

Greenkeepers' Meeting Program and Exhibits Are Timely

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PROGRAM FOR THE sixth annual conference of the National Association of Greenkeepers' and the list of exhibitors indicates that greenkeepers who attend this affair will get excellent value for the time, and money they invest around Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City between January 19 and 22.

The conference program on paper looks to be the most practical the association has presented to its members. It is well balanced between theory and practical field work, with star performance from both sectors scheduled as speakers. There is a strongly defined element of timeliness apparent in the program. Many of the greenkeepers have been face to face with budget problems for the past year and have worked out methods that enabled their clubs to go through the toughest of all seasons for less money than normally is spent in first class maintenance. As less than 20 per cent of the average golf course's budget is spent for equipment and supplies, it is obvious that the savings effected last year generally were the results of new ideas in labor management. On this year's program M. E. Farnham, John MacGregor, C. A. Tregillus, L. J. Feser and John Quail are specifically assigned to subjects that have much to do with thrifty handling of the labor part of the budget.

Dr. Howard B. Sprague of the New Jersey Experiment Station, New Burnswick, N. J. will be chairman of the conference.

Conference Program

Complete program for the conference, as released by Col. John Morley, president of the organization, follows:

Wednesday, Jan. 20th, 1932, 2:00 P. M.

Kenneth Welton, U. S. G. A., Green Section. "Soil Structure of Putting Greens."

M. E. Farnham, Philadelphia C. C. "Some Thoughts on Greenkeeping."

J. O. Campbell, Wethersfield C. C. "Greenkeeping Yesterday and Today."

H. L. Jacobs, Davey Tree Expert Co. "Fertilization of Trees."

John MacGregor, Chicago G. C. "Golf Budget Maintenance."

Thursday, Jan. 21st, 1932.

O. B. Fitts, Columbia C. C. "Qualifications for Meeting Present Day Demands for Greenkeeping."

Dr. Jacob G. Lipman, N. J. Experiment station. "Bacteria in Growing Turf."

C. A. Tregillus, Mill Road Farm. "The Greenkeeper's Schedule."

Prof. M. H. Cubbon, Massachusetts State College. "Nitrogen Changes in Soil."

L. J. Feser, Woodhill C. C. "Our Job."

Friday, Jan. 22nd, 1932.

Dr. John Monteith, U. S. G. A., Green Section. "Turf Diseases."

John Quail, Highland C. C. "Economy on Golf Course."

Dr. Howard B. Sprague, N. J. Experiment station. "Relation of Soil Conditions to Root Development."

Joseph Williamson, Columbus, Ohio. "Rebuilding and Resodding Putting Greens."

Col. Morley has addressed invitations to all green-chairmen welcoming them to the convention and suggesting that if they are unable to attend they see to it that the club sends its greenkeeper as a logical and value item in the club's course maintenance budget.

The usual fare-and-one-half arrangements have been made with the railroads. Convention attendants are to ask for convention certificates when buying their tickets. These certificates will be validated at the convention and half-fare will apply on the return trip.

Equipment and Supplies Presented

Counting on many of the courses getting a head start on the season by early ordering of equipment and supplies, Fred Burkhardt, chairman of the association's show committee, has arranged for a number of the leading manufacturers to stage exhibitions on the display floor of Hotel Pennsylvania. Burkhardt's convention array undoubtedly will be more extensive than that listed here, as several more manufacturers have convention exhibits under consideration. The arrangements he has made for co-ordinating the address part of the convention with time devoted to examining ex-

hibits is giving both exhibitors and greenkeepers a good chance to get the most out of the show.

The list of exhibitors as it stood late in December:

- Toro Mfg. Co.
- Arthur D. Peterson.
- Penn. Lawn Mower Wks.
- Worthington Mower Co.
- Lyman Carrier
- Campbell Irrigation Co.
- Peter Henderson Co.
- Nitrate Agencies Co.
- American Cyanamid Co.
- Atkins & Durbrow, Inc.
- Economy Irrigation Co.
- Goulard & Olena, Inc.
- Standard Mfg. Co.
- Dow Chemical Co.
- Hyper-Humus Co.
- Adalink Chemical Co.
- O. M. Scott & Sons Co.
- Milwaukee Sewerage Co.
- E. G. Staude Mak-A-Tractor Co.
- Fate-Root-Heath Co.
- C. B. Dolge.
- Stumpp & Walter Co.
- Ideal Power Lawn Mower Co.
- L. R. Nelson Mfg. Co.
- Swift & Company
- Jacobsen Mfg. Co.
- Bayer-Semesan Co.
- Dayton Irrigation Co.
- Mallinckrodt Chemical Co.
- H. J. English
- John H. Graham Co., Inc.

Player Demands Often Contrary to Greenkeepers' Judgment

BOB JONES, QUOTED by his journeyman biographer Oscar Keeler in December *American Golfer*, says the new course at Augusta, Ga., in which Jones is interested will not have its greens watered so any kind of an approach shot will stick.

This will be good news to greenkeepers, many of whom have been compelled to over-water against their judgment because the players insist on greens soggy enough to hold improperly played approaches. Many able greenkeepers, among them the Pacific coast notable, R. S. Greenfield, hold to the opinion that there is a close connection between over-watering and fungous troubles.

Now if Jones would come out with some sort of a blast against the murderous demand for too close cutting of greens during the hot weather, he would be doing another favor for the greenkeepers.

Traylor for Pres. Dept.

B. C. FORBES, ace of financial reporters, has plenty to say about the golf field's selection for the democratic nomination, Mel Traylor. Forbes wrote a great story for the Hearst papers of December 27. Among other remarks he made in this copyrighted comment are:

"Melvin A. Traylor, Chicago banker, who appeared before a Senate committee last week in Washington, may some day return to Washington in a different role."

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"Mel Traylor is essentially of the people, essentially a Democrat with a small 'd'."

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"No more lovable man than Mel Traylor walks in shoe leather—he didn't always have shoes."

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"Mel Traylor is not tied to Wall Street's apron strings."

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"Mel Traylor was one of the very few prominent bankers who loudly proclaimed warnings again and again that the 1928-1929 orgy of inflated speculation would end disastrously."

Forbes has been prowling around among the truly greats and the flash-in-the-pan greats and the think-they-are-greats for lo, these many years, and ranks as an accurate appraiser of men. He knows his stuff well and is tough enough to write exactly what he thinks, even if it's rough on some of the folks in high spots. Having this expert appraiser of business men confirm the opinion of many in the golf club field and the golf writers, is gratifying.

Today the main handicap to Traylor's nomination seems to be that the professional politicians will deal from unorthodox parts of the deck in their orthodox fashion unless the boys who are anteing their taxes into the game call for new rules in 1932.

However, one of the bright rays of hope in the present situation looks to be exhaustion of the country's vast natural resources—the capacity for taking punishment from political bosses.