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A N experimental turf garden at Iowa State College of Agriculture, Ames, is being sponsored by the Iowa Green-keepers' Assn. and the State College. Work was started last fall with 27 varieties of grass, including 6 of the more popular bents used in Iowa.

Iowa Greenkeepers' Assn. started the garden's financing with \$100. About 150 Iowa clubs have been asked to cooperate. Annual subscription of \$25 from 18-hole clubs, and \$10 from 9-hole clubs has been requested. Parks Dept. of Des Moines has contributed \$50. Iowa Golf Assn. has voted to share in the work with a \$100 subscription. The work is planned on a 5-year basis. Interest in the project is spreading. Kansas City greenkeepers subscribed \$25. Approximate budget for the garden's operation is \$500 per year.

G. A. Fletcher.

Sec., Iowa Greenkeepers' Assn.

TRI-STATE ...

GREENKEEPERS in the Pittsburgh district use no spring maintenance short cuts. We just adopt the ideas and methods of the other fellow when they are better than our own. Neither are we using any new methods of turf culture which have not previously been tried out and reported by the research men. Although we leave the experimenting to the specialists, we do cooperate with them in every way possible and when one of us thinks he has some worthwhile idea, he turns it over to them to prove or disprove.

At present we are most interested in finding a way to improve fairway turf. This improvement may come by the discovery of new cultural methods or, more likely, by the development of new varieties of grass. We now have only Kentucky blue, fescue, and some of the

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The ideal grass, or combination of grasses, must thrive under close cutting. It should be immune from all serious diseases, able to keep out all other grasses and weeds, and should have a fine texture and good color.

We do not expect, or even hope, that anything will ever be found which will meet all these requirements. But we do look forward to the day when some more suitable varieties are available so that we can, with good care and at a reasonable cost, maintain our fairway turf in a more uniformly good condition.

Tri-State Golf Course Supts. Assn. officers for 1940 are:

Pres. (7th term)—David M. Bell, St. Clair CC.

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CLEVELAND ...

THE 20th anniversary of the Cleveland District Greenkeepers Assn. was celebrated at a "Love-Feast" in the Hollenden Hotel March 26th, where club officials were guests of their superintendents.

That Marco Polo of Golf, Dr. O. J. Noer, was the chief speaker of the evening, holding his audience with a mixture of metaphors and movies which were very educational. He also acted as interlocutor for an "Information Please" program with Mal McLaren, Canterbury CC, Bert Sheldin, The CC, Cleveland, and Don Boyd, Portage CC, playing the role of trained seals and barking at the right time.

Brief remarks were made by B. Russell. Cleveland CC, President of the CDGA; Geo. Rothen, Green-chairman of the CDGA and Colonel John Morley, Youngstown CC. 75 guests were present.

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Greens are bad for putting during summer when Bermuda normally matures. Stems become hard and stubbly and leaves too sparse. This can be corrected by avoiding use of phosphate and potash beyond bare needs of Bermuda. The best scheme is to apply these in fall before seeding with winter grass, and desist thereafter until the next fall.

next tall. Enough nitrogen must be used throughout the summer to keep Bermuda vegetative. The organic nitrogen of Milorganite is superior to water soluble fertilizer, because it is longer lasting and produces a higher proportion of leaf shoots. After the first heavy spring rate, from 20 to 30 pounds per 1000 square feet should be used each time. Besides liberal nitrogen feeding, enough top-dressing should be applied whenever needed to keep surface stems buried.

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policy, the meeting was concluded with a movie film depicting African Wild Game, Deep Sea Fishing and other kindred sports—all of which appear very tame in comparison with an incurable slice.

Charley Burns Secy. Cleveland District GA.

PHILADELPHIA...

THE weather here is so cold for this time of year that there is little to report insofar as golf is concerned. However, we do have our golfing spells even now, and whenever the sun peeps through the golfers are out there swinging.

The recent turf conference held at Penn State proved one of the finest we have had up there, judging from the number present. We also had a one-day session at Haverford College on Turf, Grasses, and Fertilizers, the last item bringing out plenty of discussion. The present greenkeeper, when he purchases fertilizer, wants to know just how and when he is going to get results; in other words, when and how is the nitrogen in the fertilizer available. We also had around 'Philly', night classes in the high schools that are proving very educational, and the attendance this year has been very gratifying.

