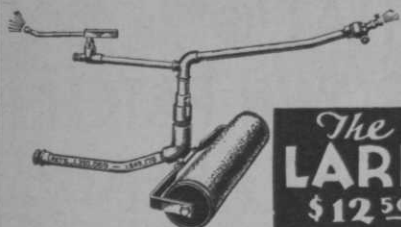


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Chairman Invited to Michigan Greenkeepers' Meetings

MICHIGAN and Border Cities Greenkeepers Association held their annual meeting at the Rackham Golf Club in Detroit, April 2.

Thirty-five members attended and it was decided to hold a regular meeting each month at which speeches would be given by visiting experts, and papers by greenkeepers read. It was also decided to keep in close touch with the State College and to work with it in advancing greenkeeping.

As chairman of green committees showed a great deal of interest last year at the meetings, they will be invited to all monthly meetings this year.

Following were elected: Pres., William Smith; Vice-Pres., John Gray; Sec.-Treas., Ross Axford; Directors, William Beaupre, Clarence Wolfrom, James Proven, Charles Prieskhorn.

A vote of thanks was given to the officers for good work during the past year, especially to Ruben Scott, retiring secretary, who for the past three years has done a great deal for the organization.—H. S.

Old-Time Greenkeeping

By CHARLES ERICKSON

NEARLY ALL of us older men know that there is always something new to learn. To bring out this point I am going to give you an idea of how greenkeepers did things in olden days, thirty years ago when I was first greenkeeper.

There wasn't very much at that time. We never tried to remodel our greens. After the greens and the course were made we just cut out the greens with a common lawn mower and then rolled them. We didn't even know enough to top-dress. If they were a little low in places we filled in by raising the sod.

If there was grass that wasn't quite so good we went out on the course, took a hand sod cutter, picked up the best we could see and placed it on our greens. Then we had to roll them. I made a roller out of cement, it weighed 900 pounds, but the committee told me it wasn't heavy enough. We finally got a heavy fairway roller, which I still use, and that weighs 2800 pounds. I had four men and we had to push and pull. A couple of our greens were very sloping, so I took a team of