

Minnesota Gossip

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The Greenkeepers' Association of Minnesota has changed their name to the Minnesota Association of Golf Course Superintendents. There was much discussion at the meetings before it was adopted, but finally all agreed that the name had more scope and meaning.

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We have twenty-one active members, most of them members of the National Association. The golf courses in the Twin Cities and vicinity have been coming right along. The Minnikahda Club has entertained the National Amateur some time past. Last year Interlachen had the National Open and this year Keller will be host to the National Public Links and Golden Valley the Trans-Mississippi.

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Many of the members attended the National Convention and reported the meeting a huge success in their reports to their chairmen.

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The Chairmen of the different clubs have offered their courses to the playing members of our association when they meet and want to play.

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There is action under way to have a short course on golf course maintenance at the University of Minnesota. This Association is doing all it can to encourage the plan.

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We are all looking forward to outdoor meetings again.

New Jersey Notes

By JOHN ANDERSON

THE Association of Greenkeepers of New Jersey met recently at the Garland Grant hotel, Long Branch, New Jersey, for their monthly meeting. Rain prevented an inspection of the Norwood Country Club course, which is in charge of Bill Findley, the genial Vice President of the association.

After dinner, and a social hour, and the usual business of the association was dispensed with, the members present were entertained with a report from Edward Stroud, greenkeeper at Lawrence Brook Country Club and Second Vice President of the association, of his visit to England.

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Ed visited his home in Portsmouth, England, this

winter and carried with him a letter of greeting and introduction to the Golf Greenkeepers' Association of Great Britain. They, in turn, held a special meeting and dinner in his honor and, generally, gave him a good time, instructing their secretary to send back with him a letter of thanks and cordial good wishes to the New Jersey association.

Mr. Stroud was taken out to half a dozen golf courses near London and treated royally by the members of the British association, and is enthusiastic in his praise of the genial manner in which he was accepted both by the clubs and the greenkeepers.

The secretary of the British association, Mr. W. H. Smithers of Shirley Park Golf Club, Croyden, Surrey, sent back with Mr. Stroud some of their magazines and bulletins which are very interesting, for comparison with our work here. It was unanimously decided to send copies of the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER to Mr. Smithers for the benefit of the Association in England.

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Over a year ago Professor L. S. Dickinson in his address at the Louisville Convention mentioned that a barometer might be used to check up on the weather conditions, and thereby the greenkeeper might be forewarned when to expect brown patch, his dreaded foe. Since that time many discussions have arisen as to the advisability of adopting this method. Finally it was decided to try it out.

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And now the Association of Greenkeepers of New Jersey are purchasing two barometers; one of which is to be installed at the Crestmont Golf Club at top of the Orange Mountain. The other one will be at Galloping Hill Country Club. The readings will be taken twice daily and recorded, along with wind direction and velocity and other weather conditions that may have a bearing on the test.

At the end of the month these two records from different parts of the state and at different altitudes will be compared and deductions made which may help the greenkeeper solve the brown patch problem. The barometer will then be installed at two other clubs not yet selected for another month's test.

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The association had as its guest at its March meeting, Mr. Robert N. Pryor, Golf Editor, *Newark Star-Eagle*, who is also Executive Secretary of the P. G. A. of New Jersey and N. J. Golf Club Managers. Mr. Pryor is well known to many of the greenkeepers, is an ardent golf enthusiast and always ready to render his assistance and advice to the boys. He was elected Executive Secretary of the association and we are looking forward to some good times and real results from his connection with the association.

Rhode Island Field Day

By PROF. T. E. ODLAND

THE first greenkeepers' day held at the Experiment Station of the Rhode Island State College, Kingston, R. I., met with such great success last year that it is planned to continue with the plan for this year also. The success last year was due very largely to the fine support and cooperation given the local management by the greenkeepers, Green section chairmen, and exhibitors. We have been assured of this cooperation and support again this year. The day set is Monday, May 25. The program planned is as follows:

Registration—Experiment Station, 10-10:30 A. M.

Visit to Experimental Plots, 11-12:30 A. M.

"Trees and Shrubs for the Golf Course" by Daniel A. Clarke.

Discussion—Golf Course Problems.

Exhibits and Demonstrations, College Campus, 2:30 P. M.

Mr. Clarke is a well-known Rhode Island nurseryman and landscape architect. He is sure to have something both interesting and of practical value for all visitors.

Since the last field day a year ago, a number of plots have been added to the turf experiments. These include several new bent grass strains and varieties. Some of these show a good turf while others are just getting established. The old lawn plots established almost 30 years ago have been continued along the original lines and are always of much interest to visitors. They are a good demonstration of what different methods of fertilization will accomplish.



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