

The greenkeepers' association is beginning to attract new members from the distant corners of the state and is interesting the greenkeepers not reached previous to this time. Practically all courses are reporting a moderate to heavy increase in play over last year. Everything bodes well for a good season of activities among the Iowa greenkeepers. The only pressing problem at present is the long continued drouth.

John Shanahan, Brae Burn Vet Greenkeeper, Is Honored

PERHAPS IT'S significant that the aristocratic golf clubs have been most active in honoring their veteran employees. Brae Burn CC (Boston district) is the latest to pay tribute to one of the fellows who has served it faithfully and ably. On June 13 "John Shanahan day" was observed at the club and the veteran Celt was guest of honor at a club dinner. He was presented with a token of appreciation of his services to the club.

John's 31st year of service to Brae Burn was further signalized by the New England Greenkeepers' *Newsletter* devoting an issue to him.

The *Newsletter* said about John:

"John Shanahan was born in Temple-derry, County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1864. Coming to this country at the age of 24, he worked for some fifteen years as a stonemason for the J. Burke Contracting Company. This company was employed by Brae Burn in changing the nine-hole course to eighteen. During the reconstruction, Mr. Burke died, and John was chosen to complete the work, and afterwards to become greenkeeper. Since that time, John has become known internationally as the dean of New England greenkeepers, and his greens have often been cited as some of the best in the world.

"In 1924, when the Greenkeepers Club of New England was organized, John was one of the most earnest workers, and was its first president, holding that office for five years. During all the years of the club, John has done more than any other to promote the best for the club and for golf. To this friend of all, and especial friend of all greenkeepers, we are honored to pay tribute."

Shanahan also was honored by an editorial in the *Boston Post*, which is one of the very few times a living greenkeeper

Iowa Greenkeepers Hold Big June Meeting

By V. T. STOUTEMYER

BETWEEN 45 and 50 greenkeepers were present at the annual business meeting of the Iowa Greenkeepers' Association, held June 12 at the Wakonda Club, Des Moines. The attendance broke all records for the monthly meeting of the association. Seven new members were taken in, bringing the total membership up to 61.

The morning was spent in going over the course and also in inspecting the newly installed turf garden of the USGA Green Section located on the grounds. In



Leaders in Iowa Greenkeepers' Group
(left to right): Joe Benson, Jack Welch
and C. G. Yarn.

spite of an unfavorable season, these plots have made wonderful progress and nearly all are in good shape. Fertilizer experiments are already showing striking results, and the superiority of the heavily fertilized plots over those fertilized either lightly or not at all is very noticeable. The Wakonda course is faring very well throughout the drouth period because of the large number of irrigated fairways. The greens are in perfect condition, which is quite the usual thing at this club.

At the business meeting Jack Welch, pro-greenkeeper of the Wakonda Club, was re-elected president of the organization; Joe Benson, Cedar Rapids CC, was elected vice president; C. G. Yarn, Woodside GC, Des Moines, and Ed White, Davenport Muni Course were re-elected secretary and treasurer, respectively. At the business meeting a plan was partially worked out for the forming of regional organizations within the greenkeepers' association. Under this plan there will be five or six districts in Iowa with regional offices. This has been considered advisable because of the great size of the state.