

GSA Gets Set For Convention

By Karl Sutphin

Program is completed for staging of 14th annual greens show at Hotel New Yorker, Feb. 6-9.

GREENKEEPING'S scene of business operations will again swing toward the East when the nation's greenkeepers gather next month for the annual National Turf Conference and Equipment Show of the Greenkeeping Superintendents Assn. The fourteenth annual meeting of the organization is to be held February 6-9 at the Hotel New Yorker in New York City; just one year ago the convention was put on in Kansas City, Mo., the first national turf meeting to be held west of the Mississippi. Twenty-eight manufacturers and dealers have already signed for booths and displays at the equipment show, according to word from Don Boyd, chairman of the show committee.

Ed Cale, Canoe Brook CC, Summit, N. J., and John Anderson, Essex County CC, West Orange, N. J., are co-chairman of the New York convention, and able assistance is being rendered by Percy G. Platt, Forsgate CC, Jamesburg, N. J., and C. Kent Bradley, Passaic County GCse, Paterson, N. J. Cale has been hard at work planning the program of lectures and round-table discussions, and he promises a program as full and well-balanced as ever has been presented at a national meeting.

Educational Program Announced

The educational program boasts an impressive array of talent, and while one or two changes or additions may yet be made, speakers and their subjects as the program now lines up are:

Wednesday p.m.—“Finance and Greenkeeping,” by Dr. John Monteith, Jr., USGA Green Section (supplementing Dr. Monteith's talk will be discussion on that topic led by T. T. Taylor, greenkeeper at Westchester CC, Rye, N. Y., and Leo J. Feser, superintendent at Woodhill CC, Wayzata, Minn.); “Maintenance Labor and the Country Club,” by Mark L. Putnam, Personnel Asst., Western Electric Co.

Thursday p.m.—“Handling One's Self,” by Dr. Edward Hodnett, Columbia University; “Fairway Renovation and Maintenance,” by M. E. Farnham, superintendent, Philadelphia CC (Farnham's subject will be broadened by words from

J. O. Pepper and Fred V. Grau of Pennsylvania State College, Dr. O. B. Dodge of the New York Botanical Gardens, and Charles K. Hallowell, Philadelphia County Agent.

Friday p.m.—“Residual Poisons,” by Dr. W. S. Eisenmenger, Mass. State College; (Prof. Lawrence S. Dickinson, Mass. State College, will assist in the discussion on this subject); “The Superintendent and His Future,” by Howard B. Sprague, New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station.

Busy Week Planned

The equipment show will get under way Tuesday morning, Feb. 6, and the day will be devoted entirely to the exhibits. The delegates' meeting will be held Tuesday evening, the educational conferences will begin Wednesday, continuing through Friday afternoon, and membership meetings will be held Wednesday evening and Friday morning. The annual banquet will be held Thursday evening. It was decided at the fall board session in Minneapolis that there would be no green building contest this year.

President Frank Ermer, an old hand at conducting equipment shows at these national meetings, will be very much on hand in addition to the work cut out for him in the business end of the meeting. Charley Burns, from the Good Park course in Akron, Ohio, is again in charge of publicity for the event, which means that what the greenkeepers do and say in New York will be common knowledge all over the U. S. A. Nick Calgay, Ed Casey and Percy Platt are in charge of the enter-

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tainment during the duration of the convention, and with all the entertainment features New York City has to offer, it looks like the boys (and the girls—Fred Islieb and Charles Laing are handling entertainment for the women) will not lack for something to do in their spare moments.

Don Boyd has suggested chartering a special car from the Midwest to the convention, which will mean a considerable saving in transportation expenses if enough of the greenkeepers from that district decide to make the trip. For further information and details on this or any other feature of the convention write Boyd, c/o Portage CC, Akron, Ohio.

Exhibitors signed for the equipment show are:

American Agricultural Chemical Co.; Bayer-Semesan Co., Inc.; John Bean Mfg. Co.; Chipman Chemical Engineering Co.; Cooper Mfg. Co.; The C. B. Dolge Co.; Fate-Root-Heath Co.; Fertl-Soil Co.; Friend Mfg. Co.; General Chemical Co.; Golf & Lawn Supply Co.; Golfdom; Goulard & Olena; Grasselli Chemicals Dept. (Du Pont); Peter Henderson & Co.; Jacobsen Mfg. Co.; McClain Bros. Co.; MacMullen-Terhune; Mallinckrodt Chemical Works; Henry F. Michell Co.; Milwaukee Sewerage Commission; Arthur D. Peterson Co.; Chas. Pfizer & Co.; Root Mfg. Co.; O. M. Scott & Sons Co.; Skinner Irrigation Co.; Stumpp & Walter Co.; Swift & Co.; Wood Ridge Mfg. Div. of F. W. Berk & Co., Inc.

N. J. Superintendents Reelect Ed. Cale as '40 President

A LARGE turnout of greenkeepers had assembled for the regular November meeting of the New Jersey Assn. of Golf Course Supts., held Nov. 6 at Echo Lake CC, Westfield, N. J. But a full house was not unusual here because the N. J. monthly meetings have been exceptionally well attended right along. So when the nominating committee gave its report on officers for 1940, someone suggested that since they all were there anyway, why shouldn't the boys do their voting right then and now so there would be more time for fun and gayety at the annual dinner banquet in December. The motion was carried, and the 1940 officers are:

President, Edward B. Cale, Canoe Brook CC; 1st vice-pres., Lester Moffett, Wallkill CC; 2nd vice-pres., Alex H. Reid, Twin Brooks CC, all reelected; secy., Percy

Platt, Forsgate CC; treas., Arthur D. Burton, Mountain Ridge CC, reelected.

Through the courtesy of members of the Suburban Country Club at Union, N. J., the regular monthly meetings will be held there throughout the winter. The annual dinner meeting and banquet was also held at the Suburban club in December.

October meeting of the N. J. superintendents was held at the Harkers Hollow CC, Philipsburg, N. J. The 25 greensmen assembled for the meeting marveled at the condition of the greens at Harkers Hollow, a tribute to the fine work being done there by greenkeeper Charlie Smith. At a round table discussion following the dinner, the boys kept Tom Longnecker, field man for the agricultural experiment station at New Brunswick, busy answering questions—and the interrogators got the answer every time, too.

Drought, Weeds Are War Threat to British Links

IF the European war continues for any length of time, British golfers are very likely to find out there is more than just humor in the story about the man who lost his ball on the green, says Guy B. Farrar, greenkeeper at Hoylake, in commenting on the effects of the war on greenkeeping in a recent issue of *Golf Monthly*. According to Farrar, British greenkeepers' main concern now is in minimizing the damage likely to occur from war-time neglect, "so that when the happy day arrives for the bugles to sound the 'cease fire,' courses will be in a condition to return as quickly as possible to peacetime standards of upkeep."

Farrar points out that most clubs are unlikely to be able to expend large sums on greenkeeping immediately upon the cessation of hostilities, so that courses that are in a healthy, if rough, condition will have a great advantage over others where large areas of dead or dying turf call for heavy expenditure in renovations.

The chief dangers of a seaside course left to look after itself for an indefinite period, Farrar believes to be drought and weeds. If the summers for the duration of the war are wet, and weeds are checked sufficiently, the future of war-time greenkeeping could be faced with every confidence, but it is the danger of drought and dry summers that makes the future look tough indeed, says Farrar.