

Tri-State Gossip

By JOHN QUAILL, Secretary-Treasurer



TRI-STATE gossip seemed to drop out of the news for a few months but that did not mean we had dropped out of the picture altogether. The writer was busy with news and arrangements for the N. A. G. A. Annual Convention so he let the local news slide by.

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Since the last published events of the Tri-State Golf Course Superintendents' Association, much has taken place. The annual election saw some new faces in the ranks of the officers. Not that the old officers were not efficient, but that they felt someone else should have a chance to put some new ideas into effect.

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John Pressler of Allegheny Country Club, who has been president of the organization since 1926, wished to step out as he felt his recent injuries incapacitated him and he could not give the time he would like to give to the association. Accordingly, by unanimous vote he was elected president-emeritus of the association in honor and appreciation of his services. William H. Key of Longvue Club was elected president, Robert M. Smith of Westmoreland Country Club was elected first vice president, Dave Bell of St. Clair Country Club was elected second vice president, and John Quail of Highland was re-elected secretary-treasurer for the fourth term.

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The Tri-State boys take quite an active interest in the experimental work at Pennsylvania State College. Nearly all will be present at the conference to be held there the latter part of February. The Tri-State association donated a roller to the Experimental station for use on the plots. Until direct financial aid can be secured from the state, the Philadelphia greenkeepers and the Pittsburgh greenkeepers are doing all in their power to keep the experimental work going and so far have been very successful in their efforts. Philadelphia recently sent up some mowers and other needed equipment.

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Robert Smith of Westmoreland Club is taking a little vacation. Accompanied by his family, he is making a trip to his native Scotland. Bob will return about March first and again take up his duties at the beautiful course which he has brought into prominence.

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Pittsburgh had a good turnout at the National Convention. There were fifteen boys from this district in attendance. Jimmy McElroy killed two birds with one stone. While in New York, he snatched a few extra days to run up into Connecticut to visit relatives and old

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friends. Jimmy hails from the Pittsburgh Country Club.

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Returning home from the convention, the Minneapolis delegation stopped off in Pittsburgh for a day. The party consisted of Charles Erickson, that grand old man of Minneapolis golf courses; Leo Feser, the newly-elected director of the N. A. G. A.; Leonard Bloomquist and Emil Picha. They were met at the station and taken to Stanton Heights Golf Club, where Freddy Jacob started them off on the right foot with a nice hot breakfast. From there they went to Oakmont to look over that famous course and were then taken to Fox Chapel and the Pittsburgh Field Club.

The next stop was at Highland where they again filled up with some more food and then after a ride through the city of Pittsburgh, were taken to St. Clair, where Dave Bell showed them what we do with Western Pennsylvania hills when we want a golf course. After a hearty meal at Dave's house, the regular session of "500" was called to order. This "500" game has been in force for several years and it is usually finished up at the convention but an extra session was called. Pittsburgh came out on top with a two to one score and Charley Erickson swears that when he gets us in Chicago he will trim the ears off the local boys.

All too soon the time for departure came and after the usual good-byes they were on their way homeward,

but we hope that at some future time they will return and be able to spend more time with us.

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Pittsburgh will be minus the services of Miss Lois Miller, the congenial secretary of the Service Bureau and the Pennsylvania Golf Association. The greenkeepers will miss her as she always kept in close touch with them. In addition to her work at the Service Bureau, she assisted with the work of the secretary of the N. A. G. A. when the offices were in Pittsburgh. Miss Miller is to take a position with the Green Section in Washington under Dr. John Monteith. What is Pittsburgh's loss is the Green Section's gain and we all wish her success and happiness in her new position.

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The Tri-State Association has suggested that they take over the files of the Service Bureau for information and keep them up to date. This will give the greenkeepers a source of information to help in their purchases and at the same time be saving the clubs some money.

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Plans are being made to secure speakers at the monthly meetings of the greenkeepers. It is the hope that we can secure the services of some of the well-known experts to talk to us and help in our problems. A complete program will be announced soon.

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Golf News

NAPOLEON, N. DAK.

Stephen A. Meier was elected President and G. S. Benshoof was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Napoleon Golf Club at the meeting of golf enthusiasts held last Monday evening. Same course, two miles east of town, will be retained and extensive improvements made before spring.

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CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Mayor Russell has introduced in the Legislature a bill authorizing the operation of a municipal golf course on the Fresh Pond Reservation, which has been approved by the Water Board and State Department of Public Health, according to plans submitted by Mr. W. I. Johnson, Jr.

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