Plans are now under way for our next Green-chairman-Greenkeeper meeting, which we intend to hold some time in May. We held the first of these meetings last year, meeting at the Llanerch CC. This was such a success that the chairmen turned around and gave a return meeting on them, at the Huntingdon Valley CC in the fall. These meetings usually consist of a golf match in the afternoon, with a few prizes, followed by a dinner and a few speakers in the evening. We are hoping the coming meeting will be as successful as those held previously.

Robert Pollock, Secy., Philadelphia Assn. of Golf Cse. Supts.

MIDWEST ...

MIDWEST Greenkeepers' Assn. members in considerable numbers attended the recent short courses at Purdue and University of Wisconsin. Especially interesting to many of them was the testing of plants instead of soils to determine soil deficiencies.

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keen in extension of weed control tests this year by MGA members. There is hope of establishing experimental gardens at the university of Illinois for the benefit of course maintenance, lawns and parks, as a result of the MGA push being given this proposition.

Gerald M. Dearie, Publicity chm., Midwest Greenkeepers' Assn.

NEBRASKA...

MEBRASKA Greenkeepers' Assn. now 1N is only a year old and has but 10 members; however, it is optimistic about doubling its membership this spring and becoming a state-wide help in Nebraska course maintenance. There is keen enthusiasm and diligence in association work among the present members. The USGA experimental green is located at the Omaha CC and is receiving a great deal of attention.

Dr. Keim, chief agronomist of the University of Nebraska, is an honorary member of our organization and is in close, sympathetic association with our work.

As a result of Dr. John Monteith's talk at the Purdue short course this year, which I attended, we are planning to devote at least 2 hours at each of our association meetings to Questions and Answers, in an endeavor to acquaint ourselves with varied details of problems that are common to most of us.

Victor George, Sec. Treas., Nebraska Greenkeepers' Assn.

MICHIGAN ...

MICHIGAN and Border Cities Golf Course Supts. Assn. already has begun to plan its reception of the 1941 national greenkeeping convention. At a recent conference of our officials, John Gray, GSA president, was present and discussed our general plans. Clarence Wolfrom, local VP, reported on details of the 1940 national convention.

Michigan and Border Cities supts. agreed that the short course held at Michigan State College March 7 and 8 was the most practically valuable of the many helpful sessions held at that school, and have been loud in their praise of Prof. C. E. Millar for the way in which the course was handled. Attendance was the largest on record; 107.

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Winter conditions have been severe but with usual confidence our organization's members are looking forward to a season that will continue high standard of maintenance on Michigan courses.

> David C. Kennedy, Sec.-Treas., Michigan and Border Cities GC Supts. Assn.

NEW ENGLAND ...

HAVING just concluded our session on golf course maintenance at the annual Massachusetts State College recreational conference, the Greenkeepers Club of New England went right to work and sponsored a round table discussion series, held on three nights, at

cussion series, held on three nights, at the Waltham Field Station.

The first discussion period, held March 21, was concerned principally with the study of Mercury—its costs, analysis, substitutes, and methods of application. The second meeting, held March 25, was devoted to a discussion of individual course problems. The final session, held March 28, featured a discussion on establishing bird sanctuaries on golf courses, in addition to "Business Management of the Green-keeper's Job."

The annual meeting of the Massachusetts Golf Assn. Service Section and the Greenkeepers Club of New England will be held April 8 at the Charles River CC, Newton Centre, Mass.

With the aid of the dealers, the Greenkeepers Club of N. E. is looking forward to staging a big outdoor equipment show in the early fall,

Philip Cassidy, Sec., Greenkeepers Club of N. E.

CONNECTICUT...

WHILE the turf of the Nut Meg State's courses was being covered with the worst sleet and snow storm in the past two decades, the Connecticut Assn. of Golf Course Superintendents met on March 4th, to plan still better golf courses for 1940.

