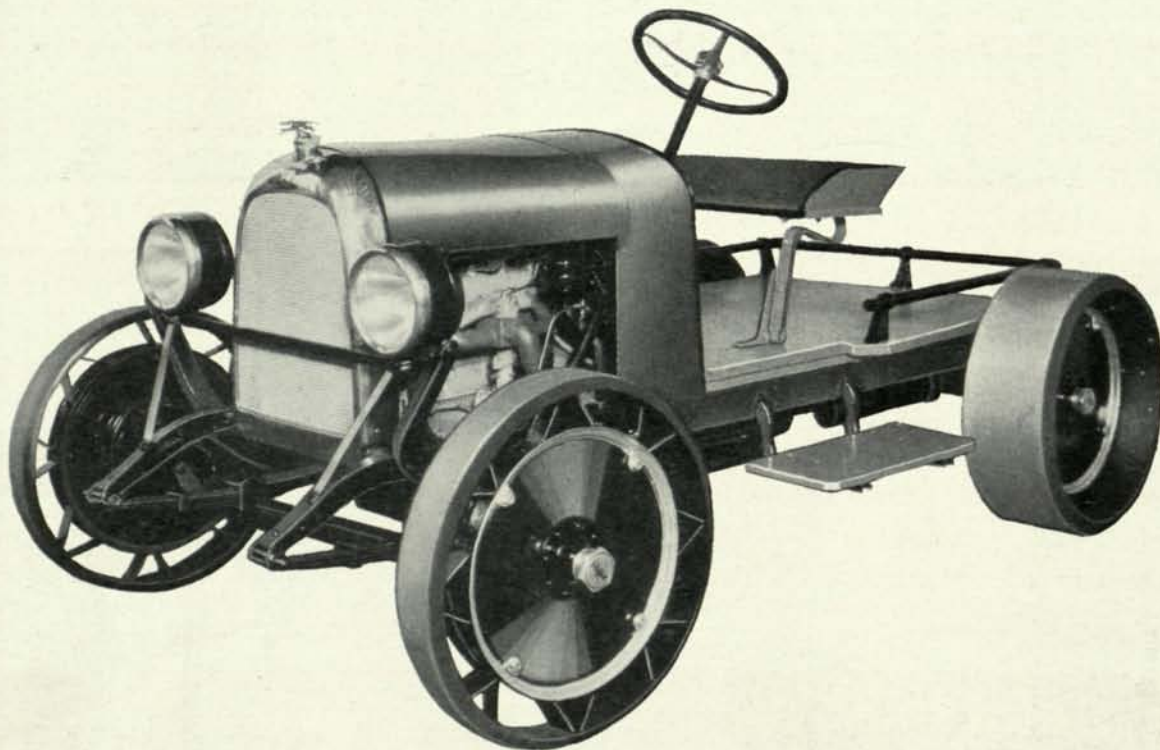


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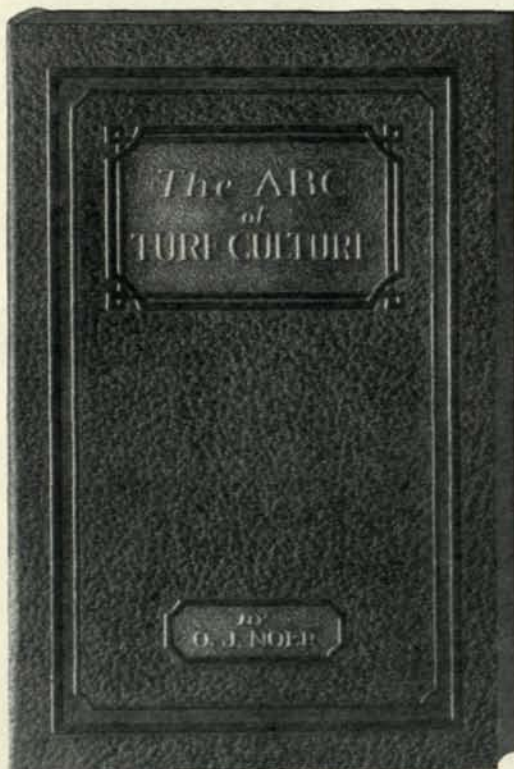
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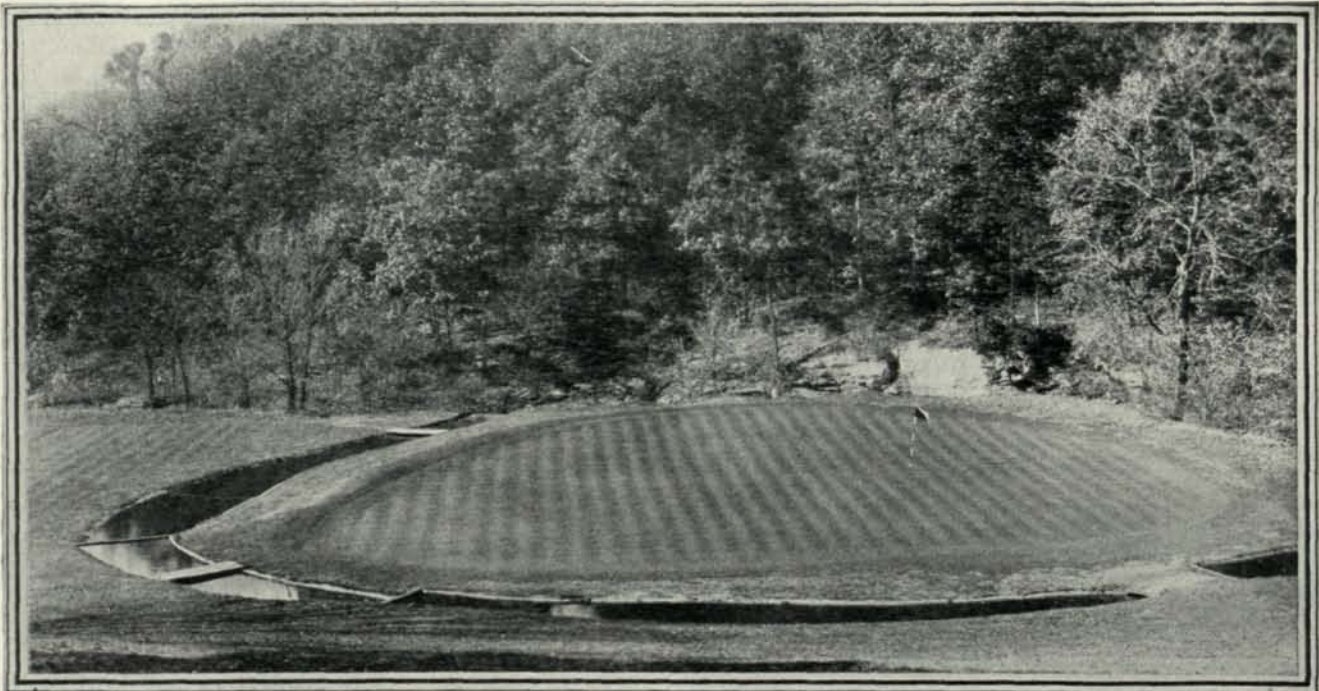
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All In All—A Gala Week

Second annual Greenkeepers' Convention and Golf Show in Detroit was greatest gathering of golf experts ever held. Over 350 greenkeepers in attendance

By ROBERT E. POWER

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Sketches by C. P. McCartney, Staff Artist of Cleveland

STANDING out conspicuously as the greatest gathering of golf experts ever held, the second annual convention of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America, at Hotel Fort Shelby, February 21-25 was a marked success. The list of papers read and discussed was representative of every branch of greenkeeping and golf course maintenance. Never before has such a complete program been arranged for and carried out by any golf association. About 350 greenkeepers were present throughout the week and the big auditorium of the Hotel Fort Shelby was crowded continuously during the convention sessions on Thursday and Friday.

John Morley was re-elected president at the business and elective meeting held on Saturday morning despite his expressed desire that he be permitted to retire. It was the unanimous opinion, however of the members of the greenkeepers' association that it needed his guiding hand for another twelve months, and he was assured the heartiest support and co-operation. Mr. Morley was particularly pleased that his two able and loyal vice presidents, John McNamara of Pittsburgh and John MacGregor of Chicago were unanimously elected to serve with him another year.

Due to illness of the past incumbents, a change was made in the offices of secretary and treasurer. After carefully considering all the possible candidates the committee on permanent organization recommended John Quail of the Highland Club, Pittsburgh, secretary, and

Lewis M. Evans of the Cedarbrook Country Club, Philadelphia, treasurer. Both are accustomed to association work—Quail being secretary of the Greenkeepers' Association of Western Pennsylvania, while Evans is president of the Association of Golf Course Superintendents of the Philadelphia district. The vote of the members was unanimous and enthusiastic for these new officers and everybody believes the choice a wise one.

