HISTORIAN'S CORNER

The following report is a reprint from the Bulletin of the United States Golf Association Green Section dated February 1931. Remember, in 1930 Interlachen Country Club hosted the U.S.G.A. Championship in which Bobby Jones won the third leg of his Grand Slam.



Planting one of the Green Section's series of demonstration plots on the course of the Interlachen Country Club. The planting was done by the local greenkeepers' association



Greenkeepers' Association of Minnesota By Erich W. Pahl

Our association was organized in April, 1928, out of a realization of the necessity for a permanent organization in Minnesota and parts of neighboring states. The purpose of our organization is to study the various problems concerning the greenkeeping of today and to help one another with our local problems. We often give advisory service when requested by others outside of our organization. We have two classes of members. The regular members are greenkeepers and assistant greenkeepers who have had at least 3 years of experience in actual work on golf courses in the United States or Canada; the junior members are those engaged in greenkeeping who do not qualify as regular members. Junior members have no voice in business meetings, but otherwise participate in the privileges of the association. The dues are \$3 a year for both regular and junior members. The association was organized with 17 charter members, and now has 26 regular members.

Our annual meeting is held the first Thursday in April, and regular meetings are held the first Thursday of each month. At the time of the National Open Tournament in July we held a meeting in cooperation with the United States Golf Association Green Section on the demonstration turf garden maintained at Interlachen by means of contributions from various local clubs in the district. In the evening our association held a meeting at the Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis. Preceding the afternoon meeting Mr. Erickson gave a luncheon for greenkeepers at the Minikahda Club. Special meetings are called from time to time as particular problems develop on any course.

We are planning to increase the membership during the coming year, and to make several trips during the summer that will cover as many golf courses as possible in Minnesota and adjoining states. Some of our playing members have held very interesting golf matches at our meetings, and at our annual meeting in April, 1931, following the dinner, the question of holding a tournament will be discussed.

The officers of the association for 1930 were the following: President, Charles Erickson, Minikahda Club; vice-president, Leo J. Feser, Woodhill Country Club; treasurer, Victor E. Larson, Minneapolis Golf Club; secretary, Erich W. Pahl, Interlachen Country Club, Hopkins.