

COL. MORLEY AGAIN HEADS N. A. G. A.

John Morley, veteran greenkeeper of the Youngstown (O.) C. C., was unanimously re-elected president of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America, at the 1931 annual convention. The Colonel has been president of the organization since its inception.

The only change in the official roster was the election of John Anderson, Crestmont C. C., West Orange, N. J., as fifth V. P., in place of Lewis M. Evans, resigned. Evans, who recently located in Ohio, formerly registered from the Philadelphia district.

New York was chosen for the 1932 meeting, with the convention hall and hotel yet to be determined.

Officers of the N. A. G. A.:

- John Morley.....President
- John MacGregor.....First V. P.
- W. J. Sansom.....Second V. P.
- Robert HayesThird V. P.
- George Davies.....Fourth V. P.
- John Anderson.....Fifth V. P.
- Fred BurkhardtTreasurer
- John QuailSecretary

using the course as a toy, monkeying around with the things that made it tick, and in general doing exactly the fooling with each little detail that he wouldn't permit in his own plant. After some specific and constructive criticism along this line, Dickinson went to work on the present trend of extensive mechanization of course maintenance. Instead of saving the money represented in machinery economies, the Amherst expert pointed out that the possible saving is too often diverted to riding one of the chairman's hobbies, for instance the building of a new green that eventually results in increased maintenance cost. Dickinson figures there should be some way of giving the greenkeeper credit for the money he saves while maintaining a high standard of course condition.

He advised a close inspection of course accounting so figures couldn't be juggled

at the expense of the course. He referred to the twice-a-season course condition appraisal he has written about in GOLFDOM. The complete text of the convention address will appear in these pages.

The accounting phase of the greenkeepers' work was handled in enlightening fashion by E. W. Doty of the Cleveland District Golf association. Doty presented an outline of primary and secondary course maintenance costs and showed the greenkeepers where to watch for unfair allotments of costs.

Joe Williamson, greenkeeper at Scioto, gave an excellent resume of practical greenkeeping as shown by his successful experience of more than a quarter century in the U. S. and prior years in England. This address will appear in an early issue of GOLFDOM.

The program concluded with a lively but limited open forum discussion, conducted by Prof. Dickinson. Soil acidity was the feature subject.

AS AN example of what the P. G. A. sections are up against in the problem of the false-alarm pro, and how these sections take it on the chin without whining, we can refer to a case in Pittsburgh last season. At one of the pro-amateur events three of the punks, masquerading as pros, signed tickets at the club. The burglars took a run-out. When the matter was called to the attention of the Pittsburgh P. G. A. officials, the club bill was promptly paid, although the offenders were not P. G. A. members and the event was not under P. G. A. auspices.

Whether or not the good pro is a member of the P. G. A., the P. G. A. is doing a good job for him in accepting a responsibility for pro actions. We think the sections are too broad, many times, in handling the task of being social sponsor for every lame-brained chump who labels himself a pro, with no credentials to back up his claim. In handling this work they should point out to club officials that P. G. A. members must be responsible before they are taken into membership. In the majority of cases (and certainly in the Pittsburgh case) the P. G. A. sectional officials are hard-boiled enough to make a second offense unhealthy for the punks.

Apparently, to the official designation of Albert R. Gates as "business administrator and counsel," the boys had better add "house dick"; protection against the punks is a primary need of the worthwhile professionals.