Among other things decided at the meeting was the selection of Buffalo for the next annual convention in February, 1929, subject to investigation and approval of the Executive committee. This committee is as follows: John Morley, president; John McNamara, first vice president; John MacGregor, second vice president; John Quail, secretary; Lewis M. Evans, treasurer.

The Golf Show, an innovation this year and a very successful one, opened

promptly on Tuesday noon with twenty-seven exhibits in place in the Spanish room just below decks at the end of the main lobby. How complete and interesting this show was to the greenkeepers, chairmen and others who attended you will find described elsewhere in this issue. The fact that the greenkeepers ran this show themselves and that it netted them approximately \$2000 for their treasury over and above expenses, was one of the outstanding features of the week. The exhibitors themselves were tremendously pleased because the space cost them less than half what other shows charge and



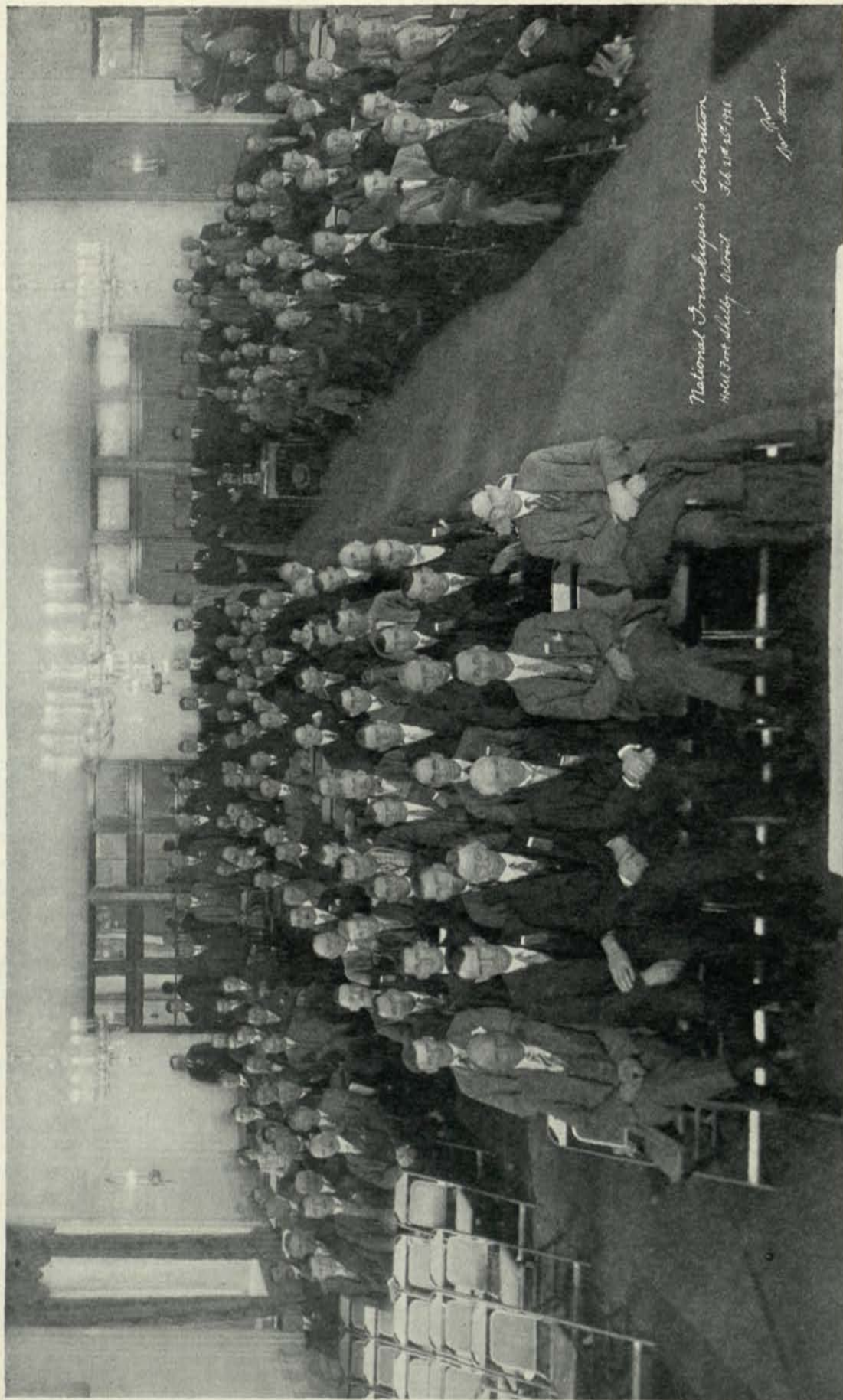
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R.H. MONTGOMERY

The men who made Detroit famous

View of the Convention Hall after Dr. Monteith read his paper on Turf Diseases



*National Greenkeeper's Convention
 Hotel Fort Shelby Detroit Feb. 24-25-1928
 J. P. [Signature]*

they say they did over twice as much business.

