

From The Viewpoint Of Local Associations

What District Associations of Greenkeepers are Doing

Mid-West Greenkeepers' Association

Minutes Meeting June 20th, 1927

THE second outdoor meeting of the Mid-West Greenkeepers Association was held on June 20th, 1927, at the Chicago Golf Club course, at 10 A. M.

Although this is only our second outdoor meeting, we are being convinced that these meetings will prove a great incentive to the members of the Mid-West Greenkeepers Association for they are providing the means whereby the members may meet in the most practical way, upon a neighboring golf course, examine the visiting course, engage in a friendly discussion as to the problems met by the host greenkeeper on his course and offer an exchange of ideas and experiences. It is this friendly criticism that will cement the greenkeepers into a greater bond of friendship and co-operation.

These meetings will also make the members take a greater pride in their courses, for plans are on hand to take a vote at the end of the season as to the best conditioned course visited during the season and the greenkeeper in charge of that course will be invited to give an account of how he has kept his course in such successful condition.

Not only the greenkeepers but the chairmen of the Green committees are taking an interest in these outdoor meetings as is evidenced by their attendance at this meeting.

Chicago Golf Club is one of the oldest golf clubs in the middle west and was formerly the home of Mr. C. B. McDonald whose great pride it was to reproduce at Wheaton some of the famous holes of the St. Andrews course in Scotland.

Mr. John MacGregor, president of the Mid-West Association and greenkeeper at Chicago Golf Club conducted the 30 visiting greenkeepers around his course. He explained about his problems with the water from the deep wells on his property stating that his water carried about 3 tons of lime to every 500,000 gallons of water used. To this he attributed the alkaline condition of the soil. Mr. MacGregor's course indicated that he had a very well planned out maintenance system. His fairways are the best in the Chicago district.

A discussion was held at this meeting as to the advisability of permitting the various golf equipment dealers to be present at our meetings and while nothing has been decided definitely, in all probability this matter will be taken up at the next meeting. In this connection, plans are being made whereby one meeting day will be

devoted to the demonstration of golf machinery, etc., and in this way the golf dealers and manufacturers may be given the opportunity of demonstrating their products.

Another plan on the way is to hold a tournament for the greenkeepers sometime during the fall.

Luncheon was served the members through the courtesy of the Chicago Golf Club.

The next meeting will be held at the Glen Oak Country Club at Glen Ellyn, Ill., and also at the Medinah Golf Club at Roselle, Ill., on July 11th. In this way, two clubs can be visited at one meeting and this will offer a greater opportunity for the members to see the other fellow's accomplishments.

Respectfully submitted

ED. B. DEARIE, JR.,
Secretary.

Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents

THE regular monthly meeting of the Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents was held on June 13, 1927, at the Bala Golf Club.

Mr. Raymond Lane of the above club should be congratulated on the excellent condition of his greens and the course in general.

A large percentage of our members played golf in the afternoon, and at the conclusion of their round the score cards were turned in to the Handicap committee.

Thirty members and five visitors sat down to dinner at 6 o'clock P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President Evans at 7:25.

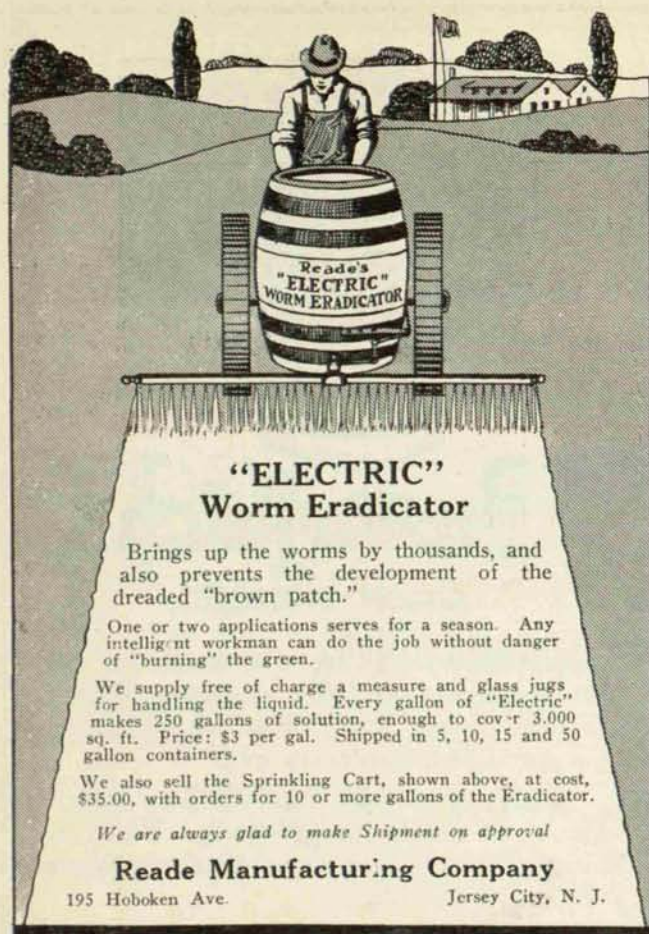
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A motion was passed that a final notice be sent to delinquent members and failure on their part to remit their dues before next meeting would result in suspension.

