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Minnesota Gossip

By H. E. STODOLA, *Secretary*



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ents.*

THE Minnesota Association held their monthly meeting at Minnikahda Club, Monday, February 8. There were sixteen men present. The meeting started off with a bang and Leo Feser, chairman, kept business moving at a fast pace. The National Convention just over and the Minnesota Greenkeepers' Short Course next week, there was plenty to discuss.

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Four of our men attended the National. They were Charles Erickson, Minnikahda; Leo Feser, Woodhill; Emil Picha, Midland Hills; and Leonard Bloomquist, Superior. These men were very enthusiastic over the meeting and said they were given a royal reception. They were especially proud of Colonel Morley; and Charley Erickson said Leo Feser did himself up proud.

These men from Minnesota spent some time in Canada, but never said anything about the courses there. However, they spoke highly of Canadian beverages, and that's something. They visited courses on Long Island, then spent a day in Washington, D. C., and a day at Pittsburgh. At each stop they were treated like kings.

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The two Minnesota delegates to the Convention, Picha and Bloomquist, will give their reports at the Short Course to be held February 15, 16, and 17. This course was discussed at the meeting and the Twin City Greenkeepers will attend one hundred per cent.

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The question came up who was this Short Course to include. It is very plain that it should include the Green chairman. He is responsible to the club for the maintenance of the golf course proper. He comes in contact with the members and has to explain why this and that is happening.

He is the contact man for the greenkeeper. What we greenkeepers of Minnesota are trying to put over is "more consideration and respect for the Green chairman by the greenkeeper."

The Green chairman is the man that we must work with and understand. Therefore, he should have a knowledge of golf course conditions. One can not expect him to know as much as a greenkeeper, because greenkeeping is his hobby and not his business. But to have his finger tips on the fine points of maintenance he should attend the Short Course. For that reason an invitation was sent to every Green chairman in Minne-

sota, western Wisconsin, Northern Iowa, and the Dakotas to attend this Course. More power to the Green chairman.

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As the meeting was coming to a close the question of calling ourselves greenkeepers or superintendents was brought up. This caused an explosion of opinions. The Minnesota Association is still divided on the question. When the Editor of the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER gets a chance, we hope he will write an editorial stating his views on naming the man in charge of the maintenance of a golf course.

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The meeting was adjourned after three hours of snappy discussion and cigars were smoked on the newly-married Secretary of the Minnesota Association. In closing, it must be said that Charley Erickson, Minnikahda, and first-class golf course maintenance are one and the same thing.

The next meeting will be held the evening of Wednesday, February 17, in the Cafeteria Building, on the University Farm Campus.

Mid-West Notes

By C. E. TREGILLUS, Secretary



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THE Midwesterners started the heavy thinking for 1932 at the first meeting on February 4. A review of the ills of 1931 developed into a healthy discussion. O. J. Noer, who sees more courses in a year than any other citizen, made a valuable contribution with his observations on turf behavior during the past season. If we keep our memory clear and carry the picture of all the grief that befell us and our fel-

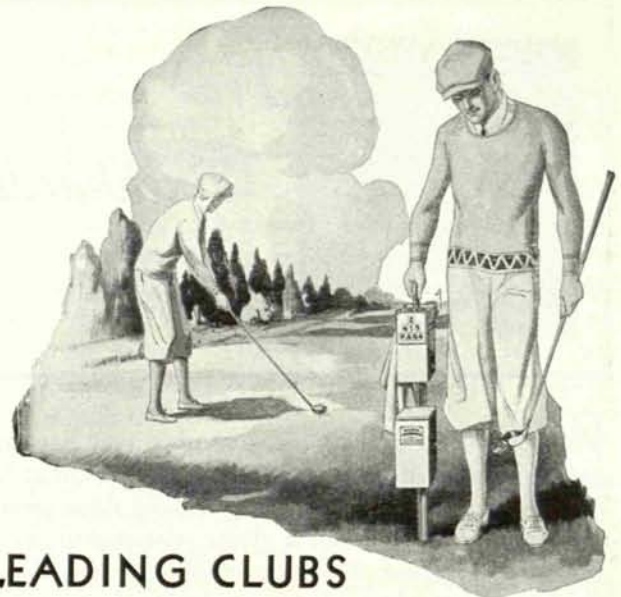
low craftsmen, we should by analysis and deduction, be equal to all the mischief on the calendar.

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There has been considerable uneasiness over snow mold owing to the open weather that prevailed through December and January. Turf growth has been intermittent during a season when it is normally dormant and consequently the tissue is in a succulent condition and less resistant to the inroads of disease. This is a year when late fall applications of fertilizer may cause trouble by forcing out-of-season growth activity.

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It looks as if this year will develop many super-greenkeepers. A super-greenkeeper in this case means a man who maintains his course on the 1929 standard of excellence with a 1932 budget.



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