Great credit is due the Entertainment committee of Detroit greenkeepers consisting of Herbert Shave, Willie Smith and John Gray for the wonderful banquet and entertainment they put on Friday evening and to which over 200 greenkeepers and their wives, besides prominent golfers were present. To look in on this glorious affair one would hardly believe that the National association is only a year old and has much to learn in running affairs of this sort. But the success of it showed the untiring efforts of the committee members ably assisted by Mr. R. H. Montgomery, Chairman of the Detroit District Green Section who lent his valuable aid all week in making the convention a success.

Another striking feature which stamps Detroit as an ideal convention city was the publicity concerning the activities of the greenkeepers' convention which appeared in the daily press. The golf editors of the various newspapers sat in at all the sessions and wrote extensive and intelligent stories which were given prominent display on the Sport pages. Reports from far distant cities have been received indicating that news of the convention were printed there which shows the activity and co-operation of the United Press and Associated Press carrying editorial material over their wires.

All in all it was a gala week—a milestone in the betterment of the profession of greenkeeping and a landmark for more efficient and economical operation of golf courses which will endure forever.

John Morley's Annual Address

WE have now reached another milestone along the highway of life. Another year has passed with its joy and gladness, its sorrow and its cares. The blessings that have been bestowed upon this organization during 1927 are plainly indicated in this, our first annual report.

We have made a remarkable gain in membership, reaching into every state in the Union, and every province in Canada where the game of golf exists. Our gain in Eastern membership is not so large as we would like to have it, but I believe this is largely due to the fact that owing to our limited finances we have been unable to visit the northeast coast districts and explain to them the aims, objects and requirements of our association.

During the year just past, we have held two Executive committee meetings, one in the spring at Detroit, and one in the fall at Pittsburgh. At the Detroit meeting Mr. John MacGregor presented a motion that we hold a Golf Show in conjunction with our annual meeting, which was unanimously adopted. It was also suggested that we invite the National Professional Golfers Association and the National Association of Club Managers to co-operate with us in staging such an exhibition. For reasons we do not know these two organizations did not join forces with us, and we therefore made arrangements to carry on the exhibition alone.

Golf Show A Success

THE complicated duties involved in putting on a golf maintenance exhibition of equipment and supplies were ably managed by Mr. Robert E. Power, chairman of the Green Section of the Cleveland district, and Mr. Fred A. Burkhardt, of Cleveland, who was appointed chairman of our Show committee. It is through their efforts that this exhibition has been a success. I feel that our members should know that the golf show orig-

inated with us, and should know the names of those whom we have to thank for its success.

If our show has proved valuable along educational lines, and shows satisfactory financial returns to the association, we should endeavor to hold another in conjunction with our next annual meeting. It has been suggested that New York City or Atlantic City be chosen for our next convention. While either of the two cities mentioned would be ideal for the purpose, I am under the impression that unless we have the united support of the New England states and the Metropolitan district, we should not hold any annual meeting too far away from the bulk of our membership.

Bain Appointed Ass't Treasurer

ANOTHER item of importance evolved at the Detroit meeting of the Executive committee was to eliminate as far as possible the full financial responsibilities of our assistant secretary, and therefore Mr. Christopher Bain, of Oakwood Country Club, Cleveland, was appointed assistant to the treasurer. Mr. Bain's twelve years' banking experience admirably qualifies him for these duties. Now with our Finance committee headed by Emil Loeffler of Oakmont Country Club, Pittsburgh, working in conjunction with our assistant secretary and Mr. Bain, it is not necessary to state that our books and finances are conducted along sane business methods.

Qualifications of Members

DURING the latter part of my term of office, it was suggested that some provision should be made to allow the membership of young greenkeepers, those who have not held positions as greenkeepers for the required three years. It has been suggested that we institute a "probation" or "associate" membership, giving us two classes of membership, A and B, Class B

to have no voice or control in the organization, but otherwise to have the same benefits as Class A.

