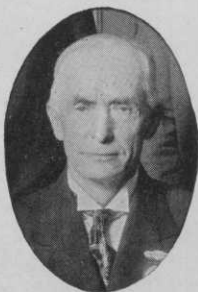


Greenkeepers Again Pick Morley at Big Meeting

By HERB GRAFFIS

JOHAN MORLEY, greenkeeper of the Youngstown (O.) Country Club, was re-elected president of the National Association of Greenkeepers at the conclusion of a highly successful and well attended convention and equipment and supply exhibition held at Detroit, February 21-25. John Quail, Highland Country club, Bellevue, Pa., was elected secretary, and Louis Evans, greenkeeper at the Cedarbrook Country club and president of the Philadelphia Golf Course Superintendent's association, was named treasurer.



John Morley

Buffalo was awarded the next meeting and show, to be held probably in February, 1929.

The ticket as agreed upon represented an astute piece of slate-making on the part of the nominating committee representing greenkeepers from all parts of the country. The boys skillfully steered around the threatening peril of politics and got squared away for continuance of the progress that was impressively evident at the Detroit meeting. That assembly on a constructive basis was doing the greenkeepers' cause good was apparent in the presence of a number of Detroit district green-chairmen and club presidents as speakers and listeners at the annual banquet of the organization. It also was seen in the Associated Press dispatch beginning, "Enter, a new profession—golf club greenkeeper," which was carried in many of the nation's leading newspapers.

350 Greenkeepers There

An attendance of approximately 350 greenkeepers from many of the leading clubs east of the Rockies and an array of practical exhibits revealed that the first year of the greenkeepers' association had been resultful.

On the program there was a well-balanced schedule of addresses presented by a number of authorities. As is customary in all conventions, much of the definitely profitable good came from the informal gatherings of the attendants during which intimate comparisons of experiences were made. For an organization in a lusty infancy, the greenkeepers gave promise that emphasis was being placed in ever-growing measure on these conventions, giving the men to attend them a dollar-and-cents return for their presence.

After the usual opening formalities the program was launched into the sea of greenkeeping problems. Digests of a number of these addresses are slated for publication in GOLFDOM, some of them appearing in this issue.

O. J. Noer of the soils department of the University of Wisconsin, and now active in the interests of milorganite, spoke on fertilization. His interesting address was in substance a summary of what he has written on details of proper fertilization in GOLFDOM and presented at the green section meeting at New York in January. Wendell P. Miller gave the convention an outline of correct drainage methods and went into detail regarding most successful handling of drainage problems.

Work on the new course to get desired results should begin in proper selection of the site for fertility, counseled Ed Dearie, Jr., in his talk on "Bringing the New Course Along."

Applicable to new courses as well as to the remodeling of present layouts was the practical address of David Rees, who gave detailed instructions on building new greens, based on his successful practice. One of the other exceedingly specific and helpful papers was that of Hiram F. Godwin, greenkeeper of the Redford (Mich.) Country club, and successful operator of a bent grass nursery, on "Making Use of a Bent Grass Nursery."

C. A. Tregillus, eminent Canadian greenkeeping authority and active head of the Canadian green section, gave the conven-

tion an international aspect with his presentation of the most effective methods of Canadian greenkeeping. There was another worthwhile address from the Dominion on the subject of clubhouse gardens, by W. D. Chinery of Eglinton, Ont.

One of the feature papers was read by Joe Varn Hagen, Sr., of Plum Hollow in the Detroit district, on the growing of decorative plants from bulbs. There was much practical advice in his paper, which was lightened by his entertaining reference to being misled into the planting of Scotch thistles when he was at Oakmont. Varn Hagen went into detail, he said, so he could explain to Emil Loeffler the origin of a grief to which Emil fell heir.

Pirie Inspires Them

One of the undercurrents of gossip around the convention concerned the eventual joining of greenkeepers and professionals into one powerful and embracing business golf organization. There were a number of casual references made to the mutuality of greenkeeper and pro interests and to the benefits of harmony and cooperation between the two classes. In this connection it was interesting to observe the reception given the president of the Professional Golfers' association, Alex Pirie. Pirie, in speaking on the "Greenkeeper and His Association," outlined the development of greenkeeping and cited as the prime movers in spurring greenkeeping's recent progress the formation of the Green Section and the work of Piper, Oakley, Carrier and their associates, timed with the last decade's great growth of golf.

He paid tribute to the speed with which the greenkeepers are getting into their problems on a scientific basis, and forecast that this scientific attitude, coupled with the practical foundation already laid, would bring about relief from the heavy burden that the present turf scientists are so helpfully carrying for the greenkeepers. In this connection he mentioned the growing number of college graduates who are going into greenkeeping and are being speeded in their progress by the generosity of the veteran practical experts in liberally advising and yielding the results of their experience to the boys. He impressed upon his hearers that the success of the organization depended upon a continuation and increase of this liberality in exchange of ideas.

Alex gave them a real solid shot of substantial inspiration and showed the boys

that the pro organization wished them the best in their efforts.

A lecture on tree work, illustrated with slides of good and bad examples, was the valuable convention feature presented by C. M. Scherer, principal of the Davey Institute of Tree Surgery. E. W. Doty, treasurer of the Cleveland District Golf association, in speaking on "The Greenkeeper and the Bookkeeper," impressed upon the convention the importance of accurately kept and complete records. Tennis court construction and maintenance was the subject of a helpful address by V. L. Delmarle which was read in his absence by John MacGregor.

One of the headline authorities on greenkeeping, Dr. John Montieth of the Department of Agriculture, held the attention of the convention firmly with an address of marked and scientific value on turf diseases. This address is given in this issue of GOLFDOM.

M. A. Daniels, greenkeeper of the Pontiac (Mich.) Municipal course, presented the results of his experience in controlling ants.

The Friday session concluded with an open forum discussion during which the extermination of pests such as skunks and woodchucks, compost practice and other subjects were discussed extemporaneously. John MacGregor, as pilot of the discussion, did a good job of overcoming the innate reserve of the greenkeepers. This feature gives promise of being a great act on the future programs of the association.

Lively Party Opens New Ideal Office

ANOTHER one of the Ideal Power Lawn Mower affairs, marking a move into a new branch office, was held at Chicago, February 7, and proved as successful as the first event, which was held when Ideal moved into its new and enlarged Detroit branch. About 70 of the well known greenkeepers, park superintendents and others prominent in turf culture work in the Chicago territory attended the formal opening of Ideal's new branch office and warehouse at 413 West Chicago avenue in the afternoon and were guests of the company at a lively dinner in the evening. The guests wound up the evening by occupying the section Ideal bought out at "A Night in Spain."