chicago, Ill., First Vice-President.

Lewis M. Evans, Ardsley, Pa., Second Vice-President.

William J. Sansom, Long Branch, Ont., Canada, Third Vice-President.

George Davies, Louisville, Kentucky, Fourth Vice-President.

Robert J. Hayes, Pelham Manor, New York, Fifth Vice-President.

Fred Burkhardt, Cleveland, Ohio, Treasurer.

John Quail, Pittsburgh, Penna., Secretary.

President Morley presided and opened the meeting with an address explaining purposes of the

## 5th Annual National Greenkeepers' Conference

### SPEAKERS' PROGRAM

GEORGE W. McCLURE, *Chairman*

Mr. Tom Winton—Golf Course Architecture and Construction.

E. W. Doty—Golf Course Bookkeeping.

Prof. J. W. White—Poisons.

Dr. T. E. Odland—Growing of Grass Seeds in the United States.

A. E. Lundstrom—Major Sports Turf.

Prof. L. S. Dickinson—(Subject not decided).

Joe P. Mayo—Irrigation.

Dr. R. L. DeLoach—Why Minerals in Fertilizers.

Prof. B. R. Leach—(Subject not decided).

Edward B. Dearie, Jr.—Drainage.

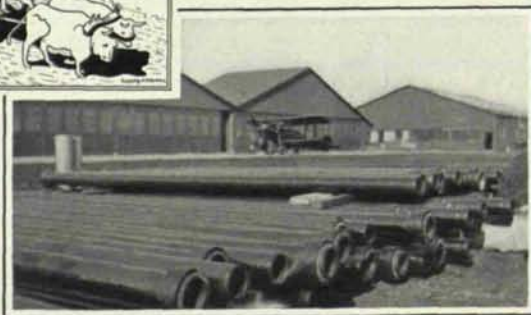
Ganson Depew—Cooperation.

Jos. Williamson—Practical Greenkeeping.

Dr. H. B. Sprague—Growth of the Grass Plant.

Martin L. Davey—Care of the Trees.

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meeting and asked for the cooperation of the Board in carrying out the program.

The president presented a letter from Mr. G. V. Jones of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad offering his services gratis as transportation manager for the association to handle the usual transportation work for the 1931 Convention and Show. A motion was made that we accept his services and the motion was duly seconded and carried. The secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Jones of his agreement.

President Morley appointed the following committees to report at the next session of the Board.

Finance—Hayes, Davies and Sansom.

Golf Show—MacGregor, Quail and Evans.

Conference and Convention—Evans, Burkhardt and Davies.

National Greenkeeper—Lundstrom, Sansom and Quail.

Law—Burkhardt, Quail and Sansom.

### SECOND SESSION ON THURSDAY

**T**HE second session of the Board of Directors was held on Thursday, November 20 and was presided over by John MacGregor, first vice-president because Colonel Morley had been taken



# Metropolitan Members Are Fine Hosts

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ill and was compelled to leave for home, accompanied by Fred A. Burkhardt. All the other members of the Board however were present.

The various subjects assigned to special committees were brought before the meeting and discussed on the floor. It was decided that the books of the secretary, treasurer and Show committee be closed December 31st each year and be audited by a public accountant, and it was also decided that the secretary select an auditor to recommend and install a suitable bookkeeping system to take care of all accounts and that the adopted system be followed explicitly.

The Board was unanimous in the opinion that the speakers should exclude all commercialism from their lectures.

Since some revision in the By-laws seems to be necessary the Chairman appointed Messrs. Evans, Burkhardt and Quail to act as a committee and to report at the Annual meeting.

In connection with the Benevolent Fund it was voted that no member can receive more than \$100.00 at any one time and that the total amount in each case is to be decided by the Board of Directors. In this connection steps will be taken to change the Death Benefit Fund as soon as possible.


## NEW YORK DISTRICTS ARE HOSTS TO EXECUTIVES

THE Local Associations of the Metropolitan Area were hosts to the Executive Committee during their recent Fall meeting held at the Roosevelt Hotel, New York City, November 17 to 20, 1930.

Vice-President Robert J. Hayes of Pelham Country Club arranged a program that covered many places. The time we had to visit was altogether too short to do it justice as there are so many courses in the Metropolitan District. However, by touching here and there, we covered quite a bit of ground and visited representative clubs in all sections.

