

Under the present administration and including all the items not included above, the cost were:

1931	\$13,252
1932	10,439
1933	9,200
Main Items, Year 1933	
A good greenkeeper	\$.....
Labor (14,000 hours).....
Fertilizer (45 tons).....
Ammonium sulfate (2 tons).....
Corrosive sublimate (200 lbs.).....
Seed for fairways (1,000 lbs.).....
Other chemicals	50.00
Electricity for water system.....	700.00
Gasoline and oil for tractors.....	400.00
Equipment and repairs.....	900.00
Trucking	35.00
All other items.....	100.00

NEW DEAL IN NAGA?

Greenkeepers' Association Considers Broader Plan of National Operation

REVISION of the organization structure of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America so the association will become more effectively and accurately national in scope and strength is contemplated.

Efforts are being made to get the ideas of sectional greenkeeping organization concerning the proposed change. Members of the Midwest Greenkeepers' Association recently were sent a letter by John MacGregor, president of the national organization, outlining the situation and inviting suggestions. The letter:

Present conditions emphasize the fact that the lack of co-operative organization among greenkeepers is the glaring weakness of the profession today. The present membership in all existing greenkeeper's associations in the United States and Canada is a ridiculously small proportion of the number of greenkeepers in that territory. Even the successful organizations are distinctly limited in their extent.

The Board of this Association is aware of this condition and encouraged by suggestions from various local groups, feels that steps to co-ordinate and extend the existing organizations should not be delayed longer.

In view of this feeling it seems logical to approach the existing organizations for reactions and suggestions as to ways and means of accomplishing the desired end.

Will you not give this question your attention and consideration? Is it not

possible to develop the NAGA through modification of its present type of representation so as to bring all groups closer together as well as reach those not now in any group? Would not district organizations be strengthened as an integral part of truly national activities, amplified through a polling of all the interests of our profession?

Again we commend the matter to your consideration and hope for early response which will make possible constructive steps in the direction of progress at the convention of the NAGA in Pittsburgh, January 30 to February 2, 1934.

At present the plan in the rough is to adopt substantially the PGA plan of federated organizations that retain their sectional identity and independence to deal with sectional matters but which can muster national strength and agree together on national policies.

Technical sectional differences in greenkeeping practice and conditions, probably as much as anything else have handicapped efforts to build a truly national organization. Sectional organizations formed prior to the national body were said to be somewhat fearful of loss of local independence were they to ally with a national group. Then, too, the matter of political misunderstandings and arguments unavoidable in the earlier stages of national organizing had something to do with preventing expansion of a national organization until it was national in fact.

Sharp curtailment in greenkeepers' incomes and Cleveland bank situation which has tied up and possibly done away with the greater part of the national association's substantial bank balance has been responsible for consideration of a change in organization plans. With possibility of code regulations still further complicating the problems of all greenkeepers and the almost complete disappearance of an insular attitude among greenkeepers, it is believed that a substantial broadening of greenkeepers' organization can be effected.

IN CELEBRATION of its tenth anniversary, the Greenkeepers Club of New England will hold a dinner-dance and entertainment on February 5 at the Woodland Golf Club, Auburndale, Mass. With better than 75 members in good standing, this organization of turf experts expects to usher in the second decade of its existence in great style.

Committee in charge of the event consists of Guy C. West, John Shanahan, Frank Wilson, Carl Treat and James McCormack.