

Plans Well Under Way for February Greens Meet

NATIONAL Ass'n. of Greenkeepers will hold its 12th annual convention and equipment show at Hotel Netherland Plaza, Cincinnati, O., Feb. 15-18. The equipment show will be a three day affair ending Feb. 17.

Frank W. Ermer, chmn. of the show committee, Box 2257, Brooklyn Sta., Cleveland, O., reports that half the space for the show is already sold but that the remainder includes some preferred locations. Ermer forecasts that the 1938 show will establish a new high for attendance and for sales. He declares, "The central location of Cincinnati, the excellent hotel accommodations at moderate costs and the tremendous need for equipment and supplies needed to restore maintenance operations to the pre-depression standard, assure a big and busy meeting. Improved financial status of clubs will be reflected at the convention." He urges that prospective exhibitors promptly advise him concerning space requirements.

Program plans are in formative stage. The 1937 program featured experts never before heard at NAGA national conference and made a strong point of connecting greenkeeping with the government's department of agricultural work.

Early discussions of the 1938 educational conference program indicate that widespread turf troubles during the hard 1937 season have revealed many subjects for concerted study, and that the labor and wages problem is becoming of such alarming character as to call for general attention of the NAGA members.

Mass. State Winter School Will Begin January 3

THE twelfth winter school for greenkeepers at the Mass. State College will open January 3, and will continue through March 14. This institution offered the first course for greenkeepers and the longest and most complete. It is still the longest and is said to be the most complete. Other institutions in this country and in England and Scotland are now offering course of from 2 days to six weeks in length.

Subjects offered are: Landscape appreciation, entomology, drainage, managerial problems, soils, fertilizers, botany, water systems, equipment and supplies, turf culture (including weeds, diseases and pests), cost keeping and analysis, daily forum.

Managerial problems, equipment and supplies, turf culture, cost keeping and analysis and daily forum are under the direct supervision of L. S. Dickinson, widely known greenkeeping authority. Besides Dickinson and the Mass. State College staff members, there will be on the greenkeeping staff Carleton E. Treat, greenkeeper at the Montclair CC.

The course is limited to 25. Tuition is \$10.00; registration, \$5.00; health fee \$1.50. Room and board is estimated at \$10 to \$12 per week.

Each year a few of the members bring their wives so that there develops quite a social group. Amherst offers many attractions in the form of concerts, libraries, etc.

The fourth course for advanced students will open Jan. 3 also, but will be divided into two sessions of 5 weeks each. This course is open only to those who have taken the regular winter school at this college. As there are now some 240 who have passed through the M. S. C. mill the demand for this course is very great.

Enrollment has started in both courses and it is advised that any one desiring to take the course, should register at once. Full details may be obtained from Director R. H. Verbeck, Short Course Office, M. S. C., Amherst, Mass. or Prof. L. S. Dickinson, Stockbridge Hall, Amherst, Mass.

February 14-19 Announced as Dates for Rutgers U. Short Course

RUTGERS University college of agriculture presents its 1938 short course in turf management Feb. 14-19 at New Brunswick, N. J. Tuition to residents of New Jersey is free. The Rutgers short courses always draw a good attendance of leading greenkeepers and have contributed greatly to the high grade of the state's course conditioning.

Lectures, supplemented by classroom discussions and by laboratory and field demonstrations, pack plenty of practical information into the six-day course. National authorities on greenkeeping matters are members of the Rutgers faculty.

Complete details may be secured from Prof. Frank G. Helyar, Director of Resident Instruction, New Brunswick, N. J.

Party Aids Greens Budget—One of the largest parties of the year at Modinah CC (Chicago district) is the Golf and Grounds party, with proceeds applied to the maintenance budget. Guest fee is \$2 which includes green fee and a hot buffet dinner, vaudeville and dancing.