On Monday, November 17, we left Hotel Roosevelt and journeyed to the Oak Ridge Country Club where we were met by Hugh McGill, the genial greenkeeper of that fine layout. Here we lounged around the club house for a while waiting for the boys to gather to partake of a fine luncheon. After

luncheon we walked over the course and took in some pretty sights. The weather was very poor and did not treat us kindly as there was a continual mist falling all the time. This made it unpleasant and we decided to see if we could find better weather some other place. Mr. Sobol, Chairman of the Green committee and Willie MacFarlan, the Pro (former open champion) apologized for the poor weather and assured us that it was not always

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like that and extended us a hearty invitation to return at some future time and see for ourselves.

From Oak Ridge we went to the Century Club to look over some creeping bent which is attracting a lot of attention in that part of the country. Upon seeing the turf, we had no doubt as to why it was attracting attention. It was the most beautiful piece of bent that I have ever seen and I have looked at quite a lot. It was of beautiful color and the texture was very fine. It is a rapid grower and spreads very fast and forms a dense carpet which is not so spongy as some other strains of bent. Greenkeeper Henry Shakeshaft is to be complimented on developing such a strain of bent.

Our next stop was scheduled for Round Hill Country Club at Greenwich, but as we had to go past the Progress Club where Capt. D. L. Rees is in charge, we thought it time well spent to side track the schedule a bit and call on him. We found him at home and spent a pleasant time with him and we were all glad that we were in the vicinity so we could call on him.

Traveling on to Round Hill, we found a beautiful course. The natural beauty immediately com-

mands one's attention and the course is well laid out among the rugged hills. The huge granite boulders which outcrop everywhere act as natural hazards and also act as natural obstacles in keeping the course in good shape. In places on the fairways, they almost come to the surface and at the first signs of dry weather, they show up and all the water does not seem to be able to hold them from drying out. The swimming pool is one of the most beautiful ever seen. It is worked into the landscape and harmonizes wonderfully well. Well, it is still raining so we are anxious to be getting along so we are on the road to Lawrence Inn, where a nice shore dinner is awaiting us.

Arriving at Lawrence Inn on the Boston Post Road in Mamaroneck we were treated to a fine dinner by the Westchester Greenkeepers' Association. Mr. William A. Grover, President of The Westchester Association, was toastmaster and introduced the various speakers. The evening was a very enjoyable one and a vote of thanks was given the Westchester Greenkeepers for their hospitality.

Tuesday proved to be a better day in the way of weather. It was cool but there was no rain in the air. We were met at the hotel by Elmer Affeldt and Harry Williams who took us to look at some of the Long Island courses. The day was spoiled to some extent by the sickness of President Morley, who had to remain behind. However he promised to pick us up later in the day if he felt better.

We first visited Pomonok Club where we were received by William Joy. We were shown around the course and enjoyed a pleasant visit and all too soon we were pushed along to keep up our schedule. Our next stop was at Fresh Meadow where we were shown some fine turf and layouts by Ed O'Brien. We next stopped at Deepdale where we were driven over the course stopping here and there to admire some thing of interest.

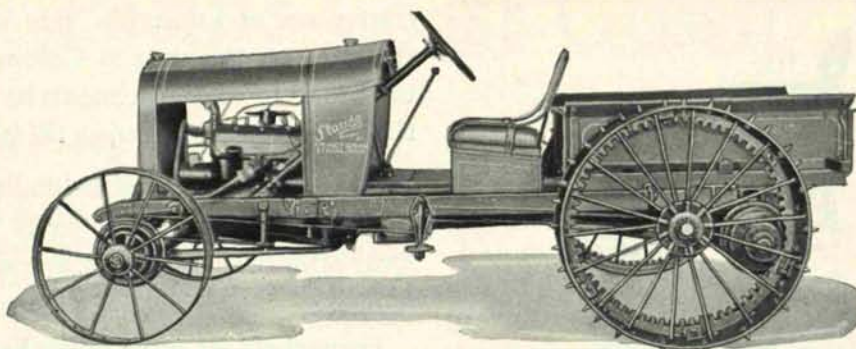
Our next stop was for luncheon at the Elks' Club where we had a little snack to hold us over. From there we went to the Women's National Links where we were met by the genial Jack O'Toole and several of the other Long Island boys. After looking over the high spots of O'Toole's course we were on our way to the new Crescent Athletic Club's course at Huntington. We were met by the jovial Al Lundstrom and partook of his hospitality and inspected his new work until time for dinner.