Mr. O. J. Noer, a well known pathologist was introduced as the first speaker of the evening, and his topic was on a fertilizer named Milorganite. He gave a very interesting talk in which he described the different kinds of soil and the various elements contained in each.

The second speaker was Mr. Marshall, who also spoke on a fertilizer, named Urea. He described the superiority of his product over many others, particularly Ammonium

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The final speaker of the evening was Mr. Rhodes, a chemical engineer, who has had considerable experience in the treatment of Brown-Patch, and his subject was Semesan. He claimed that no disinfectant has yet been discovered that will completely control this disease. He also stated that all chemicals must be soluble in water to be effective. His talk was very interesting and instructive and imparted much useful information.

It was moved that the next meeting be held at the Springhaven Golf Club on Monday, July 11, 1927.

The meeting then, on motion, adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

E. T. YOUNG,
Secretary.

Cleveland District Association of Greenkeepers

Monday morning, July 11, dawned bright and fair, and thirty members of the Cleveland District Association of Greenkeepers convened at the Brookside Country Club, Canton, Ohio.

The meeting was held immediately after a delicious

luncheon at the clubhouse, Mr. Charles Jarman, greenkeeper at Brookside, acting as host.

The first feature of the program was a talk on Usulun "Nu-Green," by a representative of the Grasselli Chemical Company, which was very interesting and covered several reports of its successful use on various estates in and surrounding Cleveland. A discussion of the high cost of mercurial products used in the prevention and cure of brown-patch followed, and it was explained that owing to the continued shortage of supply the price of raw mercury has steadily increased. Several of the mercury mines in California have been shut down for long periods during the past few years.

Demonstrations of the Jacobsen power putting green mower, and the Toro hand putting green mower next occupied the attention of the assembly, and the work of both was clean and efficient. It was as much a demonstration of openminded, clear thinking, clean competition as it was an example of what each mower can do.

Retiring to the shade of a large elm, the members gathered for an open discussion of the habits of *Poa annua*, which was announced by Mr. Fred Burkhardt, Vice-president of the organization. It was the consensus of opinion that there is much to be learned about this grass, which by some greenkeepers is encouraged, and by others treated as one of the worst weeds encountered on a golf course. A suggestion on the part of Mr. Burkhardt was to the effect that by taking plugs out of healthy *Poa annua* turf just prior to its cessation of seeding, and setting them into other turf free from *Poa annua*, the habits of this grass can be studied with better results and more definite information gained during the so-called dormant period.

President John Morley was unable to be present on account of an important tournament at his club, and many expressions of regret were heard among his good friends of the Cleveland district.

All present were impressed with the beauty of Brookside Club course, situated as it is among the hills and dales of Canton, opportunities for a sporty lay-out were offered by Mother Nature with a free hand. The result is satisfying to the golfer, and from every tee beautiful views meet the eye. Clumps of large trees of many varieties, natural water hazards, and the undulating contour of the grounds all combine in giving the membership a course that is well worth playing over.

The date of the next meeting was set for the first Monday in August, and will be held at the Wooster Country Club, Wooster, Ohio, where Mr. M. M. Parsons is greenkeeper. The Wooster Experimental Station has extended an invitation to local greenkeepers to inspect the plots of turf in the State experimental gardens, therefore the coming meeting bids fair to be one of the most valuable of the season.

Say you saw the ad in The National Greenkeeper