

# NAGA PRIMING FOR CLEVELAND

**A**FTER a drought of dollars, after dismal darkness of budgets that left much golf course maintenance work up to providence, the greenkeeping business gives many indications of coming back into its own at the tenth annual convention and equipment and supply exhibition of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America.

The affair will be held at Carter Hotel, Cleveland, O., Feb. 4 to 7, inclusive.

Not for five years has there been so much interest shown in the greenkeepers meeting and show as now is apparent. At the recent session of the executive committee of the association, Frank Ermer, Box 2257, Brooklyn station, Cleveland, chairman of the association's show committee, reported 80% of the exhibition space sold.

Fred Burkhardt, president of the association, and his associates, have scheduled an intensely practical program of addresses by many of the nation's foremost authorities on golf course maintenance. M. E. Farnham, supt. of the Philadelphia CC will be general chairman of the educational conference.

Dr. John Monteith, technical head of the USGA Green Section, Prof. George McClure of Ohio State university and Fred Grau of Penn State college will speak on subjects that have not been named in the preliminary announcements.

Other speakers and their subjects: Dr. H. B. Sprague, Root development and grasses; Dr. O. E. Noer, Fertilizers and Soil Tests; C. A. Tregillus, Golf course maintenance; C. F. Irish, Trees and shrubs; Prof. J. W. White; Insecticides; Robert Scott, Helpful Hobbies; Donald Gray, Landscaping; Dr. Howser, Webworms and Chinch bugs; Prof. L. S. Dickinson, Equipment; Herb Shave, Watering Fairways.

The educational conference schedule begins Wednesday morning, February 5 and continues through Friday.

Arrangements have been made with the Carter to have an adequate supply of rooms for the convention attendants from \$2.50 up. There also will be in effect the usual fare-and-a-third round trip rate on U.S. and Canadian railroads. Convention attendants should ask for these convention certificates when buying railroad

tickets and have the certificates validated by A. L. Brandon, secretary of the association, at the convention.

Among exhibitors who already have contracted for display space at the Cleveland show are:

The Toro Mfg. Co., The International Harvester Co., Worthington Mower Co., Ideal Power Lawn Mower Co., Standard Mfg. Co., Fate-Root-Heath Co., Milwaukee Sewerage Co., McClain Bros. Co., Goulard and Olena, Skinner Irrigation Co., Chas. F. Irish Co.

E. H. Griffith, G. B. Lewis Co., Woodridge Mfg. Co., Buckeye Chemical and Specialty Co., Jacobsen Mfg. Co., Templin Bradley Co., Goldom, Mallinckrodt Chemical Co., Chas. M. Ingersoll Co., Pennsylvania Lawn Mower Wks., Arps Corporation, W. D. Foster, Walter E. Cook Inc., Buckner Rainer Corporation, O. M. Scott & Sons Co., General Chemical Co., Bosett Humus Co., Perfection Sprinkler Co., Fraser Publishing Co., Farm Supply & Power Equipment Co., L. R. Nelson Mfg. Co.

Psychologically the greenkeepers are in better shape than they have been for some years past. Otherwise quite a few of them wouldn't be digging down into their scanty personal funds to make this convention trip in the interest of their clubs. Greenkeepers generally have been so unwisely underpaid, considering their qualifications and responsibilities, that they have been a rather discouraged lot since 1931. Weather and pestilence has contributed nothing to cheer them up but now there is evidence that course condition has been a major factor in the outstanding cases of club recovery from the depression.

Consequently some greenkeepers are gambling with their own money in the hope that they'll pick up ideas to take back to their own clubs and stir new interest in course condition, an interest that when aroused should do something to correct the sorry status of greenkeepers' salaries.