

# T a l k i n g I t O v e r

## Joint Meetings of Greenkeepers and Chairmen Go Good

One evening recently we attended a joint meeting of green chairmen and greenkeepers located in one of the metropolitan districts. The attendance was surprisingly large, for the meeting was held at a club that is far distant from some of the other clubs in the section. All that was needed to make the meeting a perfect success was more green chairmen, and they will come to the next session after word of value of this meeting gets around.

This idea of joint meetings is something that should be encouraged throughout the country. It need not be confined to the metropolitan territories for the automobile these days brings any men from a dozen small towns having golf clubs quickly to a central meeting place.

There were three things that made this particular meeting a success. The first was a definite program of timely interest with papers prepared in advance by authoritative speakers. The second was a chairman who guided the discussions so they would have a specific relation to the subject under discussion, have some practical benefit, and would not degenerate into pointless arguments or wordy speeches. The third factor responsible for the successful meeting was that the greenkeepers were not allowed to get the impression that they were meeting with their employers on a basis that called for any reluctance to make a correction of a green chairman when he was wrong, or to refrain from telling the greenkeeper's whole story for any reason.

It was a great meeting for inspiring co-operation between green chairmen and their greenkeepers, and a session that is certain to have a marked beneficial effect on greenkeeping in the district.

There should be more of such meetings. Why not call one for your locality?

## Why Not a "Check-Up" of Progress?

Immediately upon his election each golf club president resolves on a program of progress at his club and dedicates himself to the job of seeing that each detail of this campaign is carried through to a successful conclusion.

Along comes bad weather, lack of co-operation, lower income, increased expenses and a score of other factors to make the heart weary and the head heavy. The best laid plans sink quietly to rest. The natural tendency is to think that since he is struggling valiantly in a thankless and profitless job, the best thing that an enlightened and disillusioned president can do is to get by in the smoothest and easiest manner possible and abandon his high hopes.

But it is now when the real battler just begins to fight. The first thing