

Maintenance Economies Are Keynote of Greens Meet Program

TWO factors connected with the forthcoming tenth annual Greenkeepers' association convention at Cleveland, Feb. 4 to 7, inclusive, definitely point to golf's substantial recovery from the depression. First is that more clubs than ever before are paying convention expenses of their greenkeepers. Second is that the exhibition space at the convention virtually is a sell-out.

Add those two points together and you have the picture of golf clubs again back in shape to catch up on course neglect widely suffered during the depression. Rebound of the membership slump again is bringing clubs into active competition for those who are returning to private club affiliations, and more than ever before the club with the course in best condition is the one that gets the members.

Consequently the greenkeeper is returning to a key position in the business of the game. During the depth of the depression the greenkeepers almost had to beg for money to keep grass growing. Now those men with the alert clubs are being instructed to get things in shape for happy days again. Desperation was responsible for notable achievements in greenkeeping economy and with the lessons of the famine period fresh in mind the instruction and buying operations at the Cleveland show should usher in a period of material advance in course maintenance methods.

Experts to Speak on Modern Maintenance

Theme of the Cleveland convention program is sound economies in maintenance. During the panic the greenkeepers had ample opportunities to appraise money-saving maintenance ideas for soundness. Some of the economy ideas they were compelled to adopt have proved to be extravagances that must be corrected before the course and its operating policy is restored to a satisfactory condition.

Nature of the convention schedule and the personnel of the speakers appears to assure the most practical conclave in the National Association of Greenkeepers' history. Each major detail of maintenance and some minor work that goes to make perfection, has a place on a program which features as its speaking authorities:

Dr. H. B. Sprague, O. J. Noer, C. A. Tregillus, C. F. Irish, Robert Scott, Prof.

J. W. White, Donald Gray, Dr. John Monteith Jr., Dr. Howser, George McClure, Prof. L. S. Dickinson, Fred Grau and Herbert Shave.

Arrangements have been made with railroads for the convention fare-and-one-half rate on round trip convention tickets. Certificates entitling the convention attendant to this rate must be applied for when purchasing railroad tickets.

Iowa Short Course at Ames, March 2nd and 3rd

ANNUAL short course for greenkeepers at Iowa State college at Ames, Ia., will be held Monday and Tuesday, March 2 and 3. Visitors from everywhere are welcome. Those interested may write to Prof. B. S. Pickett, Department of Horticulture, for information. Last year the attendance was nearly one hundred.

Dr. John Monteith, Jr., will be chief speaker and will discuss new technical advances. Herb Graffis, editor of GOLF-DOM, will present some of his viewpoints on the status of greenkeepers. It is also probable that a nationally known golf architect will appear on the program.

Soil problems will be treated by O. J. Noer of the Milwaukee Sewerage commission and Prof. B. J. Firkins of Iowa State College.

A national conference of entomologists will be in progress at the same time, and two or three men familiar on programs of the NAGA will be scheduled.

Motion pictures of golf and greenkeeping activities in Iowa will be shown. The greenkeepers' banquet will be held on the evening of March 2.

Leo Feser of Minnesota, will discuss practical greenkeeping problems. Earle Barrows, holder of the first patent granted on grasses, will present some information on the botany of grasses for golf greens.

APRIL 13 at Boston the New England PGA will have its annual exhibition, conference and dinner.

This affair presents leading manufacturers' lines for the new year and the shopping part of the event brings together most of the section's pros in a mood for business.

DESPITE construction work on eight of the 10 courses of the New York City Park dept., 370,000 rounds of golf were played on these courses in 1935, a total only slightly under 1934.