While there are merits in this suggestion, I feel that we should be careful and go a bit slow. We are anxious to increase our membership, but we should not overlook the qualifications of applicants. It is better to have an association of 500 members who possess a liberal amount of greenkeeping knowledge, and each member imbued with the spirit of brotherly love, than to have 2000 members drawn from the rank and file of greenkeepers. Such a membership might be greater in percentage of liabilities than of assets. Let us not forget that the harder it is to secure admission into an organization, the more anxious are those who apply for membership, and the closer the applicants come to the standard we have set. I don't believe in coaxing greenkeepers to join with us. It is better for those who have the qualifications to feel that it is a privilege to be one of our members.

Printed List of Members

I WOULD suggest that we have printed a suitable book, of pocket size, showing our full membership list, with both home and club addresses, to be distributed among our members in good standing. I would suggest that this book contain the aims and objects of the association, with its history in brief form. I would further suggest that the expense of such a book be covered by the sale of advertising space therein.

Changes in By-Laws

I WOULD suggest that the by-laws be changed with reference to the salary of our assistant secretary. Also that the by-laws be amended, so that a standing committee may be appointed to go over all applications for positions as greenkeepers, making it necessary for all

applicants for positions give this committee suitable references as to qualifications. Up to this time the president and the assistant secretary have been assuming this responsibility.

Board of Directors

ACCORDING to our existing by-laws, we must elect ten directors, five to hold office for one year, and five to hold office for two years. I find no record of where this section of the by-laws has been complied

Ass'n President Thanks Workers

In behalf of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America, I desire to express our sincere appreciation to the members and their ladies, belonging to the Detroit District, to the speakers who have made our conferences a success, to the manufacturers who gave the Golf Show their support, to the chairmen of Green committees, and all guests, and especially to the management of the Hotel Fort Shelby for the generous services and hospitality given the officials, members and guests of our association during our annual convention.

John Morley.

with, and I suggest that the committee on Permanent Organization state which of the directors shall serve for one year, and which for two years.

Membership Dues

ACCORDING to our existing by-laws, a member whose dues are more than sixty days in arrears shall be dropped from the association and his rights and privileges cancelled. I would suggest that this section be changed to read, "Members whose dues are not more



"CAPTAIN" JOHN MORLEY AND HIS MATES WHO KEPT THE GREENKEEPERS' SHIP ON HER COURSE

than ninety days in arrears shall be suspended for non-payment of dues, and any member who shall be one year in arrears prior to the annual meeting shall be expelled and his rights and privileges cancelled."

Death Benefit Fund

THIS section of the by-laws should be amended to read that "any member who desires to join this fund shall pay two dollars and twenty cents, and thereafter one dollar and ten cents at each assessment. Also it should be inserted that any member who is more than thirty days in arrears shall not be in good standing in the Death Benefit membership until all assessments are paid.

The National Greenkeeper

WITHOUT this publication we should never have made the progress which we are able to report today. There are very few who realize the amount of time consumed in obtaining the material and getting it into shape for the printer. Many of the articles sent in have to be re-written, and all proof must be re-read. The cost of publishing our magazine is heavy. The item of suitable cuts for illustration alone represents a large outlay, and the mailing each month is another heavy expense. During my administration, I have upon several occasions prohibited articles written by greenkeepers from appearing in our magazine, for knowing that our magazines enter several thousands of homes and clubs, permitting the printing of some of our contributions would have served to hold the writers up to ridicule, and place us in an embarrassing position.

With the aid of the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER we are drawn closer together, and we are better able to observe what our fellow greenkeepers are doing. There is another item to consider, and that is the excellent publicity that is given our members through this magazine. We all know that greenkeepers get very little publicity in other golf publications, as most of them are devoted to the game of golf. Most of us very rarely see our names even in home papers.

There are many of our members who are unable to be with us today, for instance, and how eagerly they will read what has happened at this convention. How much entertainment and valuable information they will derive from the able addresses that have been given here in the last two days, which will appear in print in the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER.

In Conclusion

I HOPE and trust that our labor and actions during the past year will meet with your approval. We may have made mistakes. Henry Ford says he never made a mistake in his life. I have made many. So have you. For it is the mistakes we make that teach us to do better, and bring us closer to perfection.

I trust that our meeting may be harmonious and pleasant, and that legislation will be enacted which will

John Morley's Mainspring



JOHN QUAILL
New N. A. G. A. Sec'y

THE Lord must have had the greenkeepers by the hand when they picked John Quail of Pittsburgh for their new Secretary. Quail is certainly a live wire—not only that but he is born and bred to the greenkeeping profession. Here's what the family Bible says about him—

Name—John Quail.