Fifty-three members and guests of the association braved a storm that incurred great damage in the northeastern section to trees, felled telephone and power wires that were coated with an inch of ice, to meet at the Tumble Brook CC near West Hartford, Conn. At the meeting were representatives from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey,



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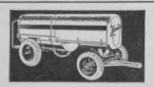
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An interesting exhibit of a few of the numerous factors that enter fine turf maintenance was set up by Irving Pierson, supt., New Haven Municipal GCse, who was assisted by A. B. Longo, supt., Woodbridge GC., Woodbridge, Conn., and H. Grahame, supt., Oak Hill CC, Fitchburg, Mass.

At the business session, Andrew Lentine, host-superintendent at Tumble Brook, and president of the association in 1939, was re-elected to continue his office; George Moquin, supt., Manchester CC, was elected vice pres.; Chas. C. Travers, Mill River CC, Stratford, was re-elected sec'y-treas., with A. M. Locke, supt., Longmeadow CC named asst. sec'y. Wm. B. Lindsay, supt., Wampanoag CC, West Hartford, was elected three year director.

Don MacKay, supt., West Hartford GC, who was president of the association in 1937-38, was presented with an engraved silver tray, as a token of esteem by the Connecticut Captains of Course Upkeep.

Kent Bradley,

Roving Reporter

CENTRAL PENNA....

OUR association, the Central Pennsylvania Greenkeepers Assn. has just concluded the first year of its existence, and a successful year it has been, too. At our last meeting, held March 11, we had Dr. H. B. Musser, Penn State College, help conduct our program for the evening; there was considerable discussion on spring planning, arranging fertilizing programs at our clubs, etc.

Having been organized for the past year, we can now see the benefits of getting together regularly with other green-keepers who have problems much the same as our own. Fred Grau and Dr. Musser of Penn State have been of great help to us, as have the rest of the Penn State associates, in helping us iron out our difficulties.

Riley E. Heckert Secy. Treas., Central Penna. Grnkprs. Assn.

MINNESOTA ...

TWIN CITY area members of the Minnesota Greenkeepers' Association plan to, and must, cooperate with the fellows that are taking care of courses in the small, isolated towns throughout the state. They have their problems and would like to have the

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As one member from a club 300 miles away stated, he would be satisfied and well-paid for belonging to the association if some group visited him every four or five years. It is no more than fair that these boys receive some cooperation from the association. In the past two seasons we have added about fifteen new members from towns of 5,000 to 25,000 population. Several are new greenkeepers, located at clubs that have just been constructed or have just converted sand greens into bent. Some of them feel they need help, and certainly deserve a helping gesture from the group. President Joe Rush plans to see that such a plan is carried out in 1940.

Elected president of our group at the recent annual meeting was Joe Rush, Minneapolis CC. Rush succeeds Len Bloomquist of Superior GC. Art Jensen of the Fargo (N. Dak.) CC. was elected vice-president, with Vic Larson of the Minneapolis GC, and Stan Graves of the Hillcrest CC, St. Paul, re-elected treasurer and secretary respectively. We will start our outdoor

meetings in April.

Stan Graves, Secy., Minn. Greenkeepers' Assn.

OHIO ...

HARLES MAYER, for the past 16 years, supt. at Heather Downs CC (Toledo) was elected president of the Ohio Assn. of Golf Course Supts. annual election meeting March 18 at Heather Downs. Other officials elected: Malcom McLaren, Canterbury GC, Cleveland, vice-pres., and Nelson Monical, Westfield CC, LeRoy, sec-treas.

Forty-seven supts, braved inclement weather to attend the annual election meeting which was preceded by a tour of the fine Heather Downs plant, 18 holes of which are used as daily fee: and 18 as private. Mayer is responsible for maintenance of the club's physical property in addition to the courses. A group of table tennis tables and a new bar in the men's grille are recent indications of Charlie's versatility.

Ohio supts, are not sponsoring a short course this year. The conference to be held in Detroit will be handy for the Ohio men and will fill the spot the short course generally occupies in the calendar.

Early spring maintenance in Ohio has been done with a snow shovel.

Nelson Monical, Sec. Treas., Ohio Assn. GC Supts.