

Minnesota Greenkeepers Hold Annual Conference

Club officials were guests of Minnesota Greenkeepers Assn. during one of the sessions held at Leamington hotel, Minneapolis, March 16-18 and learned not only of high professional qualifications the Minnesota Greenkeepers demand for admission into the association but of the greenkeepers' concern about shortage of younger men for maintaining high standards of Minnesota course care. There was considerable discussion about how to attract desirable young men and to train them but it all wound up in the conclusion that few youngsters regard greenkeepers' salaries as inducements.

State course superintendents, University of Minnesota authorities, Fred Grau, O. J. Noer and Herb Graffis presented details of turf maintenance and management operations that made the Minnesota program one directly applicable to the clubs at which attending greenkeepers are located.

An important subject not often found on greenkeeper convention programs was the talk of M. C. Peterson, public health dept. engineer of the state who spoke on "Water Sanitation." Peterson pointed out

that there are innumerable possibilities of drinking water contamination at golf courses and told of methods to protect against pollution. He said that when courses have two types of water (one for course watering and the other for drinking) the superintendent must take thorough care to see that purity of the drinking water is maintained.

He urged that superintendents get state board of health bulletins on protection of drinking water sources and outlets, disinfecting of wells and all other phases of the drinking water supply.

Southeast Turf Meet Set For May 21-24

Southeastern annual turf conference and annual meeting of Florida Greenkeeping Supts. Assn. will be combined and held at Coastal Plains Experiment station, Tifton, Ga., beginning with a field day at the station, Sat., May 21. The following three days lectures and discussions will be held in Hotel George Washington, Jacksonville, Fla.

Among those scheduled for the program are Fred Grau, L. O. Gratz of the Florida Experiment stations, Glenn W. Buron of the Georgia Coastal Plains station, Roy A.

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