Date of Birth—March 22, 1900.

Place of Birth—Bellevue, Pennsylvania.

After finishing High School started work with his father on old Bellevue Country Club course, now Highland Country Club. Succeeded father as greenkeeper at Highland in 1922, and completed construction of new 18-hole Highland course, eight miles north of Pittsburgh.

It was from Highland in 1922 that Gene Sarazen emerged from comparative obscurity to win the National Open, the P. G. A. Championship and the Southern Open all in one year. Sarazen perfected his marvelous game on the greens and fairways taken care of by Quail.

John is the secretary of the Greenkeepers' Club of Western Pennsylvania, thus he brings both youth and experience into the Associations' affairs. Root for Quail, boys! He's John Morley's mainspring.

strengthen our structure and lead us along more progressive lines.

I am not unmindful of the fact that had I not had the united support of the members here I could not have carried along this grand and noble work. To Mr. John McNamara, John MacGregor and Fred Burkhardt I owe a debt of gratitude for the good advice and counsel they have at all times so generously given to me.

I cannot bring my report to a close without expressing my sincerest appreciation to Mr. Robert E. Power for his loyalty, advice and assistance accorded to me during my administration. I have endeavored to conduct the office of president of this association as God has given me the light to see the right, and I trust you will give my successor the same support (more if possible) than you have so kindly given me.

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APRIL

By JOHN MACGREGOR
Chicago Golf Club

The greenkeeper must be on the alert this month.

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Fairway rolling is one of the most important items on the Calendar.

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In localities where soils are heavy, one must be careful to roll at the proper time. As soon as the frost is out of the ground it will dry rapidly. Do not roll when wet, neither when too dry. You will find there are only six or seven days in which to complete the rolling. Sandy soils can usually be rolled sooner without any fear of damage.

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Greens and tees usually can be rolled sooner than fairways as they dry out more rapidly. This means the raised type of green.

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Get the first top-dressing on the greens as soon as weather permits, first giving the greens a thorough brushing.

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See that the mowing equipment is ready. In some localities mowing is already under way.

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Reseeding and patching bare spots on fairways can still be done. A top-dressing of compost will improve the thin turf on fairways.

Stewart Heads California Greenkeepers

W. W. Stewart was elected president of The Greenkeepers' Association of Southern California, at the annual meeting held at the Chula Vista Country Club, San Diego, California, February 6, 1928.

Other officers elected, were as follows: R. S. Greenfield, Vice-President; J. A. Lyon, Secretary-Treasurer; C. Cavanaugh, W. E. Langdon, W. Kretzchman, E. B. Marzolf, Directors.

While the Southern California Association is young, it is growing very fast. It is already taking steps to obtain an experimental station at Westwood, and the various clubs in the Southern California District through the chairmen of the green committees are co-operating with the greenkeepers towards this end.

New England Holds Maintenance Exhibit

A MAINTENANCE exhibition for New England golf courses was held at the Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst, Mass., March 3 and 4 in conjunction with the spring Flower Show. Upwards of 1000 people visited the exhibition during the two days and the registration showed visitors from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The Decoration committee had built a putting green of redtop in the center of the main exhibition hall, giving the room an attractive golf atmosphere.

Dr. Davis of the Botany department provided an interesting display of brown-patch, having inoculated a box with the fungus. Different sections of the box had different varieties of grass, some being immune while others appeared dead.

A model golf hole was built by the students to give a few suggestions to golf maintenance men.

Soils and fertilizers were arranged in open dishes giving visitors a chance to examine them. A fertilizer chart showing percentage of available nitrogen was given considerable attention as was also the grass which had been fertilized with these fertilizers.

The equipment room was a drawing card throughout both days. All of the well-known makes of fairway units had their sides taken off giving the visitors a chance to examine the working parts. The latest models in putting green and tee mowers with all improvements were on exhibition. A patent bed knife adjuster invented by one of the students of the Course for Greenkeepers was being demonstrated along with other smaller equipment.

The model golf course laid out by one of the country's leading architects was the center of discussion on managerial problems and other problems which the greenkeeper has to deal with.

The climax of each day's exhibition was the Question Box Forum. Each visitor dropped a question that he desired answered in a question box. In the evening these questions were brought up before the Forum presided over by Professor L. S. Dickinson. Five minutes was allowed for discussion of each question. Many good arguments were heard and much useful information was brought out.

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