

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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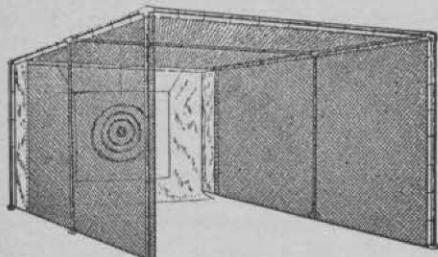
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Bair of the Everglades Experiment station, O. J. Noer and M. K. Jeffords of the Southern GA and Southeastern Turf Advisory committee. Plans are being made for the most complete and practical turf educational conference ever held in the south.

The announcement of the joint meeting says: "In most cases golf clubs that encountered expensive difficulties during the past year were ones whose greenkeepers did not participate in available turf conferences. We are confident that very beneficial results will be obtained by clubs financing their 'greenkeepers' attendance at this conference.

Mass. Section, New England Turf Assn., Holds First Meet

The first annual meeting of the Mass. Section of the New England Turf Assn. was held at the Univ. of Mass. Turf Conference on March 11th under the chairmanship of Homer C. Darling of Juniper Hill GC, Northboro.

The Section was formed just one year ago to establish a sound comprehensive turf research program and to disseminate present knowledge and new facts regarding grasses and lawns to all members.

In 1948, the Section in cooperation with the Experimental Station established experimental turf areas at the University of Massachusetts. A number of projects concerning lawn grasses have now been started on the campus, both outside and in the greenhouse.

The Greenkeepers Club of New England, the Massachusetts GA, The Massachusetts PGA, Cemetery Superintendents, Equipment and Supply Dealers and Park Superintendents are all behind the project to grow better turf.

It was decided that an informal meeting would be held on the campus sometime in May or June at which time members would get an opportunity to inspect experimental turf areas established at the university.

Slate of officers and directors elected for the forthcoming year are:

President, Homer C. Darling, Juniper Hill, GC, Northboro; First Vice President, William Mitchell, Danvers; Second Vice President, Elliot Rogers, Walnut Street, Newton Center 59; Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Lawrence S. Dickinson; Recording Secretary, G. Cornish.

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