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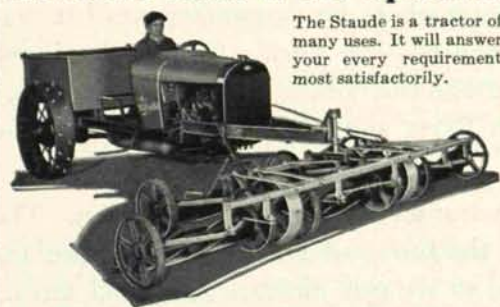
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The Long Island Greenkeepers were our hosts at the Elks' Club in Huntington and the evening proved a large one. Mr. Pierce Olson acted as toastmaster and kept the ball rolling every minute. A pleasant surprise awaited us for as we were about to start eating, who walks in but our Hon. President Col. John Morley. This made the evening complete and we started in to do justice to a hearty meal as no one but a greenkeeper can.

President Morley gave one of the best talks that he ever gave. He touched on several subjects but brought home the value of fraternalism. Lew Evans kept the meeting in an uproar by his incessant jesting with the toastmaster. Several officials of the Elks' Club welcomed us and told us the place was ours and did all in their power to make the dinner a pleasant one. Several greenkeepers gave short talks and when the meeting adjourned it was with regrets that we had to call it a day, but as we had plans for another busy day on the morrow we were glad to get back home to get a little rest.

Wednesday morning dawned bright and clear and we were soon on our way to the ferry that was

to carry us to Staten Island where our tour of the New Jersey District was to start. The trip on the ferry was a very pleasant way to start out as we could get a wonderful view of the city waterfront and the enormous amount of business that centers around New York harbor.

Arriving at Staten Island, we were met by Mr. Riggs Miller and a large body of the New Jersey greenkeepers. We proceeded to the Richmond County Country Club where we were shown parts of the course by Mr. Miller. Returning to the clubhouse we were alarmed to find President Morley not feeling so well and this somewhat dampened our ardor. Col. Morley decided not to make the rest of the trip and accompanied by Fred Burkhardt returned to New York.

After enjoying the hospitality of Mr. Miller we were on our way to the New Jersey State Experimental Grounds at New Brunswick. Here we were met by Dr. H. B. Sprague and his assistant Mr. Evaul. We were shown over the very interesting grass plots and experiments conducted by these two able men and found that this was a most interesting and educational trip. Dr. Sprague will





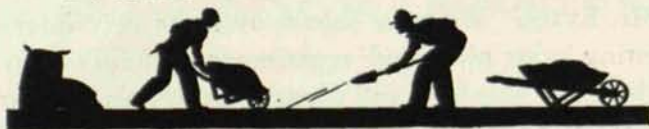
## PLAN now for the SPRING APPLICATION

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be remembered as one of the speakers at our last conference at Louisville. He will also be one of the speakers this year at Columbus. He will tell us of some of the experiments he has conducted and the results obtained during the past year.

We were entertained at lunch at a hotel in New Brunswick by the New Jersey boys and enjoyed some after dinner talks by several of those who attended.

From there we went to the Essex County Country Club and looked over the course of Mr. William Sharkey, one of the oldest greenkeepers in the country. Mr. Sharkey started greenkeeping when the profession was a pup and has seen it grow to the present size. We were royally entertained at his home and partook of his hospitality until it was time to return to New York. Coming home we traveled through the famous Holland Tubes under the Hudson River and landed safely back at the hotel.

Thursday was set aside as a day of business. The meeting of the Board of Directors was called for ten o'clock, so we put pleasure aside and settled down to work. The business finished, we reviewed the past three days' journeys and all voted that we extend to all the greenkeepers of the Metropolitan District, a hearty vote of thanks for the wonderful times they showed us and for the trouble they went to to make our visit among them a pleasant one. This was the unanimous opinion of all present. We especially wish to thank those who furnished automobiles and arranged the program and saw to it that we wanted for nothing.

Four days were not enough for Lew Evans and myself so we accepted the invitation of Bob Hayes to spend the night with him at his home and take in some more courses on Friday. So without any misgivings whatever we jumped at the chance and spent another pleasant day in New York. We traveled to Chappaqua to visit our old friend John Pirie and what a trip it was. He took us over the Whippoorwill Course and showed us some high powered construction. The very magnitude of the project amazed us to say nothing of the obstacles that had to be contended with. Blasting a fairway through solid granite, drainage, securing top soil and a host of other things were some of the things we saw. All in all it was a tremendous undertaking, and John Pirie has come through on top.