

# Experts' Talks to Draw Many to Greenkeepers' Convention

**B**ELIEVE IT or not, the prospects for the sixth annual convention and exhibition of the National Association of Greenkeepers to be held at Hotel Pennsylvania, New York city, Jan. 19-22, indicate the largest attendance the association ever has seen. The New York meeting will be the first the organization has held on the eastern seaboard and many of the superintendents and chairmen who never have wandered into the territory of the Osages, Navajos, Ponca and other tribes on the sunset side of the Hudson are anxious to find out just what these greenkeeper conclaves are all about.

With the large number of golf clubs in the east and the ready availability of New York as a meeting place, the dope is that registration of greenkeepers should reach a new high. The meeting will not be without a goodly number of men from the mid-west for the sad recollections of the past season have the appetites all whetted for any inside information that can be secured on course maintenance at one of these sessions.

Fred Burkhardt, chairman of the golf show committee, has arranged exhibition space and meeting headquarters all under one roof and the facilities will be vastly improved compared with the layout the boys had to contend with when they met to hear addresses last year. Burkhardt expects to have all display space sold prior to the opening of the show. Repairs of equipment that carried golf course machinery past its allotted time seem to have reached the limit last year and Fred is counting on the prospects of a flood of new business orders to bring manufacturers' displays to the show.

The usual arrangement of fare and a half for round trip railroad tickets has been effected, so when any of the laddies shove off for New York they should ask for a convention certificate.

Just what the policy of the clubs will be this year on sending their course superintendents to the convention on the greens budget is hard to determine at this time. For the last three years there has been a constantly increasing number of clubs pay-

ing expenses of their men as part of the greens budgets and having plenty of evidence that the convention cost was a valid and productive detail. After this last season when the scourges raised the costs of course maintenance in many spots and the clubs suffered cuts in incomes, the decision to send a man to the greenkeepers' conclave must call for considerable faith in the strictly business idea and practices of the convention. On that basis attendance is warranted as there is far less frolic and fluid at a greenkeepers' convention than usually is witnessed at national sessions of business men. The answer is that the greenkeeper these days is trying to make \$20,000 do more than \$28,000 had to do on a course a couple of years ago and he either has to pick up a lot of smart and thrifty ideas from his comrades in the cause or tremble on the brink of a change in location.

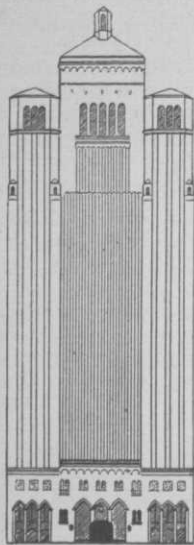
Assignments of program subjects have not been made but when you look over the following array of talent that Col. John Morley and his aides de camp have selected to pitch helpful thoughts at the greenkeeping gallery, you will see that the keynote is going to be "down to bed-rock" in these convention addresses. The tentative line-up of speakers, which appears for the first time in print right now, is:

M. E. Farnham, sec., Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Supts.; J. E. Tregillus, formerly head of Canadian Green section and now supt. for A. D. Lasker's Mill Road estate and in active management of the Mid-West Turf garden of the U. S. G. A. Green section; Prof. Cubben, of the pioneer greenkeeping school at Massachusetts State Agricultural college; Martin L. Davey, internationally noted tree expert; Carl E. Treat, Woodland G. C., supt., who is one of the outstanding practical authorities on New England maintenance; Kenneth Welton, brilliant young scientist of the Green section; Prof. A. H. Tomlinson, Ontario Agricultural college authority on landscaping; Jack Pirie, one of the most successful pro-greenkeepers and a practical authority on construction; L. J. Feser

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of Wayzata, Minn.; Prof. Jacob Lipman of New Jersey's state agricultural school who is an outstanding international figure in turf research; J. O. Campbell, supt. at Wethersfield C. C., Hartford, Conn., and highly regarded as one of the practical aces of maintenance in the east; Herbert E. Shave, supt., at Oakland Hills C. C., Birmingham, Mich., and pres. of Border City Greenkeepers' ass'n.; O. B. Fitts, formerly of the Green section and now supt. of the famous Columbia C. C. at Chevy Chase, Md.; John Quail, sec. of the national association and in his capacity as supt. of the Highland C. C. at Pittsburgh one of the leading lights in western Pennsylvania course maintenance; John Monteith, jr., operating head of the U. S. G. A. Green section, who is pronounced by many "in the know" as the world's foremost golf course maintenance authority.

Ganson Depew, chairman of the U. S. G. A. Green section will be the principal speaker at the association's annual banquet. It was during Depew's initial year as the Green Section No. 1 man that the advisory committee of greenkeepers was appointed by the U. S. G. A. This recognition, for which GOLFDOM had been campaigning for some time, was of course primarily extended because of the good the greenkeepers could do in a closer working alliance with the U. S. G. A., but the simple act of granting it showed how Depew, Ramsay, Vanderpool and the rest of the ruling body's executives rated the progress of the greenkeepers. Depew is one of those rare performers who reconcile people to banquets. Bob Hayes and John Anderson will stage the banquet and are well qualified to assure the customers an entertaining evening.

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